

:: The Validity of The Bible ::

“Reasons for Believing the Bible”

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1. The men who wrote the Bible testify that God gave them the words to write. The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book... Now these are the words which the LORD spoke..." (Jer. 30:1, 2, 4). "the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest..." (Ezekiel 1:3).

If the men who wrote the Bible hadn't been inspired of God, they certainly would have recanted under the great persecution they received. Men are not willing to die for something which they know to be untrue.

2. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist denomination, said something like this: The Bible was written either by —

- a) good men,
- b) bad men, or
- c) God

elves because the Bible condemns sin. Bad men tend to justify themselves, but the Bible never justifies sin. Bad men couldn't have written the Bible because the Bible is a good book.

(c) Since neither good men nor bad men wrote the Bible, the only person left is God. God wrote the Bible, and it is a **MAS-TERPIECE OF HIS HANDI-WORK!**

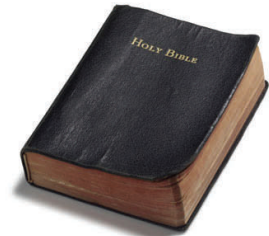
3. The Bible contains true prophecy; history written before it happens! So much of it that this is one of the biggest proofs that the Bible was written by God, who knows the future (and not by man, who doesn't know the future). — **EVERYTHING** that the Bible said would happen up to this point **HAS HAPPENED!** History itself has already proven the Bible to be the Word of God.

4. The Bible gives a pre-written history of the Jewish nation. "Their Egyptian bondage, their

12; I Kings 11:30-33; Jer. 25:1-14; Daniel 9:24 27, etc.)" (*57 Reasons Why We Know the Bible Is the Word of God, by Meldau, Twelfth Printing, page nine*).

5. What God has left out of the Bible—the false theories and superstitions of the day—is just as much an indication of the inspiration of the Bible as what God has included in it. For instance, **Job 26:7** described a law of nature (gravity) before anything was truly understood about gravity. the people in 1500 B.C., when this statement was made, certainly didn't understand anything about gravity, and they had **MANY THEORIES** of what kept the earth in space. Poor Job must have had a struggle within himself, knowing that to put down a statement that says the earth was "hung upon nothing" would certainly make him the object of ridicule by his friends.

The Hindus said the earth was on



Difference between false and true prophecy:

- Deuteronomy 18:21, 22
- Ezekiel 12:25
- Jeremiah 23:25-32
- Isaiah 46:9, 10
- John 14:29

About This Issue:

This issue has been written so as to present a case for the Validity of the Bible, upon which stands the Christian Faith.—A discussion on this topic in my “Contemporary Issues in Mass Media” class at Kennesaw State University prompted me to pick this topic for this issue. This article was written by Dr Stanford. I have simply abridged it for the news letter. I pray it may answer questions to genuine skeptics and strength the faith of believers.

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“EVERYTHING that the Bible said would happen up to this point HAS HAPPENED!”

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(a) If good men wrote the Bible and then claimed it was written by the inspiration of God, they would be liars, and liars are not good men. They would be deceivers, and good men don't purposely deceive people.

(b) If bad men wrote the Bible, they would be condemning them-

conquest of Canaan, the outcome of all their wars, the division of the kingdom after the reign of Solomon, the Babylonian captivity, the partial restoration of Palestine with the rebuilding of the Temple, the destruction of Jerusalem, the world-wide dispersion, all are predicted. (See **Gen. 15 :13-16; Exodus, chapters 1-**

the back of an elephant, which in turn was standing on a turtle . . . and that the turtle was swimming in a "cosmic sea"!

The Egyptians postulated that the earth was resting on top of five posts. They also thought the earth was flat (while the Bible says it is round, **Isaiah 40:22**). *Continued...*

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The Greeks' story was that a man named "Atlas" carried the earth on his back all by himself!

What kept these myths and theories (so prevalent at the time Job wrote that the earth was hung upon nothing) out of the Bible? It was the fact that Job was writing under the inspiration of God that kept these erroneous theories out. God gave Job the courage to write as God led him. Job was faithful to the Lord even in the time of trouble (Job 1: 20-22), and God used Job in a great way. **6.** Consider the fact that the Bible is a compilation of 66 separate books, written over a period of 16 centuries, with 40 different men doing the writing, many of whom (obviously) were not contemporary and had no way of comparing what they were writing with the others. And yet these writings, so uniquely penned, fit together to form ONE BIBLE, which has ONE CENTRAL THEME, and in which ALL STATEMENTS agree perfectly without contradiction. This certainly is evidence that ONE MIND was the "logos," the Planner, the Thinker, the Designer,

throughout, not to say anything of its being a literary MASTERPIECE and able to satisfy the needs and longings of the human hearts of every century and of every class and culture of people?

7. The Bible tells of God's Holy Spirit, and how man can receive His Holy Spirit to live within him. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to live the right kind of life. This is a miracle of God, and it really works. Christians DO have God's power in their lives. Millions of lives have been miraculously changed, and people give testimony that it was through God's Holy Spirit that the change was effected.

If the Bible were not the Word of God, then just because the Bible says there is a "Holy Spirit" and that He will in dwell believers and give them power, would not make it so. No other book, system of theology, or philosophy can give its followers the POWER to CHANGE THEIR LIVES!

8. The Bible is scientifically accurate. While the Bible is not a book primarily concerned with

lated by mathematicians according to the theory of probabilities is less than one in 1,125,000,000,000,000. Now add only two more elements to these 50 prophecies, and fix the TIME and the PLACE at which they must happen and the immense improbability that they will take place by chance exceeds all the power of numbers to express..." (Messiah in Both Testaments, by Meldau, page eight). **10.** the Dead Sea Scrolls, which are a collection of manuscripts found in the Dead Sea area, contain many of the writings of the ancient Essenes, and among them are found every book in the Old Testament except Esther, in whole or in part. Authorities agree (and it is now known throughout the literate world) that the books in the Old Testament were truly written long before the time of Christ, and thus they completely substantiate the prophecies as being 100% authentic.

12. The Bible has stood the acid test of ENDURANCE! For nineteen centuries many have had their opportunities to demonstrate

Consider the following statements which are NOW known, but which were certainly not the opinion of such scientists as there might have been at the time they were written...

Job 26:7-Empty place in the North—Job 26:7-Earth hung upon nothing—Isa. 40:22-The earth is round—Prov. 8:27-The waters are round—Jer. 10:12-Einstein's theory, E=MC²—Joel 2:5-Describes airplanes and jets—Ezek. 38:9 and Jer. 4:13-More about airplanes—Zech. 14:12-Effects of atomic radiation—Job 38:7-The stars "sing," have a vocal quality—Isa. 50:3-The heavens are black—Job 28:25-Air has weight—Job 25:5-The moon doesn't have its own light—Jer. 33 :22-The stars cannot be numbered—Eccl. 1 :6-The wind travels in circuits—Jer. 5:22-The ocean doesn't overflow—Job 28:5-The earth has fire inside—Jer. 6:22-The earth has sides (not flat like a plate)—Job 38:31-Earth rotates around the axle star—Lev. 17: 11-Life of the flesh is in the blood—I Cor. 15:39-All flesh is not the same flesh (Parke Davis pharmaceutical house discovered the "antihuman precipitin" test which establishes the identity of different kinds of flesh - whether it be human, dog, cat, buzzard, etc.)

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and the Author of these Holy pages. — Suppose you were in a journalism class of 40 students and your instructor had each person in the class write an essay which would include one or more of each of the following categories: poetry, science, history, romance, philosophy, theology, angels, prayer, discipline, law, morals, man, God, death, heaven, hell, prophecy, etc.

Do you think if you took the finished papers and put them together, you would have one, unified, uncontradictory story, with a central purpose developed

science, where it does deal with science, it is completely accurate. **9.** The Bible gives a detailed picture of the promised Messiah in the Old Testament, many of the prophecies given hundreds of years before His birth. Thirty-three of these were fulfilled in one day!—"Suppose," says Dr. Olinthus Gregory, "that there were only 50 prophecies in the Old Testament (instead of 333) concerning the first advent of Christ, giving details of the coming Messiah and all meet in the person of Jesus... the probability of chance fulfillment as calcu-

any error in the Word of God. The believers of the Bible have received constant ridicule and persecution, and yet the Bible still stands TRIED AND TRUE, and its message is still saving souls and giving strength and power to its followers.

"If you have not met us, you have missed little. If you have not met our Savior, you have missed everything."

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