

The Two Professors: Reserve Lessons
Chapter R1
The Bible is God's Story

Genesis 1:1, Exodus 15:13, John 3:16, 1 Timothy 3:16, Revelation 21:3-5

Professor von Himmel rhythmically tapped his pencil on the conference table. He cleared his throat, hoping the sound might wake his dear friend and coworker snoring across the table from him.

"Dr. Sominex?" The professor raised his voice, "Dr. Sominex... DR. SOMINEX!!!"

Dr. Sominex, sat upright, straightened his rumpled lab coat, and blurted out, "All scripture is God breathed!"

"What did you say?" the professor asked.

Dr. Sominex repeated slowly, "All scripture is God breathed."

"Yes! That's it!" Professor von Himmel cheered. "That's what I wanted to tell the everyone. Look what the Bible says: "from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed."

"Yes," Dr. Sominex agreed. "That is what that Bible verse means! God breathes His wisdom and truth into every verse of His Word, the Bible. We should read the Bible so that we can be wise like God. The end. Good night," he said as he fell into a deep sleep and began to snore.

"Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex...DR. SOMINEX!!" the professor shouted.

Dr. Sominex opened his eyes and announced, "The Bible makes us wise!"

"The Bible does make us wise," the professor agreed, "but that is not the only reason we study God's Word."

Dr. Sominex scratched his head and asked, "Does it also make us taller?"

"I don't know about that," the professor replied. "I read the Bible all the time and I'm still pretty short."

Dr. Sominex reached into his lab coat pocket and pulled out his small leather Bible and teased, "Maybe you're reading the pocket size Bible!"

Professor von Himmel chuckled, "Oh, stop being silly! God's Word doesn't make you taller or change your outside appearance. God's Word changes you on the inside!"

"You mean it changes your heart!" Dr. Sominex replied.

"Exactly!" the professor agreed. "And do you know why?"

"I do! I do! I do know why! It's because..." Dr. Sominex fell asleep midsentence and began to snore loudly.

The professor sighed, "He fell asleep right before the good part! Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex...DR. SOMINEX!!!"

Dr. Sominex opened his eyes and announced, "God loves you."

"That's it," the professor smiled. "That's exactly why the Bible can change our hearts, because the God who created us in the beginning, He loves us and wants us to know Him. The Bible is a story about God's love for us!"

"It is?" Dr. Sominex asked. "Do you mean the Bible is like one of those icky romance novels?"

"Not that kind of story," the professor laughed. "It's the story of who God is and what He has done for us."

"For me? Dr. Sominex?" he asked.

The professor answered, "For you, for me, for all of us. That is what makes the Bible great. It is personal to everyone who reads it."

Dr. Sominex continued with questions, "But there are so many different stories in here, and they are all meant for me? For us?"

The professor nodded. Sominex continued, "So when God saved Noah from the flood...?"

The professor completed the sentence, "He's showing us that He will always be there to rescue us."

Dr. Sominex asked, "And when God parted the Red Sea...?"

"He is telling us that He will always make a way for us to be saved from our enemies," the professor explained.

"And when He sent the prophets to warn His people...?" Dr. Sominex wondered.

The professor replied, "He was teaching us that, if we listen and obey, He will guide us..."

Dr. Sominex added, "And then He loved us so much that He gave His one and only Son. I'm starting to understand why God gave the Bible to us. I think knew we would want to read His story."

The professor nodded, "I think He knew we would want to know that He loves us. Let me read you something that a dear friend of mine wrote: "The Bible Is A Love Story. It began in time but exists outside of all boundaries of time and space in eternity. The Bible is the story of your life...It's why at times you feel a sudden joy, or an indescribable longing. You are destined for eternal fulfillment. This true story is why you dream!"

Dr. Sominex was inspired. He added, "I dream all the time!"

"That's because you sleep all the time," the professor reminded him.

"That is true," Dr. Sominex agreed. "Let me read you something that I dream about all the time. It's from the last book of the Bible, when the Lord gave John a vision of what heaven will be like." Doctor Sominex began to read aloud from the last page of the Bible, "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.'"

"Now that's a wonderful ending to the greatest story ever told!" Professor von Himmel reminded Dr. Sominex, "And that's the vision behind the future launch of Skylab Omega – we want everyone to know His story - that since the beginning of time, God has loved us with a love that never ends."

"Won't it be wonderful to hear the whole world join us in saying, 'Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever!'" The professor added, "I can't wait 'til that time!"

"Did you say nap time?" Dr. Sominex' eyelids began to droop. Before the professor could correct him, Dr. Sominex was sleeping soundly with his head resting on the conference table. The professor stood up and walked quietly to the door. Before heading back to his laboratory, he lowered the lights and whispered, "Sleep well, my friend."