

# THE CHINESE LANGUAGE

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## Introduction:

### A. For the Christian have a strong and established faith is crucial!

1. We cannot survive spiritually without a strong and established faith!
  - a. **Hebrews 11:6** → “Without faith it is impossible to please Him...”
  - b. **I John 5:4** → “This is the victory that overcomes the world... our faith...”
  - c. **James 1:3** → It is an essential element to being victorious over trials
  - d. **Col 2:6** → Strong established faith needed for endurance in our spiritual lives
2. What does it take to have a strong and established faith? How can we build ours?
  - a. This is a question that every sincere Christian will seek an answer to!
  - b. Our faith → What we believe and what we are convinced by → is founded by studying and applying God’s word! (**Rom. 10:17**)

### B. While our faith is founded upon God’s revelation to us, the Bible clearly teaches us that there are some things outside of God’s word that can build our faith!

1. Paul showed that through the visible world we can see our invisible God! (**Rom. 1:18-21**)
  - a. Some ask, “What will God do about those who never knew about the law, the gospel, or ever saw a Bible?”
  - b. Paul says that there is no excuse for not knowing something about God! His power and divine nature can be observed by looking at nature
  - c. This seems to teach us that those who would deny God’s existence and power or who would say, “I just cant believe” have CHOSEN not to believe and see it!
2. As we meditate on our physical world our faith is strengthened greatly! (**Ps. 19:1-6**)
3. Another thing we can spend some time looking at are the events in secular history that confirm and just add a little more strength to our faith in God’s word!

### C. One of the things we observe to strengthen our faith is the Chinese language!

1. It builds our faith because it confirms the very stories taught in the first few chapters of God’s word – And when it was created, they didn’t have Genesis to compare it to!
2. It’s amazing how many things out there do just what the Chinese language does!
  - a. **Illustration:** Lora talking about a mythology class and noted how almost every group of mythology has some story about a great flood in it!
  - b. This is no accident! The same thing is true with the Chinese language!
3. As we look at this language it will

## I. The Chinese Language And The Bible:

### A. Facts about the Chinese Language:

1. It is the oldest continuous written language in the WORLD! Nothing that is written dates back further than this language!
2. It was created and written over 4,500 years ago!
3. The inventors of the written language drew pictures to express words or ideas
  - a. Simple crude pictures were combined to make more complex thoughts
  - b. **Chart:** An example (Older Brother)
4. Well known history and common everyday things were used to make a word so people could remember it

### B. Long before Buddha ever entered the picture the Chinese people knew & worshipped the same God the Bible describes and we worship!

1. We can see the proof in the Chinese characters they used!
2. **Timeline:** Comparing date of creation of Chinese language to date of Moses’ writings
3. Worshipped “Shang Di” → Known as the creator God and animal sacrifices made to Him
4. They worshipped Shang Di for the first three dynasties in China
  - a. Buddha was not introduced to China until 50 BC
  - b. Europeans reintroduced God to the Chinese people

**C. Many Chinese mistakenly view the Bible as a Western book!**

1. They believe it is myth & fable written by western men! They view it as an English book!
2. However, the Bible was written in Hebrew and Greek... not English
3. The first five books of the Bible were written by Moses – An adopted son of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, in 1400 BC
4. The Bible is not just about Jewish history: It's about the beginning & history of all nations!

**D. The Chinese language tells the stories of the first eleven chapters of the Bible! Yet it was created and written long before Moses penned these books!**

**II. The Chinese Language Teaches The Same Stories As The Book Of Genesis!**

- A. The Tower Of Babel...
- B. The Creation...
- C. The Garden Of Eden...
- D. The First Sin And It's Consequences....
- E. Cain And Abel...
- F. The World-Wide Flood...

**III. Conclusion: What Should This Mean To Me?**

- The Chinese language should reinforce my faith in the Bible, it's accuracy, and it's inspiration
- Moses wrote about these events long after they occurred!
  - The Chinese language was created thousands of miles away from Moses and many years before → Yet the events match!
  - Is it merely coincidence or does it stand as testimony that the Bible is inspired!
  - If God's word is true – Follow it! (2 Peter 1:21)
- Not only should this increase our faith in God's word, but should also increase our faith in God as well!