We know that life is constantly changing and that nothing lasts forever. In many ways this is a tough and sad reality. Most of us find it hard to accept that we will grow old, that loved ones will pass on, that children grow up and leave home. You know the types of things that I am talking about. Sad but true!

Please read on as I have good news for you. The Bible teaches that God made us with an eternal soul, the real person, and though the body ends in physical death, the soul lives on. Many people don’t believe this any more. Stephen Hawking, British physicist and author dismisses the notion of an afterlife. He once said: “I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark.”

This argument sounds very feasible, especially when proposed by such an intelligent man. It does, however, ignore the fact that we are not just biological computers. It ignores man’s consciousness, which the best of brains have grappled with but have to admit is beyond their explanation. Consciousness cannot be defined in purely physiological terms. Add to this the evidence for the supernatural and the spiritual and you have many questions which unaided we will struggle to answer.

Let me remind you of a book which has for generations provided answers that could not find their source solely in the mind of a human being – the Bible. It is easy to dismiss the Bible as the purely the writings of men but that would not be doing justice to the information it contains, its origins and the consistency of its message. The Bible has an inbuilt testing system of prediction and fulfillment, which either stands or falls on the substantive evidence it contains, its origins and the probity of the Bible. There have been no developments to date in any of these disciplines which have produced evidence which undermines the truthfulness and probity of the Bible.

If all of this is true, may I suggest that we should pay more attention to what it teaches about life, death, the afterlife, God etc. One of the books of the Bible (John’s Gospel) specifically states that it was written “that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing you might have life through his name”.

My prayer is that this will be the outcome if you choose to read the Bible for yourself.

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