

## “BOOKS OF THE BIBLE”

On Monday, Nov. 7, 2016, I had a discussion with some at a local café and was informed, by one person, “**There were books of the Bible that had been removed from the Bible.**” I then asked what those books were and was told there were “**four books that had been removed.**” It then was stated he could find out, which books had been removed. I was not able to be present for the next two mornings, Nov. 8 and Nov. 9. On one of these days there was material handed out, in defense of the fact of there being books removed from the Bible. I was not given a copy of the material when it was originally handed out; but later, was given a copy by one interested in me knowing what happened. .

This material was presented for the purpose of showing we do not have the **entire Bible**, some books **were taken out**. I have read with interest the material presented and am amazed at what was handed out. May I consider what was presented? Bear in mind this was material taken from the internet designated as Wikipedia. I am baffled at the material, thinking it was not read, nor considered, before it was printed out and presented to the public. This material is evidence the books cited were never a part of the Bible, 66 books.

Please consider the books called in question. The material handed out designated these books as: (1) “Apocrypha (hidden things)” Page 1, Par. 8; (2) “Many recognize them as good, but not on the level of the other books of the Bible.” Page 1, Par. 9; (3) “read for example of life but not to be used to establish any doctrine,” Page 1, Par. 9. These books are designated as books **not equal** to the Bible; thus, they were not included by the Jews. The material handed out extends testimony that they are not to be included in the “**text of the Bible**”. **That is why they left them out!**

In Romans 3:1-2, you will find this statement: “*1 What advantage then hath the Jew? Or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much in every way: first of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.*” God entrusted the Jews to keep his oracles and the Jews never included the “**apocrypha books**” as that which came from God. They did not come from God!

These books, the apocrypha books, do not claim to be inspired of God: the 66 books of the Bible do claim to be inspired. It is interesting to note the apocrypha books have teaching that is **contrary** to the material taught in the Bible. If these books were included it would cause the Bible to be inconsistent! It is interesting, not one time did Jesus or his apostles appeal to any of the “**apocrypha books**,” thus no credibility. One cannot take from the Bible that which has not been a part of the Bible!

The material handed out is evidence against these books being credible. There is no evidence for me believing these books are a part of the Bible. When one presents such material, it is evidence he is against what is commonly known as the Bible, those 66 books which compose the complete Word of God. Consider one believing and acting in accordance with what he believes. If he believes the Bible, he will not be a liar; If he believes the Bible, he will not use the Lord’s name in vain; If he believes the Bible, he will not want to add extra books to it! Enough said. Caa .....

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