

# Why I Believe The Bible

## Introduction:

1. The Bible IS the Word of God, not it "contains" the Word of God.
2. Some hold to Red letters. Printer's discretion, Ex. John 3.
3. **Why I Believe the Bible.**

I AM COMPELLED TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE WHEN I CONSIDER ITS--

1. Divine Unity
2. Fulfilled Prophecy
3. Historical Accuracy
4. Scientific Accuracy
5. Indestructibility
6. Influence
7. Superior Teaching

## 1. Consider the BIBLE'S DIVINE UNITY

The Impossible Accomplishment

- A. Written by forty different men, ranging from shepherds to kings. Imagine selecting 40 men today to write a coherent story!
- B. Written on three different continents, Africa, Asia, Europe.
- C. Written in three different languages; Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek.
- D. Written over a period of more than 1500 years; Moses to the Apostles
- E. Written to cover the history of man for more than four thousand years.

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## 2. Consider the BIBLE'S FULFILLED PROPHECY

History written ahead of time.

- A. The death of Jesus foretold 700 years before it happened, Psalms 22:16. Compare John 19:18 and John 20:25. V. 18, pierced hands and feet-- gambled for garments.
  - 1) The birth of Jesus at Bethlehem -- Micah 5:1; Matt. 2:1, 5
- B. The persecution of the Jews foretold 500 years before it happened. Deuteronomy 28.
- C. Curse place on the rebuilders of Jericho -- Joshua 6:26 (1400 BC)
  1. Rebuilt more 500 years later -- I Kings 16:34 900 BC
- D. That Abraham's see would be as the stars of the heavens --
  1. Gen. 15:7; 22:17; 26:4
- C. The destruction of great cities foretold:
  - (1) The city of Babylon -- Isaiah 13:17-21
  - (2) The city of Tyre -- Ezekiel. 26:4-14
  - (3) The city of Sidon -- Ezekiel 28:20-23
- D. The four ruling nations of history described by Daniel from his time till the Messiah appeared-- Daniel 2:1-45. He lived 600 BC and prophesied that there would be four, and only four world kingdoms.

There is Only One answer-- God directed the writing of the Bible!

- 3. Consider the HISTORICAL ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE** as proved by Archaeology. A message from the dead.
- A. The walls of Jericho did fall as the Bible stated, the spade has uncovered them -- (see Henry H. Halley's Bible Handbook). Joshua 6:5, 20.
  - B. King Sargon **did live and reign.** (Isaiah 20:1). His name appears often in the history of uncovered by archaeology, in 1843 found in royal palace of the Assyrians at Khorsabad. (New Biblical Guide, Vol. Vi, p. 79-84) or Halley's page 287.
  - C. King Solomon **was the world's richest man.** The pick and shovel have found the ruins of his former glory. (New Biblical Guide, Vol. V, page 218-234).
    - (1) I Kings 9,10. Gezer, Mediggo, Hazor, Yigael Yadin found Hazor rebuilt by Solomon, and then found Gezer built on the same plans as Mediggo and Hazor.
    - (2) See Eerdman's Bible Handbook, p. 259.
  - D. There **was a den of lions in Daniel's day.** Archaeology has found such a den in the very city in which Daniel was held captive. (Dead Men Tell Tales-- Harry Rimmer, pages 326-327).
  - E. The accuracte of Luke's history of the men, the times, and the places have been verified with continuning discoveries and archaeology.
    - 1) He accurately describes the leaders of Asia as "asiarchs" in Acts 19:31.
    - 2) He used the correct term to describe the officials of Thessalonica at "politarchs", Acts 17:5-9. Was questions, terms not found elsewhere in Greek literature, but now completely vindicated by an inscription found on are the arch of the Vardar Gate, in 1876.
    - 3) The correct judicial term was used in Paul's appearance before the "bema" or the judgment seat of Gallio, at Corinth in Acts 18:11.

The statements of the Bible are *proven historical facts.* (But consider the conflicts between the Book of Mormon and archaeology of South and Central America.)

**4. Consider that the BIBLE IS SCIENTIFICALLY TRUE**

Not intended to be a book on Science but it is scientifically true.

