

# Proof that the Bible Is the Word of God

## Introduction

How do you view the Bible? Do you believe that the Bible is God's holy word? Do you believe that it is divine in all ways and is sent down directly to us from God without error? Or do you view it as a book of that contains some of God's word mixed with men's words? Or do you view it as simply an interesting book of man's wisdom (like Shakespeare's writings)?

There are multitudes of people in who attend church every week, but don't believe the Bible they use is perfect. This paper provides proof for believing that the Bible is God's word and that it is perfect and can be trusted 100%.

## Something to know up front

Regardless of the proof that is provide to you, in the final analysis, a man must accept that the Bible is the Word of God by *faith*.

Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Rom. 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

## The Christian's faith is not a blind faith

So, you get faith by hearing the word of God, and you need faith to believe that the Bible is the word of God. However, if we are not careful, we enter **circular reasoning**:

I believe the Bible is the word of God because it says so,  
and what it says must be true because after all, it is the word of God

For this reason, we need more evidence to support that the Bible is truly from God. We always invite atheists and agnostics to examine the Bible thoroughly for themselves and to compare it with what they observe going on in the world. Don't take our word for it! Examine it for yourself using the tools of sound history, observable science, and reason.

God never meant for Bible faith to be *blind* faith! It is not a leap into the dark; rather, it is having confidence in a believable Record that God has given.

## God has given us outside proof to verify that the Bible is His Word

2Pe. 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Peter, the leader of the apostles clearly states that Jesus gave them solid proof by allowing them to witness His miracles and teaching firsthand. What the writers are writing in the New Testament is based upon their own eyewitness accounts. This is extremely important to understand!

The writers of the Bible explain to us that they were not delivering cunningly devised fables but an ***inspired*** record based on "many infallible proofs".

Acts 1:3      To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

The following are some of the objective, time-proven reasons why we can have complete confidence in the Bible:

## **1. Christ's Resurrection Proves that the Bible is the Word of God**

1Co. 15:5      And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

1Co. 15:6      After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

1Co. 15:7      After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

Jesus' resurrection was witnessed by ***hundreds*** of people (1 Cor. 15:5-7). At times, the resurrected Christ was seen by many people at the same time. They did the following activities with Jesus after His resurrection:

Talked with him, touched him, walked with him, and ate with him

God understands that there are times when we need solid evidence before we can trust what He commands. Look at the amazing account between Jesus after His resurrection and one of His disciples named Thomas:

John 20:27      Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

To this day, we refer to him as "doubting Thomas". Yes, he was a true believer in Jesus, but he was always one of those people who required empirical evidence. Jesus does not deny him the proof he needs, nor will He deny us today the proof that we need.

Before the resurrection, the apostles were fearful and were hiding from the authorities. After they saw the resurrected Christ with their own eyes, they became bold and fearless and were willing to lay down their lives for the Gospel! It took a powerful event to cause such a change in their lives. Jesus provided them physical proof that He had come back from the dead and that everything He had told them was the truth.

## 2. The Bible's Unique Construction Proves that It Is the Word of God

The Bible was written by 40 different writers. Notice we didn't say 40 different authors (God was the only author – they wrote for Him).

These writers represented at least 19 different occupations (shepherd, farmer, fisherman, tax collector, medical doctor, king, etc.).

These writers lived during a great period of some 1,600 years covering approximately 50 generations of people. In comparison, the country of Canada spans as little as 4 generations.

The first 39 books (Old Testament) were written in the Hebrew language over a period of about 1000 years. Some of the OLD TESTAMENT was also written in another language known as Aramaic. There was then a 400-year gap when no Scriptures were written. After that, the last 27 books of the Bible (New Testament) were written in the Greek language during a period covering roughly 50 years.

**AS A RESULT** – the Bible unlike other religious books, was not written by just one person, and the writers who did write the Bible, could not have collaborated, because:

- a) They did not even live at the same time.
- b) They came from vastly different backgrounds and occupations (not apart of a club).
- c) They grew up in vastly different cultures and used different languages.
- d) Their writing was not perpetual (400 year period of no writing between testaments)

The end product is one book that fits together perfectly and contains no contradictions or errors. There is nothing else like this in all of man's history! It is impossible to get 10 men who know each other to write different chapters of the same book without finding disagreements.

## 3. The Sincerity of the Bible's Writers Prove that It Is the Word of God

2Pe. 1:21      For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The Bible testifies that "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." It doesn't say they were perfect men but rather that they were sincere to God and an examination of the lives of the Bible's writers rings true to this testimony.

These were serious men. They came from all walks of life, they were men of good reputation and sound mind. Many of them were viciously persecuted and killed for the testimony they held.

They were not made rich by the prophecies they gave, far from it; many were impoverished as a result. Moses, the author of the first five books of the Bible chose to live a life of terrific hardship and struggle in the service of God as opposed to the billionaire's life he could have lived as the son of Pharaoh.

Many Bible writers made similar choices. Their motivation certainly was not for wealth and worldly advantage.

These were not perfect men, but they were holy men. They all claimed that God had put His hand upon them to speak His Word. The lives they lived, and the testimonies they held, and the deaths they died gave mighty evidence that they were telling the truth.

This is so opposite to what we witness with religious writings today. People are often striving for fame and fortune or to turn the world upside down with their new philosophies. The Bible writers were sometimes complete unknowns and had no desire to do anything but write truth.

#### **4. The Bible's Factualness Proves that It Is the Word of God.**

Everything the Bible says is true and factual. For example, the Bible says man is a sinner, and that is not difficult to confirm (even though many popular books today try to convince the reader otherwise).

The Bible is not a scientific manual, but it is scientifically accurate, even from its earliest pages, which were written thousands of years ago. The oldest book in the Bible, Job [pronounced "Jobe"] is loaded with such examples. This book was written at least 3,500 years ago.

The late scientist Henry Morris said this about the book of Job:

"These references are modern in perspective, with never a hint of the mythical exaggerations and errors characteristic of other ancient writings ... perhaps of even greater significance is the fact that in a 4000-year-old book filled with numerous references to natural phenomena, there are no scientific mistakes or fallacies" (The Remarkable Record of Job).

Here are just TEN examples:

##### **1) Job says the earth is hung upon nothing.**

Job 26:7        He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

This is obvious to our modern generation, as we have seen the actual pictures of the earth hanging in space. But did you know that no one had ever seen a picture to prove the earth was literally hanging upon nothing until 1972 (less than 50 years ago!) The picture was taken on December 7, 1972, as the Apollo 17 crew left Earth's orbit for the moon. It is famously known as the "Blue Marble" picture as it represents the first photograph in which Earth is in full view.

For 1,000s of years after Job made his declaration, the previous generations believed many myths about the earth riding on the back of Atlas or a turtle or elephant, etc.

## **2) Job says the air has weight.**

Job 28:25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

It was not until the 17th century that Galileo discovered that atmosphere has weight, and the modern science of aerodynamics is based on this fact. Further, the weight of air is important in function of the earth's weather. The 'weight of the winds' controls the worldwide air mass movements that transport the waters evaporated from the oceans inland over the continents.

## **3) Job describes the amazing balance of the atmosphere and hydrosphere.**

Job 28:24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;

Job 28:25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

Planet earth is uniquely designed for life, and its atmosphere and hydrosphere are the most important components of that design. If the weights of either air or water were much different than they are life as we know it could not survive.

## **4) Job describes the amazing process of cloud formation and rainmaking.**

Job 36:27 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:

Job 36:28 Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.

First, he describes how that water can be transported in the air when water weighs more than air. Water is converted by solar energy into the vapor state. Since water vapor is lighter than air, the winds can first elevate, then transport the water from the oceans to the lands where it is needed. There, under the right conditions, the vapor can condense around dust particles, salt particles, or other nuclei of condensation. When this happens, clouds are formed. Water vapor is invisible, whereas clouds are aggregations of liquid water droplets.

## **5) Job describes the rotation of the earth that produces the night/day sequences.**

Job 38:12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;

Job 38:13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

Job 38:14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

Job suggests not only that the earth was suspended in space but also that it rotates about its north-projecting axis. Through figurative language, God is pictured as taking hold of the two ends of the earth's axis and turning it as if it were a clay cylinder receiving an impression from a seal.

The seal toward which the earth is turned, however, is not a metallic pattern. Rather, it is the 'dayspring,' evidently the sun fixed in its place. The welcome light of the morning dispels the formlessness of the earth's surface when shrouded in darkness and unveils the beauties of the earth's structure and greenery.

### **6) Job describes the springs of the sea (Job 38:16).**

Job 38:16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

Man had no way to know about the fresh-water springs on the ocean floor by firsthand observation until modern times. Due to effects of water pressure, exploration of outer space is much easier than that of ocean explorations. Little is still known about our oceans. Modern science only now has discovered that there are thousands of underwater springs that add millions of metric tons of water into the oceans each year. Job's knowledge of science is far, far beyond his time.

### **7) Job understands that light has a way and that darkness has a place.**

Job 38:19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,

That is, light is not to be located in a certain place or situation. Neither does it simply appear, or disappear, instantaneously. Light is traveling! It dwells in a 'way,' always on the way to someplace else. Though usually traveling in waves, sometimes it seems to move as a stream of particles, but it is always moving.

When light stops, there is darkness. Thus, darkness is static, staying in place; but light is dynamic, dwelling in a way.

### **8) Job describes the parting of light.**

Job 38:24 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

It was not until the 17th century that it was discovered that light passing through a prism is separated (or parted) into seven colors. For 3,000 years after Job wrote this, scientists had no idea that light could be parted!

### **9) Job says that the light creates wind.**

Job 38:24 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

It is only in recent times that modern weather science has discovered that wind is created as the sun heats up the surface of the earth, causing the hot air to rise and cooler air to fall, creating weather systems.

**10) Job describes the amazing hydrological cycle.  
(evaporation, atmospheric circulation, condensation, precipitation, run-off)**

- Job 38:25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;
- Job 38:26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
- Job 38:27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
- Job 38:28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?
- Job 38:29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?
- Job 38:30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

The process of evaporation and condensation was not discovered until the 17th century and not well understood until the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**But wait, there's more!**

Of course, the rest of the Bible is “chuck-full” of scientific accuracy too! Here are just a few:

- a. The Bible says plants and animals reproduce after their kind (Gen. 1).

This is in perfect harmony with everything that can be observed and tested by modern science. There is great variety within kinds, all sorts of different roses and trees and frogs and dogs, but there is no reproduction between kinds, between roses and trees or frogs and dogs.

- b. The Bible says the heavens cannot be measured and the stars are without number (Gen. 22:17; Jer. 31:37).

Before the invention of the telescope, man could see only a few hundred stars at the most. Yet today we know that the stars are innumerable, and that space is seemingly infinite.

There are 300 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy alone. In 1999, observations by NASA astronomers, using the Hubble Space Telescope, suggested that there are 125 billion galaxies in the universe. The most up-to-date star count was announced in July 2003 as 70 sextillion observable stars (70,000,000,000,000,000,000).

The team of scientists that produced this figure included Simon Driver of the Australian National University, Dr. Jochen Liske from the Royal Observatory Edinburgh, Dr. Nicholas Cross of Johns Hopkins University, Professor Warrick Couch from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, and Dr. David Lemon from St. Andrews University. The study, which is considered 10 times more accurate than previous ones, was a part of the world's largest galaxy survey, the Two-Degree Field Galaxy Redshift Survey.

The team did not physically count the stars. Instead, they used some of the world's most powerful telescopes to count all of the galaxies in one region of the universe and then to estimate how many stars each galaxy contained by measuring its brightness. They then extrapolated these figures out to the whole universe visible through telescopes. This massive figure, of course, probably covers only a tiny percentage of the actual stars.

c. The Bible says the life is in the **blood** (Lev. 17:11).

This was not understood until very recent times. Even in the 19th century, doctors were using "blood letting" as a healing method, to purge the alleged "bad blood."

George Washington, America's first president, died because of this bogus practice. He was bled 4 times in the last two days of his life. Modern medicine has learned what the Bible has taught all along, that the life of the flesh is in the blood.

d. The Bible describes the circuit of the winds in Ecclesiastes 1:6

But this was not discovered until modern times. "As the land in the equator heats up, it causes the hot air to rise. In the upper atmosphere, the air flows away from the equator. Cooler air will move along to replace it. This produces six major wind belts around the world" (Y.T. Wee, The Soul-Winner's Handy Guide).

e. The Bible says the earth is a circle (Isaiah 40:22).

In past centuries many have believed that the earth is flat, but the Scriptures have always been scientifically accurate in this matter.

f. The Bible says there are **paths** in the sea (Is. 43:16).

Since the 19th century the ocean currents or paths have been charted and ships travel these paths just as trucks travel across roads. Writing in the mid-1800s, Matthew Fontaine Maury, Superintendent of the U.S. Navy's Depot of Charts and Instruments in Washington, D.C., observed, "There is a river in the ocean: in the severest droughts it never fails, and in the mightiest floods it never overflows; its banks and its bottom are of cold water, while its current is of warm; the Gulf of Mexico is its fountain, and its mouth is in the Arctic Seas. It is the Gulf Stream" (Maury, The Physical Geography of the Sea, 6th ed., 1856, p. 25).

g. The Bible says the stars differ in **glory** (1 Cor. 15:41).

"J. Bayer, in 1603, devised a method or system to indicate their brightness or magnitude. No astronomer today will deny this fact. Stars are now known to differ in size, color, light emitted, density, and heat. Our sun, which is a star, is over 1,000,000 times the size of our earth, yet there are some stars at least a million times as large as our sun, and some smaller than the planet Mercury" (World's Bible Handbook).

## Conclusion

In this brief paper we have proved the Bible to be God's Word because:

1. Christ's Resurrection (documented by hundreds of credible witnesses)
2. The Bible's Unique Construction (this made the writers incapable of conspiring)
3. The Confidence and Sincerity (no one profited from their writing)
4. The Bible's Factualness (many facts disclosed 1,000 of years before science proved them)

This is only part of the proof on this subject (and we hurried through it!). Some other proofs would include (these would take several pages each to fully document):

5. Fulfilled Prophecy (incredible proclamations verified as coming true)
6. The Bible's Candor Proves (the Bible is the original "tell-all book")
7. The Bible's Indestructibility (powerful men have attempted to kill it only to die doing so)
8. The Bible's Invitations (every year thousands of people surrender to its invitation)

We believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God because of its proof. We ourselves are skeptical of the many claims of things in our modern times and don't take people's word for things easily.

God challenges each of us to examine the Bible thoroughly and make our decision only after we have honestly tested its veracity.

After examining the material in the paper, we believe that the only reason someone would doubt the Bible is because they simply want to. To those who are open and honest with their personal thinking God reveals Himself! To those who refuse to believe because they don't want to be accountable to God, God let's them go their own way. It is a personal decision.

But remember this dear reader, if the Bible is God's Word and it is 100% accurate,

- Then everything it says must come to pass
- That means there is life after death
- That means there is a real heaven and a real hell

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