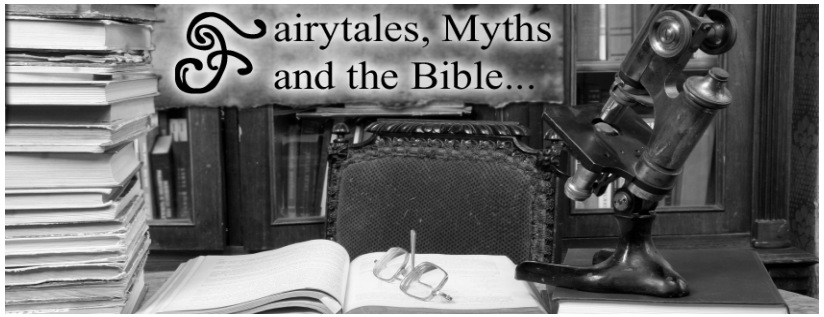

Are we allowed to use our _____ when deciding if the Bible is a trustworthy guide for life?

Scripture: 1st **Peter 3:16:** *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give* ***the reason*** *for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect…"*

Common questions

1. How can the Bible be divine if written by men?

Human author's _____ God's message

2. Isn't the Bible full of errors?

Take the _____ in TOTAL.

3. Wasn't the New Testament written hundreds of years after the fact and allowed mythology and misinformation to creep in?

Using secular _____ standards, the NT is unmatched by any piece of ancient writing.

Canon questions

1. Didn't a small group of power hungry people choose what books would and wouldn't be in Bible?

The _____ made the church, not the church made the Bible.

Criticism questions

1. Since it's unexplained it must be untrue.

An incomplete source does NOT make something _____

2. Partial reports must mean it's a false report.

To communicate what is important means leaving _____ things that will distract from main point.

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