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**Session I: 1 (All-Encompassing) Reason to Believe the Bible**

What is the proof that the Bible is of supernatural origin? Why should an honest truth-seeker come to the conclusion that the Bible is the special revelation from the Creator of the Universe? Many feel intimidated by these questions. Others are skeptical of the convoluted answers that they have heard in the past. In truth, the whole matter can be boiled down to one simple, yet profound, reason.

**Session II: Is the Bible Scientifically Accurate?**

In our scientifically advanced age, skepticism of biblical accuracy appears to have reached an all-time high, especially regarding scientific matters. How can such an ancient book possess reliable scientific information? What alleged scientific errors supposedly disprove the Bible's reliability? And what rational responses, if any, vindicate the Bible writers?

**Sessions III-IV: Dealing Fairly with Bible “Contradictions”—Principles to Remember (Parts 1 & 2)**

Although the Bible has always had its critics, more accusations of inconsistency are levied against it today than perhaps ever in its history. Christians can prepare themselves to deal with these challenges by learning some basic principles of interpretation that every Bible student needs to know.

**Session V: 3 Things to Remember When Comparing “Contradictory” Bible Passages**

When the term “contradiction” is clearly defined and understood, then both Bible students and skeptics will quickly see that so-called discrepancies are actually legitimate differences that do not demand a contradiction. Three important principles help to bring clarity to this discussion.

**Session VI: The Reliability of the Gospel Accounts**

Did Jesus cleanse the temple early or late in His ministry? How many times did the rooster crow after Peter’s denial of Christ? Did Jesus rise from the dead on or after three days? The four accounts of the life of Christ are different in many ways, but do such differences demand a conclusion of “contradiction”?

**Session VII: Is God’s Plan of Salvation Contradictory?**

Exactly how does an unbeliever become a Christian? Does the Bible give contradictory answers to this question, as skeptics contend? Or, are the Bible writers’ teachings in perfect harmony with each other? This all-important lesson clearly answers these questions and more.

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