

YOU CAN BE SURE THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

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Introduction: There has been much said through the years about the "Bible." To some it is a history book, to others it is a book of stories, to some it is a book of rules, to others it is a book about the Jews. However to the Christian, it is God's Word and within its pages God reveals Himself and how He wants mankind to be. It is imperative that the Christian believe that the Bible is God's Word for "salvation" depends upon the Word of God being actually God's Word. Sanctification is also dependent upon the Bible being God's Word. In a "word" the world of the Christian is totally dependent upon the Bible being the actual Word of God. In the Bible God makes it very clear that we are to believe every Word and to revere our Bibles. Sadly the Bible is despised, it is denied, it is distorted, it is disregarded and given "lip service" by many. Happily, it is also believed and trusted. Proof is not needed but there is "proof" that the Bible is the Word of God.

I. THERE IS THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

1. Sceptics had better make sure they know both science and the Scripture for God is God of Salvation and creation.
2. Modern science has disapproved all old facts of the Bible being in error. In 1861 a scientist gave 51 facts he said proved that the Bible was unbelievable. All those "facts" he was so sure of have since been disapproved.
3. Old beliefs said that the world was held up by a superman, Atlas: that the world was flat, that there were only 1026 stars, that the black plague was stopped by following the Bible's instructions about diseased men and women (to isolate them).
4. Science seems determined to explain God away, refusing to acknowledge any evidence of the supernatural. But the science of scripture is one reason to accept the Bible as God's Word, for the Word has proven itself true in every scientific investigation of it.

II. HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

1. The Bible is not a history book but it records history. Historians criticize the Bible as being filled with errors:
 - Moses didn't author the first five books because people couldn't write in those days. Discoveries have proven that people of that day had a very detailed written language.
 - Daniels's story of Belshazzar and his feast was a fake. Discoveries have proven that Belshazzar did live and he was indeed a king.
 - There never was a world-wide flood. Yet every year discoveries prove otherwise showing that the entire world was flooded.
2. Every time historians say something about the Bible is false, discoveries prove otherwise..the Bible is TRUE!

III. THE WONDERFUL UNITY OF THE BIBLE

1. There are 66 books, 40 authors, covering over 1600 years, in 13 countries, 3 continents, people of different backgrounds: shepherds, kings, soldiers, scholars, historians, unschooled fishermen. What a vastness.
2. Different subjects, different themes, 3 languages, with all revealing the story of God and His people and it reads as ONE book.
3. It has but one theme: Salvation. It has but one hero: Jesus. It has but one villain: Satan. It has but one purpose: To glorify God.
4. A master architect designed the Bible - GOD.

IV. THE FULFILLED PROPHECIES WITHIN THE BIBLE

1. There are over 300 prophecies in the "Old Testament" dealing with Jesus and all were fulfilled in the "New Testament."
- Birth in Bethlehem, born of a virgin, betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, the cross, whipped, stripes, a sword, dead for three days, resurrected, etc.
2. The early Christians laid down their lives as did others through the centuries for the TRUTH.

V. THE EVER LIVING QUALITY OF SCRIPTURE(THE BIBLE)

1. The Bible (scripture) has endured so much opposition; laughed at, scorned, burned, laws against it, illegal to have it, etc.
2. Despite all attempts to bury the Bible, to do away with it, it has survived and no other Book can claim that.
3. Religious manuscripts of pagan religions have come and gone, but the Bible remains.
4. The wisdom of man comes and goes, but the Word of the Lord endureth forever.

V. THE LIFE CHANGING QUALITY OF SCRIPTURE (THE BIBLE)

1. The Bible is alive and powerful, like a sword, like dynamite.
2. The Bible has the power to change sinners, to save sinners. No other book can do that. It can take away guilt, sanctify those who believe it, brings truth and maturity. One never grows old spiritually when feeding upon it. It brings comfort to the sick, satisfaction to the scholar. Study it a lifetime and never touch the surface or bottom of it.
3. The Bible is everything God says it is.

CONCLUSION:

1. The Bible is God's gift to us.
2. The Bible reveals God's mind.
3. The Bible says every persons needs to be born again.
4. The Bible says that "*...Jesus is the way the truth and the life and that no one can go to God the Father except through Him.*"
5. The Bible says that every person will go to either heaven or hell.
6. The Bible says that God is not willing that any should perish (go to hell).
7. The Bible says that "now is the time of salvation."
8. The Bible says that one day God will bring to Himself every believer to a place that He has prepared for them.
9. If you believe the Bible, then what is your position with God?
10. If you believe the Bible, then you know what you must do.