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## *INTRODUCTION*

Judges and trial lawyers deal constantly with evidence. It is the basic tool with which they work. They must be skilled in that vast body of law that is designed to assure that only reliable evidence finds its way into the trial of a lawsuit. The first thing a lawyer asks a client who is contemplating a lawsuit is, "Can you prove these claims you are making? What evidence do you have?"

But most people, including many Christians, are surprised to hear that evidence also is important to Christians. It is a common misconception that, while lawyers deal with facts, Christians deal with faith, and that there is no connection between the two. Rarely is a Christian asked, "Can you prove these claims you are

making? What evidence do you have?" Perhaps even more rare, is the Christian who can give a satisfactory answer when such a question is asked.

It has been said, only partly in jest, that "faith is something you believe that you know isn't true." Too many Christians profess a faith that is based on little more than emotion, and too many non-Christians have rejected Christianity because they believe it is based on little more than wishful thinking. In truth, Christianity is based on the strongest and soundest evidence ever provided to support any facts of ancient history. It is tragic that these facts are so little known. This book is organized into thirteen lessons to be used either by individuals or groups for a progressive study of the evidence which supports the truth of Christianity. The purpose is to strengthen the faith of Christians by showing that their faith is firmly based on historical fact and God-given truth. The book also is intended for non-Christians who have rejected Christianity as being unreliable or mythical.

Having spent fifteen years as a practicing attorney, plus twenty-six years as a trial judge, I naturally approach the subject from a lawyer's point of view. In effect I ask, "Can you prove these claims you are making? What evidence do you have?" My conclusion is, that not only is the Christian faith supported by sound evidence, but that evidence is sufficient to prove it to the highest degree required by law — beyond a reasonable doubt.