

Faith and reason

Ever since childhood, I was unable to believe the scriptures with absolute conviction because so much of what I read did not square with reason, especially many of the stories in Genesis. Now that I have come to understand the truths of Scripture in a different way, I can cling to them with great conviction. My faith in God is so much stronger as a result. The Bible is an amazing document, inspired by God, yet written by fallible human beings. When you add a bit of common sense and reason to the equation, the important truths become self-evident. Earlier in my life, I felt that my intellectual approach to matters was a spiritual disadvantage, because it prevented me from believing the Bible at face value. Now, I believe that my intellect is a wonderful gift from God that has enabled me to understand and believe many truths about God, mainly His unconditional love for all of mankind, which many so-called "Bible-believing" Christians are unable to accept.