- A. Consider the various views of creation and the world as taught by other religions.
- B. "Paths of the Sea" -- Psalms 8:8 -- Matthew Fontaine Murry -- charted the principle paths of the sea, still used by ocean going vessels today. (His statue still stands his university in ?Virginia with the Bible in one had and a sea chart in his other.)
- C. When the Bible said that the ark the Baby Moses was placed in was coated with tar and pitch (Ex. 2:3) that caught the eye of oil geologists. When it said that in the plains of Shinar they people made that tower of Babel with brick held and that the mortar holding it was tar, that caught the eye of oil geologists. They sent teams into the area to search for oil and the rest is history. And you know that story how that area of ancient Shinar where the town of Babel was built stands upon the very greatest oil field in the gulf area, that oil field between Iraq and Kuwait which Iraq wanted exclusively. [see map for the name of that oil field.]
- D. "Hangeth the world upon nothing." Job 26:7

## 5. Consider the BIBLE'S INDESTRUCTIBILITY

The Bible has demonstrated itself to be something which cannot be destroyed.

- A. Antiochus Epihanes, 170 BC, a Syrian King tried with all his great authority to destroy the Old Testament in the second century before Christ but failed.  
(1) Mark 13:31
- B. Roman Emperors waged persecutions against the Christians and their Scriptures and all utterly failed to destroy the Word of God. Matt. 24:
- C. The Roman Catholic Church was guilty of burning thousands of Bible and of putting to death hundreds of its translators at the stake, and yet the Bible lived through it all.
- D. Infidels and atheists have in all centuries strived with all their intellectual power **to discredit and destroy** the Bible; they have died and have been forgotten while the Bible lives on.  
(Voltaire, Thomas Payne)

In the fact of such opposition **only God** could have delivered the Bible. [see 4x6 poem 88-Bi-Inf]

## 6. Consider the BIBLE'S MARVELOUS INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD

The greatest moral force in the Universe.

- A. One only has to look at those countries which hold closely to high moral codes of the Bible and look at crime such as murder and robbery in those countries and the correlation is obvious.  
(1) Today, the Arab world probably holds to the morals of the Bible as closely as any ethic segment of the world society. People don't realize, but Muhammad lived and grew up among a strong Jewish and Christian element in his town. He took, what he considered the best, from both those teachings and codified it into a religious-political philosophy to unify the Arab tribes which had always been at war and completion with each other with own individual tribal-gods. But the ethic and morals of Islam came from the Judea-Christian religion.
- B. Look at the laws of all the western civilizations, they are based on the principles of the Judaea-Christian ethics and morals.
- C. Look at the influence the Bible has had on literature and art. Half the frames of the masterpieces in the museums of Europe would be empty if you subtracted all the influences of the Bible.

## 7. Consider the BIBLE'S SUPERIOR TEACHINGS

As high as the heavens are above the earth so are God's Words above man's.

- A. The Bible draws clear moral distinctions. There is no blurring of them as in the case of heathen religions and most of human speculation.
- B. Look at its superior scientific teaching: The Koran (the book of the Mohammedans) teach that the mountains were created to keep the world from moving. The Hindus are taught that the earth rests on the back of an elephant.
- C. No other book of religion or philosophy sets forth so profound and rational teaching concerning God; He has all the attributes which God ought to have; He is holy, all wise, all

powerful, just, merciful, eternal and universal. This conception of God is carried through from Genesis to Revelation. Every one of the writers of the Bible had the SAME conception.

CONCLUSION:

1. The Bible is a book for scholars and for the humblest mind. No way to account for it except inspiration, 2 Peter 1:20 ff. "Holy men of God spake as..."
2. "The most learned, acute and diligent student cannot, in the longest life, obtain an entire knowledge of this one volume. The more deeply he works the mine, the richer and more abundant he finds the ore; new light continually beams from this source of heavenly knowledge, to direct the conduct and illustrate the work of God and the ways of men; and he will at last leave the world confessing that the more he studied the Scriptures, the fuller conviction he had of his own ignorance and of their inestimable value" -- Sir Walter Scott  
"This little Book I'd rather own  
Than all the gold and gems  
That e'er in monarch's coffers shone  
Than all their diadems.  
Nay, were the sea a chrysolite,  
The earth a golden ball,  
And diamonds all the stars of night;  
This Book were worth them all."
  - (1) Now... if we believe the Bible, it behooves us to pay the closest attention to its message for us!

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