

Christian World View

Part 2 Bibleology 101

Can the Bible be Trusted? Is it Truth?

Knowledge and Truth are different. Knowledge increases every day but _____ is Constant!
God is more interested in us knowing _____ than facts.

Sources of Truth to Believers “Truth is Absolute” “Truth is Knowable” “You can be wrong”

John 17:17 <i>teach them your word, which is truth</i>	BIBLE
John 14:6 <i>Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.</i>	JESUS
John 16:13 <i>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.</i>	HOLY SPIRIT
1 Tim 3:15 <i>This is the churchwhich is the pillar...foundation of the truth.</i>	CHURCH

Secular Humanist/Atheist/New Age View of Truth ---“Truth is Relative” “All opinions r =”

1. No such thing as “the truth” *“That’s the truth!”*
2. Nothing is knowable for sure *“And I know that! And I’m sure about it!”*
3. Nothing matters Ok. Well, if nothing matters than why do you get ballistic cuz I believe the Bible?

_____ we know about our Faith is found in the Bible. Sin/Salvation/Assurance, etc.
The Bible is the most _____ book ever.
BUT the Greatest enemy is the One who Believes it but never **LIVES** it!

Making the CASE for a Trustworthy Bible!

WITNESS #1 SCIENCE

When the Bible was written the world was steeped in scientific error and superstition. How were these overcome?
That a modern/accurate book, such as the Bible, could have emerged is certainly miraculous. The Bible is not a Science textbook book but where it speaks about scientific matters it does so with absolute accuracy (John 17:17).

Genesis 1	the Universe, Man, animals, plants--abrupt beginning.	Isaiah 40:22	the Universe is expanding
Isaiah 40:22	the earth is not flat after all	Psalms 8:8, Job 38:16	the ocean has currents
Job 26:7	empty space in the north star field, earth hangs on nothing	Jonah 2:5	mountains on ocean floor
Genesis 2:21	major surgery is best done under anesthetic	Jer. 33:22	too many stars to count
1 Cor. 15:41	no 2 stars are the same	Job 28:25	air has weight
Hebrews 1:11	2 nd Law Thermodynamics, winding down	Genesis 1	we r made of dirt (28 base elem)
Psalms 8	universe is fine tuned for human life	Psalms 102	universe is running out of “gas”
Leviticus 12-14	sanitation laws assume bacteria, quarantine	Leviticus 17:11ff	life is in the blood
Job 38:24	light can be diffused		

WITNESS #2 STONES

Of all the earth sciences, archeology has done much to prove the Bible accurate. Over _____ “histories” are mentioned in the Bible have been found---Jericho, Sodom, Gomorrah, Gath, Solomon’s Temple, records and documents of kings, Exodus trail, Mt. Sinai, Census of Luke 2, Syrian invasion under Sennacherib, and even the Anchors of Acts 27-28, and on and on. **There has NEVER BEEN one single event, person or place in the Bible that has been disproved.** But, thousands have been confirmed. i.e. Belshazzar and the Hittites

WITNESS #3 SCROLLS

We don’t have the “**Originals.**” **Why?** But we do have many, many copies. There are _____ copies of the OT and almost _____ copies of the NT. Yet, other books from the NT era are lucky to have 5 copies & they are accepted without question. Homer’s Iliad is tops w/600. Yet, no one doubts the existence of Alexander the Great or Tiberius Caesar based on so few historical copies, yet many deny Bible content which has thousands of copies.

WITNESS #4 SCRIBES

Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets **were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.** 2 Peter 1:20-21
All Scripture **is inspired by God** and is useful to teach us 2 Timothy 3:16

It is only fair to ask the people who wrote the Bible where they got it from! They claim it was given to them by God. It reveals the highest ethical standard in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. Their writings are supported by archeology and history. And they were willing to _____ for their belief that God gave the Word.

WITNESS #5 SUPERNATURAL

There were 100 predictions about Christ first coming. All 100 came true. The _____ scrolls prove that these OT predictions were not written after the fact.

Micah 5:2	Bethlehem Ephrathah	Isaiah 9	Grow up in Galilee
Isaiah 53	Suffer	Isaiah 40:3	John the Baptist
Genesis 3:15	VB and human race (Isaiah 7)	Psalms 16:10	He would rise from the dead
Genesis 12	Line of Abraham	Daniel 7	Day of His Death
Genesis 49	Tribe of Judah	Zechariah 11:12	Betrayed for 30 pieces silver
Isaiah 53:9	Buried rich man's tomb	Psalms 22	Many various Cross predictions
**Isaiah 44-45	150 years before his birth	King Cyrus of Persia	predicted by name, country and actions

WITNESS #6 SAVIOR

Jesus claimed to be the Son of God and is a true historical figure verified by non-Biblical history. His claim was confirmed by the acts and words of God (1 Corinthians 12:12) He said the Bible is the Word of God. Was He lying?

WITNESS #7 STRUCTURE

2 major languages + several minor languages **66** books written by **40** authors from various backgrounds over **1600** years spanned from **3** different continents and **13** different countries!

Imagine a Medical Manual or Science textbook written under these conditions.

Yet in the BIBLE there is _____

1 Problem—Sin 1 Theme—Salvation 1 Purpose—Glorify God 1 Villain—Devil 1 Hero—Jesus

WITNESS #8 SPIRIT OF GOD

For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm

Romans 8:16

WITNESS #9 SAVED

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. **It is the power of God** at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

Romans 1:16

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.

2 Corinthians 5:17

The Power and Testimony of a Changed Life!
If you can't trust the Bible, then what book are you going to trust?

Answers:

Truth, Truth, Everything, Attacked, 25,000,
10,000, 6,000, D I E, Dead Sea, Unified