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In a world swirling with doubt, confusion, and shifting morals, one question towers above all others: Is the Bible really God's Word? If it is, then it is the final authority — the absolute truth by which every life will ultimately be measured. If it isn't, then Christianity collapses into myth, and we are left without meaning or hope. There is no middle ground. The Bible is either the infallible Word of the living God — or it is the greatest fraud ever perpetrated. So what are the odds that the Bible really is God's Word? Let's examine the unimaginable evidence. 1. The Bible's Miraculous Story: Beyond Human Possibility The Bible stands alone in human history. Written over 1,500+ years Penned by more than 40 different authors Composed in 3 languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek) Spread across 3 continents (Asia, Africa, Europe) Including kings, peasants, warriors, fishermen, priests, prophets, and doctors Covering every major controversial topic Yet declaring one unified message from Genesis to Revelation: the redemption of mankind through Jesus Christ The Bible is a miracle of unity, consistency, and truth — humanly impossible without divine authorship. 2. The Odds: Statistically Impossible Without God Consider these odds: Event Approximate Odds Being struck by lightning in your lifetime 1 in 15,300 Winning the Powerball lottery once in 1 292 million A meteor striking your house 1 in 182 trillion A deck of cards perfectly shuffled into sequential order 1 in 1 068 400+ authors across 1,500 years writing a fully unified book on hundreds of topics by coincidence Less than 1 in 10 400 You are astronomically more likely to: Win the lottery ten times in a row. Get hit by a meteor. Be struck by lightning while winning the lottery. And flip a coin heads 100 times in a row, than for the Bible to exist without divine intervention. The odds are not simply improbable — they are mathematically impossible. The only rational conclusion: The Bible was orchestrated by God Himself. 3. The Bible Claims Itself to Be Absolute Truth The Bible does not shy away from bold claims. It declares: "This is the very Word of God." "All Scripture is breathed out by God..." 2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV) It is completely true and trustworthy: "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." Psalm 19:7 (ESV) It will never pass away or fail: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." Matthew 24:35 (ESV) It Is Absolute Truth: "For as many as have desired the life, shall keep the commandments of this book." Revelation 22:3 (ESV) In a world of shifting opinions and temporary philosophies, the Bible remains the unshakable, eternal Truth — because it comes from the unchanging, eternal God. The Bible is not just true; It is Absolute Truth. 4. Three Pillars: Why We Can Trust the Bible Because the Bible is of divine origin, we believe in: Inspiration God supernaturally guided the human authors to write exactly what He intended. The Bible is God-breathed. Inerrancy In its original writings, the Bible is without error. Everything it teaches is perfectly true. Infallibility The Bible cannot and will not fail in its purpose. It is eternally trustworthy. Without inspiration, the Bible would be just another flawed human book. Without inerrancy, the Bible could not be trusted. Without infallibility, the Bible could mislead. But the Bible stands, invincible and unflinching — because it is the Word of God. 5. What About Alleged Contradictions? Skeptics love to claim the Bible contradicts itself. But on closer inspection: Most contradictions vanish when proper context, translation, and culture are understood. Apparent differences in eyewitness accounts actually strengthen authenticity (just as in modern legal testimony). No error has ever been proven that invalidates any doctrinal truth, prophecy, or historical claim of Scripture. In 2,000 years of relentless attack — no one has disproved the Bible. It remains the most analyzed, criticized, yet undefeated book in all of history. Because truth stands. Always. 6. Why It Matters: Your Life Depends On It If the Bible really is God's Word, then: It carries divine authority over your life. It reveals the only way of salvation through Jesus Christ. It gives hope beyond the grave. It lights the only true path through this dark world. Ignoring the Bible is not simply foolish — it is fatal. Receiving it brings life, freedom, and eternal hope. