

Five Facts to Support the Reliability of the Bible:

I. The Bible is Unified.

The Bible was written by 40 different authors, with different backgrounds, from different cultures, over the span of 1,500 years, and there is not one portion of the Bible that contradicts or disagrees with another. The entire Bible consists of the same, unified message.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible perfectly dovetails together.

Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Revelation 21:1: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth passed away: and there was no more sea."

Even though 15 centuries elapsed between Genesis and Revelation, both books are perfectly joined together.

The authors came from different backgrounds...

1. Moses was an Egyptian Prince
2. Josuah was a soldier
3. Ezra was a scribe
4. Luke was a doctor
5. Paul was a tentmaker

Many books were written from different locations...

1. In the desert
2. On Mt. Sinai
3. In Palestine
4. In Egypt
5. In Rome

Many books were written in different literary forms...

1. Historical
2. Poetical
3. Prophetical

...but yet the Bible has the same unified message without any contradictions.

II. The Bible is Indestructible

God gives two promises regarding the Bible's indestructibility: **Is. 40:8, 1 Peter 1:25**

A. The Bible is indestructible in spite of political persecution.

In A.D. 303 Emperor Diocletian thought he destroyed all Bibles. Twenty years later, the new Emperor Constantine recovered 50 copies of the Bible.

B. The Bible is indestructible in spite of religious persecution.

Religious leaders tried to destroy the Bible. Bible translators such as Wycliff and Tyndale were persecuted and put to death because of the Bible, but the Bible still stands.

C. The Bible is indestructible in spite of philosophical persecution.

Voltaire, Thomas Paine, and Joseph Stalin were all on a quest to destroy the Bible during their life-time, but the Bible flourishes in areas where they had influence.

III. The Bible is Historically, Scientifically, and Prophetically Accurate.

A. Historically Accurate

Every single archeological discovery that is mentioned in the Bible, has confirmed the Bible's authenticity.

B. Scientifically Accurate

The Bible supports science in several ways:

1. The Earth is Suspended in Space. **Job 26:7**
2. The Stars are Innumerable. **Hebrews 11:12**
3. Living things reproduce after their own kind. **Genesis 1:21**
4. The human blood stream provides life. **Leviticus 17:11**

C. Prophetically Accurate

The Bible predicted Israel would become a nation in Gen. 12:1-3; Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948.

The Bible predicted Israel would reject her Messiah in Is. 53; the Jewish people still reject Christ as the Messiah today.

The Bible predicts that the Jews would return to their homeland in the latter days prior to the Second coming of Christ in Deut. 30:3 and Ezek. 36:24; every year, more and more Jews are returning to their homeland.

IV. The Bible is Universally Influential.

The entire nation of the United States was founded upon the Bible. Our calendar, as well as many universal holidays, stem from the Bible. The Bible has influenced, if not directed, the advancement of all fine arts.

Literature: Many famous works from authors like Ruskin, Milton, and Shakespear are rooted in the Bible.

Art: Many famous paintings, painted by famous artists, are scenes directly from the Bible.

Music: The Bible has produced more inspiring music than all other books combined.

Law: The English Common Law, the Bill of Rights, the Magna Carta, and our own Constitution are all rooted in the 10 commandments.

No other book in history has had the amount of influence upon ancient and modern society as the Bible.

V. The Bible Transformrs Lives. Heb. 4:12

One of the greatest proofs that the Bible is reliable is in the Bible's ability to change corrupt humanity.

The Bible knows our heart's true intentions. The Bible is powerful enough to convict a sinner of their sin as well as provide comfort and hope to the most brokenhearted person.



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Our View on the Bible: Part 2 ***Our Confidence in the Bible's Reliability***

Last week we kicked off the "Own the Vision" doctrinal study with the first study entitled, "Our View on the Bible." We discussed our two main beliefs regarding the Bible:

1. The Bible is God's Final and Complete Revelation.
2. The Bible is the Supreme Authority for Life.

This week we will conclude our study on "Our View of the Bible" by capsulating everthing we have discussed by answering one final question.

Is the Bible Reliable?

As we conclude our study on the doctrine of the Bible, our prayer is that not only will you have a better understanding of where we stand as a church, but you will also become better equipped to study the Bible and better prepared to answer skeptics who believe that the Bible is unreliable.

The foundational reason that the Bible is reliable is because the Bible is God's inspired Word. Unfortunately, when asked this question by skeptics, this response is not sufficient.