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### The Book of Books

**“For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power.”  
(1 Thessalonians 11:5)**

**We so take for granted our present-day Bible and its many translations. But in the first century the gospel was transmitted verbally while it was being put into written form. Believers throughout time have proclaimed the truths of Scripture around the world—even in some countries that doesn’t take kindly to Christianity. The Bible has become the number-one bestseller because God’s Word brings salvation and hope to people of every station in life.**

**The broad influence of this Book of books was expressed beautifully by American clergyman and author Henry van Dyke:**

**Born in the East and clothed in oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the heart of man. It comes into the palace of the monarch to tell him that he is a servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to assure the peasant that he is a child of God.**

**Kings and peasants have read it and believed; nations have been altered, and cultures have improved because of the Bible’s message. Yes, the Bible has indeed made a difference wherever it has gone.**

**...The Scriptures can change your life if you will read it, digest the concepts, learn the truths, and apply them to your life. Great light has shown from this Book – even in the world’s darkest hours. AMEN.**

#### **Today’s Action**

**Take a moment and thank God for giving us people who have fervently and accurately translated the Bible into many languages. AMEN.**

~ Bob Barnes

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

