

## *Influence of the Bible*

Author Ronald B. Schwartz asked scores of well-known contemporary writers to name the books that influenced them most deeply.

Their responses ranged from the novels of Dostoevsky to the popular stories of Mark Twain. The works of Dickens, Shakespeare and Faulkner were mentioned many times. But topping the list was the Holy Bible. Why?

Perhaps the answer to the question is because most writers want to deal with the “big questions” of life, and the Bible is the ultimate book for life’s big questions: Who am I? Why am I here? Is there a God? Does life have any meaning or purpose?

The pages of Scripture bring us face to face with ourselves, with God, and with His grand design for our lives. The Bible, according to the late journalist Malcolm Muggeridge, is “the book that reads me.”

It is valuable time, then, that we can spend in reading God’s Word. Our residents in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home are blessed by the truths contained therein, and the hope that the Bible provides. Thankfully, volunteers and associates on their own personal time value the opportunities to read Scripture to those who cannot read for themselves.

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