

IS THE BIBLE TRUSTWORTHY?

Apologetics Part 3

EVERYTHING we know about our Faith is found in the Bible.

The content is called **REVELATION**.

The Method God-breathed it to us is called **INSPIRATION**.

When God opens our eyes to the truths of the Word that is called **ILLUMINATION**

The Bible is the most **ATTACKED** book ever.

MAKING THE CASE THAT THE BIBLE IS DEPENDABLE

WITNESS #1 SCIENCE

When the OT was written the world was steeped in scientific error and superstition. That a modern book, such as the Bible, could have emerged is certainly miraculous. The Bible is not a **SCIENCE** textbook book. It's purpose is the Revelation of God, including His plan of Salvation. However, where the Bible does speak about scientific matters it does so with absolute accuracy (John 17:17). For example the Bible knew some things before science:

Genesis 1	the Universe had a beginning, humanity and animals had an abrupt start (Gen. 4)
Isaiah 40:22	the Universe is expanding
Leviticus 17:14	life is in the <u>BLOOD</u> —to remove it means death
Isaiah 40:22	the earth is not flat after all
Psalms 8:8	the ocean has <u>CURRENTS</u>
Job 26:7	there is an <u>EMPTY FIELD</u> in the north star field, earth is hung in space
Proverbs 6:8	unlike western varieties, eastern ants store food
Genesis 2:21	major surgery is best done under anesthetic
1 Corinthians 15:41	no 2 stars are the same
Job 28:25	air has <u>WEIGHT</u>
Ecclesiastes	wind currents, water cycle
Hebrews 1:11	2 nd Law Thermodynamics
Psalms 8	universe is fine tuned for human life
Psalms 102	energy is running out of "gas"
Genesis 1	we are made of dirt
Acts 17	we are one <u>HUMANITY</u> , one race, unity of the human race (from Adam, Noah)
Leviticus 12 & 14	sanitation laws assume bacteria and unseen microorganisms
Deuteronomy 20:17	there are Hittites

WITNESS #2 SCRIBE

It is only fair to ask the people who wrote the Bible where they got it from!

Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, ²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. 2 Peter 1

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. 2 Timothy 3

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 archeologically and historically. And they were willing to die for their belief that God gave the Word.

WITNESS # 3 SCROLLS

We don't have the **ORIGINALS**. But we do have many copies. There are **10,000** copies of the OT and almost **6000** copies of the NT. Yet other books from just the NT time we are lucky to have 5 copies or so. Homer's Iliad is tops with 600. Yet, no one doubts the existence of Alexander the Great or Tiberius Caesar based on so few historical copies, while many deny Bible content which has literally thousands of copies.

Most other books there is a "gap" of 1000 years. The Bible has "gaps" or 25 years minimum and 200 years maximum. It has been proven that the copies of the Bible are extremely accurate.

WITNESS #4 SUPERNATURAL

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

Micah 5.2	Bethlehem, ephratah	Isaiah 9	Grow up in Galilee
Isaiah 53	Suffer	Isaiah 40.3	John the Baptist
Genesis 3.15	VB and human race	Psalms 188.22	He would be rejected
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 7	Virgin Birth	Isaiah 53.9	Buried rich mans tomb
Psalms 22	Many various Cross predictions	Psalms 16:10	He would rise from the dead

Even famous psychics run less than **5%** right on a 1 year in advance.
Whatever happened to the Psychic channel?

Isaiah 44-45 **150 years** before his birth King Cyrus of Persia is predicted by name

WITNESS #5 SAVIOR

Jesus claimed to be the Son of God
His claim was confirmed by the acts and words of God (I Corinthians 12.12)
He said the Bible is the Word of God. Was He lying?

WITNESS #6 STONES

Of all the earth sciences, archeology has done much to prove the Bible accuracy. Over **25,000** sites mentioned in the Bible have been found---Jericho, Sodom and Gomorrah, Solomon's Temple, records and documents of kings, exodus trail, Mt. Sinai, census of Luke 2, Syrian invasion under Sennacharib, 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. On the other had, thousands of such have been confirmed.

WITNESS #7 STRUCTURE

DIVERSITY + UNITY = ONE MIND

2 major languages + several minor languages

40 authors from various backgrounds

3 different continents

1500 years spanned

What other book can claim these parameters and have these results.

Imagine a Medical Manual written under these conditions. What would it look like?

Yet there is	1 PROBLEM	SIN
	1 THEME	SALVATION
	1 PURPOSE	GLORIFY GOD
	1 HERO	JESUS

WITNESS #8 SPIRIT OF GOD

For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children

Romans 8.16

⁶ And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony.

⁷ So we have these three witnesses—⁸ the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. ⁹ Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. ¹⁰ All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son.

I John 5

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

Power and testimony of a **changed life!**

CONCLUSION—Confirmed by 9 witnesses. If you can't trust the Bible, then what book are going to trust?