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." — Isaiah 40:8 (ESV) Conclusion: God Has Spoken. Are You Listening? The evidence is overwhelming. The odds are unbeatable. The Bible is not the word of man. It is the Word of God. The Absolute Truth. The unchanging, undiminished, undetected God has spoken. The question is: Will you listen? Next Step: The Beginning of a New Series Stay tuned for the next installments as we tackle the toughest questions about the Bible: Is the Bible True? The Bible Error? Who Chose the Books of the Bible? Has the Bible Been Changed? Why Are There So Many Bibles? Can We Trust the Bible's Miracles? Did Jesus Believe in the Bible? Each one will expose lies, strengthen your faith, proclaim the invincible truth of God's Word. "You don't really believe the Bible is the literal word of God do you?" This is a common refrain Bible-believing Christians hear, usually from the unsaved but increasingly from those even inside the church community: pastors, seminary teachers, and laypeople alike. Generally speaking, phrases like these are used as a bludgeon to quash conversation about the hard-to-understand aspects of the Bible or to silence debate altogether. This type of question can also be used as an attempt to shift the burden of proof—making a claim about something in the Bible and insist that we must disprove their claim rather than providing evidence to support their assertion themselves. The burden though falls on the person making the claim, but we will, for the sake of the article, play along. Take the six-day creation; they ask if we believe that the Bible is the literal word of God even though this interpretation seems to disagree with their understanding of science. Fair enough. Implied in their question, however, is a rigidity by which we must interpret the scripture—a day must be 24 hours; it leaves no room for the possibility of nuance and is devoid of the knowledge that 'day' can be interpreted a number of ways. 'Yomw' the Hebrew word for 'day' can mean a twenty-four hour day, day as opposed to night, or a period of time of indeterminate length to name a few. Another example, to stick with Genesis and creation, is that after the six-day creation the Bible says, "God rested." Upon reading this the skeptic will often ask, "Why? Was God tired?" Again a literal interpretation would seem to suggest this. Once again this question implies a rigidity about what 'rest' must mean while conveniently ignoring what the word can mean. We could go through the entire Bible verse by verse, picking out images and phrases all day long (Jesus as a carpenter, the best teacher, the best father, the best friend, the best husband, Revelation), but both words have a hermetic quality concerning their interpretation, especially in the Bible or literary texts, and it is best to leave them alone. At theology 'Think Tank' you believe that the Bible is the literal word of God is not that the Bible literally, which is what most skeptics are implying. We believe, containing metaphor, poetry, allegory, and parable, but when we say that it is literal word of God, this has more to do with its supremacy, inerrancy, infallibility, historicity, and veracity than the belief that everything in it must be taken literally. Let's examine this idea in light of our example from Genesis 1 above. While the meaning to the word 'yomw' can be debated, what we will not debate is whether or not God created. He literally created the heavens, the earth, and everything in them out of nothing. The Bible bears this out not only in Genesis but also in John 1:3, Romans 12:20, Jeremiah 32:17, Romans 11:36, Amos 9:6, Colossians 1:16, 2 Peter 3:5, and elsewhere. Why won't we entertain the possibility that the creation account is a metaphor as opposed to a literal act of God? Because the Bible attests to God's act of creation throughout the Bible and in multiple literary genres, including nonpoetic language. We are, however, open to the idea that the creation story in Genesis 1 has layers of meaning, some of which are metaphorical. For Genesis 1 be purely metaphorical it must be a metaphor for something. But what? Very few Bible skeptics offer credible explanations of the object of the supposed metaphor, relying mostly upon hand-waving. What of the claim that some of the accounts in the Bible are based on myths (creation, the worldwide flood, Jesus, and so on)? Here again, we will stick with Genesis and the creation account to see how a non-literal view impacts the rest of the Bible if Adam and Eve are a myth: If Adam and Eve were myth, why wouldn't the garden of Eden be mythical also? If the garden is mythical, then what about the tree of knowledge of good and evil? If there is no tree, then there is no command from God not to eat of it. If there is no food, then there is no temptation. If there is no temptation, then there is no sin. If there is no sin, then there is no need for a savior. If there is no savior, then there is no need for Christ. If there is no Christ, then there is no need for the New Testament. If there is no New Testament, then there is no need for the Bible. The Bible turns from myth and legend, from nice stories to something factual and real? At what point can we say anything in the Bible is real if creator and Adam and Eve aren't? The first real people is the flood literal; the Exodus literal; are David, Solomon, Jonah, Job, or Jesus literal; are the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus literal; are heaven, hell, and salvation literal? These are all questions for which the Christian who claims that the Bible is not the literal word of God must have answers. I believe the intent of the unbeliever when they ask with seeming innocence or possibly arrogance or even pity, "You don't really believe the Bible is the literal word of God do you?" is often no different than when the pastor, seminary teacher, or layperson ask this question. For both, this question implies that the Bible is not entirely trustworthy and so cannot be the literal word of God. However, if the Bible is not trustworthy, then it has no supremacy; if it is not the literal word of God, then it is neither inerrant nor infallible; and finally, as its historicity becomes debatable and its veracity questionable, the Bible devolves and is no better or more useful than any other book—its unmaking is complete. Undoubtedly, it is this view, that the Bible is just a good book, which has led to what we see today in the church and social media. The Bible has become a theological pop-cultural meme-driven candy store from which verses are ripped out of context by Christians and non-Christians alike—promoting the love of God as wholly warm-and-fuzzy but devoid of His justice and holiness, promising health and wealth unconditionally, and applying haphazardly to anyone and everyone in any situation these beliefs without any attempt to understand or even care about the hermeneutic. In short, they pick and choose, glomming onto the "good stuff" in the Bible (heaven, salvation, blessing, healing, etc.) and declaring these things to be literal, but the rest... well, that's debatable—it may be what He said but it's not what He literally meant. In so doing, they set themselves as the arbiters of truth and make themselves the arbiter of the Bible's truth, rather than the New Testament. Do you remember the story about the earth hung in space before the age of modern astronomy and space travel? The Holy Spirit told him. The scientists of Isaiah's day didn't know the topography of the earth, but Isaiah said, "It is [God] that sitteth upon the circle of the earth" (Isaiah 40:22). The word for "circle" here means a globe or sphere. How did Isaiah know that God says upon the circle of the earth? "BibleStudyTools.com/Further Reading:How Is the Bible 'Divinely Inspired'?"InspirationPhoto Credit: © Getty Images/IgorKozeev How Is the Bible 'Divinely Inspired'?2 Helpful Tips on How to Lead a Bible StudyWhat Does It Mean That the Bible Is Divinely Inspired?How Is Inspiration Used in the Bible?What Does It Mean That God Inspired the Bible?Is All Scripture Really Inspired by God?How All Scripture is God Breathed - 2 Timothy 3:16 MeaningEaston's Bible Dictionary - InspirationPhoto Credit: © Getty Images/IgorKozeev The Bible is unique among books. It declares itself to be written by God, the Creator of the universe. This all-powerful God used 40 inspired authors to pen the Scriptures over the course of 1500 years. The Bible is a written history of God's saving grace. From the very first chapter, God sovereignty moves history in a definite direction toward the consummation of all things in the new heavens and the new earth, where His name will be honored for all eternity and His voice obeyed by all the people of the earth. Even though the Bible is an ancient book, its truths are as relevant today as when they were first written thousands of years ago. Because the Bible is God's revelation to mankind, its principles are timeless, giving answers to every question and need in your life. (Article adapted from The Bare Bones Bible Handbook: 10 Minutes to Understanding Each Book of the Bible by Jim George. Harvest House Publishers © 2006)Jim George and his wife, Elizabeth George, are Christian authors and speakers. Jim, author of A Husband After God's Own Heart (a Gold Medallion finalist) and The Bare Bones Bible Handbook, has M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from Talbot Theological Seminary. He has served in various pastoral roles for 25 years and on the Master's Seminary staff for 10 years. Jim and Elizabeth have two married daughters and are grandparents.How Do We Know the Bible is God's Word?Many people question who the author of the Bible is and wonder if the Bible is really the Word of God. I want to give you five reasons to affirm that the Bible is God's Word.The Word of God: Evidence that Scripture is DivineFirst, I believe the Bible is the Word of God because of its scientific accuracy. The Truth of the Word of God tells us that God "hangeth the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7). How did Job know that the earth hung in space before the age of modern astronomy and space travel? The Holy Spirit told him. The scientists of Isaiah's day