

Video Transcript: Is the Bible the Word of God?

1.

The Bible is a unique book. Its history, message, influence and accuracy are incomparable with any other book in the world. Its message touches on the most difficult and important issues of life, such as the meaning and purpose of life, the nature of good and evil, the problem of sin and the way to salvation.

Christians claim that the Bible is the word of God. But can this be proven? In this video I will present evidence which supports the claim that the Bible is the word of God.

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The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years by more than 40 authors from every walk of life: Moses, an Egyptian prince; