

GOD'S BOOK - THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16

Introduction: The Bible is a phenomenon which can be explained in but one way - IT IS THE WORD OF GOD. It is not the kind of book a human being would write if he/she could or if he/she wanted to.

The superhuman nature of the bible is such that it compels one to conclude that this Book could not be the product of any human being. This is an overview, a good look at the Book of God.

I. THE BOOK OF GOD - THE BIBLE

1. The Bible claims to be God's message to mankind and not mankind's message to his fellow men, much less a message from mankind to God.
2. God is set forth as Creator and Lord of all. It is the revelation of God, Himself, the record of what He has done and will do, while at the same time it discloses the fact that every created thing is subject to Him and finds its highest meaning and destiny ONLY as it is rightly related to God..
(1 Kings 8:23; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Exodus 34:6; Psalms 145:9)
3. God is shown as having all-inclusive and absolute authority over physical, moral, and spiritual realms and as directing things to the end that they may show His glory. God's divine purpose is being carried out by people and their activities create human history and when their work is completed, the history of the world will be the history of the original plan of God.
4. According to the bible and human experience, without divine illumination, people are unable to receive or understand the things of God.
5. Who among the human race could be capable of describing the Godly concepts revealed in the Bible?
6. Who among people could describe such a triune God-head?
7. Who among us could ever create such a thorough and non-conflictive character of God - love, hate, holiness, judgmental, etc.?
8. Who could harmonize history with one's dreams and ideals, except God?
9. If no human being could not originate the Bible, then it was God and if God did it, then that fact and His authority must be recognized.

II. THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD

1. The Bible declares that there is but ONE God and there is none other to compare Him with.
2. Mankind has always practiced idolatry from the beginning of history, so how could mankind produce such a Book that brands idolatry as one of the first and most offensive insults against God?

III. THEN THERE IS THE TRINITY

1. The Bible declares that there is but ONE God, however there are three identified persons within the ONE God, and that is far beyond the range of human understanding.
 - There is the Father - Creator of all - of the eternal Son - of people who believe unto salvation in the Father's Son (no human mind could have ever thought of this.)
 - There is the Son - His person and work is the dominate theme of the Bible, yet the Son dedicates Himself to giving glory to the Father.

- There is the Spirit - Described as being equal in every way to the Father and the Son, yet is shown as being subject to both the Father and the Son.
- 2. Thus the triune God as revealed in the Bible and even with the help of the Holy Spirit, totally ungraspable by mankind.

IV. THE CREATION

1. Unable to grasp the things of God, mankind is unable to grasp the fact that everything that exists was created from nothing and by God. Therefore since everything must have a beginning, mankind constructed his own "solution" of how things got started - big bang, evolution, etc.
2. So, is man, who has no rational idea how things got started, to be credited with the Genesis account?

V. THERE IS SIN

1. Of all that man is totally ignorant of, sin and its evilness is foremost. If the Bible be of human origin then mankind has sat in judgment upon himself and has declared that he is totally unable to grasp the awful sinfulness of sin.
2. The Bible has not just ONE human writer, but at least 40 and they see exactly the same thing concerning sin which mankind could know nothing of except from some revelation from God.

VI. THE CURE FOR SIN

1. If a cure for sin were left up to man, how could he devise a salvation from sin and cause it to be successful in every instance without exception?
2. How could anybody human devise a plan which would leave out human merit and which would glorify God and not anybody else, especially people?
3. Only after a person has been redeemed can he/she even feebly begin to grasp the mighty workings of the Divine Grace of God.
4. However, if a person rejects the Bible as being God's Word, that person is left with nothing else but to think that the author of the Bible is just like him/her, and there is no saving value in it.

VII. THE EXTENT OF THE REVELATION OF GOD'S WORD

1. It is like a telescope, reaching far beyond the stars, penetrating the heights of heaven and past the crust of the earth into the depths of hell.
2. It is like a microscope, revealing the smallest details of God's plan and purpose as well as the hidden secrets of the human heart.
3. God's Word deals with things that are known by people and things that people can never grasp or know.
4. The Bible reaches far beyond the limitations of the human mind and gazes into eternity both forward and backward.
5. Mankind could not write such a book, even if he wanted to.

VIII. ETHICS WITHIN THE BIBLE

1. The religions of the human race do not concern themselves with morals but promote vices mostly.
2. The Bible introduces something which is foreign to all human moral systems of the world.

3. The Bible reveals that mankind is depraved and totally lacking in any goodness at all.
4. Mankind would never cast himself in such a depressing and hopeless situation as described in the Bible for nobody sees him/herself in such a bad light as God does, for mankind is getting better each generation. (*Psalms 14:2-3*)

IX. THE CONTINUITY OF GOD'S WORD

1. The Bible is a collection of 66 books written by some 40 different people - kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, doctors, statesmen, scholars, poets, farmers), who lived in various countries and under various circumstances covering over 1600 years of human history, yet, it is absolute in its completeness.
2. With all the variety, the Bible is exactly what God designed it to be - an uninterrupted, harmonious and orderly account of the whole history of God's dealings with mankind.

X. PROPHECY WITHIN THE BIBLE AND ITS FULFILLMENT

1. God has always wanted to preannounce the thing He was/is going to do and history records the realization of those announcements/predictions.
2. Prophecies concerning the coming Messiah were made hundreds, even thousands of years before The Messiah/Christ actually came.
3. There are yet many, many more prophecies yet to be fulfilled before He, Messiah, comes again.
4. If only two of the many prophecies of the coming Messiah were fulfilled, the virgin birth and the place in Bethlehem, the Bible would have already been proved to be accurate. However, when prophecies run into the thousands and every one is fulfilled exactly as prophesied, the evidence of the Bible being the Word of God is incontestable.
5. Who would believe that hundreds of predictions which have been fulfilled on the pages of history and extended over thousands of years are the work of ordinary, unaided people?

XI. THE BIBLE CONSIDERED AS LITERATURE

1. God put His Word, His Message to mankind in written form and that is logical and even expected.
2. It is equally expected that any Written Message from God be worthy of God, Himself.
3. Whether a believer/Christian or not, every scholar of every generation has agreed that as literature, the Bible is ALONE, SUPREME and cannot be attributed to human authors.
4. Literature through the ages has come and gone, but the Word of God, the BIBLE still remains.
5. No human writer has ever been able to imitate the simplicity of the Bible language. The greatest truths God has ever spoken to mankind are done so in the language of children. (*John 14:20*)
6. No short story by man could ever produce such a thrilling account such as the Prodigal Son story.
7. The four (4) Gospel accounts so harmoniously reveal the truths of Jesus Christ, yet are brief. However the Bible message is never hurried, cramped, or unreadable and some parts so explicit and clear.
8. The Bible fascinates the child as well as the scholar. It speaks to all races, nations of people and has been translated into thousands of languages.
9. No matter what angle or approach one takes, the Bible could not have been written by any human being, even IF somebody wanted to.

XII. THE BIBLE HAS ENDURING FRESHNESS

1. No other literature in the world invites and sustains re-reading as the Bible. Reread the same page and each time something new is found, something different is seen. It is "alive."
2. No other book than the Bible can it be truthfully said that its message is perennially fresh and effective.

CONCLUSION:

1. The Bible is what it says/claims to be - **THE WORD OF GOD**