

BRAND NEW BIBLE QUIZ LAUNCHED [BUC News #622 30 January 2009]

quiz28

A brand new web-based Bible quiz has been launched this week. Named "quiz28" and located at <www.quiz28.org> the quiz is based directly on the "Seventh-day Adventist Believe" book and features 28 different quizzes, each one matching one of the 28 fundamentals beliefs of the Adventist faith.

The quiz is in multiple choice format with twenty questions for each subject and five possible answers. This means that altogether it contains 28 subjects, 560 questions, and 2,800 answers!

The whole quiz can be completed just using a mouse - no keyboard is needed. It is also arranged in such a way that every user scores 100% on each subject! This is achieved by only letting users move from a question when they've got it right. An advantage of this approach is that lessons are learned as you go along rather than having to wait until the end of the quiz.

The competitive element comes in through a timer. As soon as a user begins a quiz the clock starts ticking. It only stops when the final question is completed and at this stage the user is presented with his or her completion time, and an authentication code which can be used to prove that the time is genuine. In testing, times of less than three minutes have already been recorded for certain subjects.

The quiz was written over the last year by Pastor John Surrage. "This kind of project is what I like doing in my spare time as a hobby," he says. "The coding is done in a combination of PHP, MySQL, HTML and JavaScript, but what took the most time was researching the questions and thinking up imaginative answers for the multiple choice section. Over the last year I have thoroughly studied the 28 fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church and it has been a really helpful exercise. Even as a pastor it's surprising how much you can forget if you don't keep studying and I would encourage all of our members to re-visit our fundamental beliefs and remind themselves of just how much sense they make."



"I see quiz28 being used by many different types of people," John continues. "For those doing baptismal studies it can be a useful summary of each topic, and it can also be useful preparation for some of our Sabbath School lessons. What I'd really like to see though is people doing it just for fun - particularly young people. I'd like to see them competing for the fastest times and talking about it with their friends. We've already got the 'Follow the Bible' project and if quiz28 can help to make Bible study enjoyable then it's got to be a good thing."

"I can also see quiz28 making a contribution to our 'Year of Evangelism'. If we can publicise the site and get members of the general public involved, then they can learn something about our fundamental beliefs before they ever step foot in an Adventist church. Obviously the quiz alone can't give them the detail they need, but on completion of each quiz they are presented with links to sites such as the Adventist Discovery Centre where they can enrol on more in-depth courses."

The quiz28 website is now fully operational so why not try it out at <www.quiz28.org> and tell your friends about it. Webmasters are welcome to put links to quiz28 on their own sites. Any international webmasters who would like to translate the whole site into another language should contact the BUC Communication department for further details.