didn't know the topography of the earth, but Isaiah said, "It is [God] that sitteth upon the circle of the earth" (Isaiah 40:22). The word for "circle" here means a globe or sphere. How did Job know that God says upon the circle of the earth? "BibleStudyTools.com/Further Reading:How Is the Bible 'Divinely Inspired'?"InspirationPhoto Credit: © Getty Images/IgorKozeev How Is the Bible 'Divinely Inspired'?2 Helpful Tips on How to Lead a Bible StudyWhat Does It Mean That the Bible Is Divinely Inspired?How Is Inspiration Used in the Bible?What Does It Mean That God Inspired the Bible?Is All Scripture Really Inspired by God?How All Scripture is God Breathed - 2 Timothy 3:16 MeaningEaston's Bible Dictionary - InspirationPhoto Credit: © Getty Images/IgorKozeev Some questions come from people who are skeptical about the Christian faith. Some come from believers who have skeptical friends. And some come from believers who are struggling with the issue themselves. Our question is found in the hearts of all three.Who of us hasn't wondered at times why we believe this ancient book is the revelation of the God of the universe? Think about it for a moment: The Creator of all that exists reveals himself to a small group of former Egyptian slaves in a remote corner of the globe. Not to kings and emperors, or to scholars in leading universities, but to shepherds, fishermen, tax collectors, refugees. On documents which no longer exist so that we must depend on the copies that history has handed down to us. Through circumstances completely foreign to our culture and lives today.Think of King Arthur and Camelot, or you envision ancient history. The Bible sitting on your shelf is more than twice that old. If we aren't sure King Arthur existed or why he matters, what of this ancient book upon which we build our faith? Why should we believe it to be the word of God?This fact does not settle the issue, of course. The Koran claims to be the word of Allah; the Book of Mormon claims to be the revelation of God. But at least we know that Christians do not believe something about the Bible which it does not claim for itself. To limit restriction to the Bible, we must compare it with other books which claim to be the word of God. The Pearl of Great Price contains more writings of Smith. They presume God as an eternal being of flesh and bone who had physical parents. The scriptures of other religions are equally correct or divine inspired. The scriptures that the various religions trust do not describe different paths up the same mountain but very different mountains. So far, we have demonstrated the fact that the world's great religious books cannot all be right. In fact, if any of them is correct in its teachings regarding the supernatural and eternal, the others are by definition wrong. So, how do we decide which documents to trust?Examine the evidence for their truth claims. Hindu documents, for instance, posit an afterlife filled with reincarnations. Is there any historical support or objective evidence for such a position? Does objective, independent evidence exist to document the Buddha's enlightenment or Muhammad's experiences with Allah? A number of cities, inscriptions, and places are described only in the Book of Mormon. To date, none have been found by archaeologists.Conversely, independent evidence for the existence and deity of Jesus Christ is remarkable. Manuscript evidence documenting the trustworthy nature of the biblical materials is overwhelming. There are excellent reasons to believe the Bible is what it claims to be: the word of God.CIn a word, Jesus. He taught that no one comes to the Father except through him (John 14:6). The evidence for his witness to help us believe in him and find life in his love (John 20:31).The sacred writings of the various world religions each tell a different story about the divine, the afterlife, and the purpose of life today. What roads lead to different destinations. The road you choose determines where your trip will end. Choose wisely.Here is one of the most common ways skeptics justify their skepticism about the Bible. The question is based on the commonplace belief that contradictions are bad. If you can find the statement I make that contradicts with something I've already said, you'll feel justified in rejecting both. Even though they may be right, they have chosen wisely. Here is one of the most common ways skeptics justify their skepticism about the Bible. The question is based on the commonplace belief that contradictions are bad. If you can find the statement I make that contradicts with something I've already said, you'll feel justified in rejecting both. Even though they may be right, they have chosen wisely. Here is one of the most common ways skeptics justify their skepticism about the Bible. The question is based on the commonplace belief that contradictions are bad. 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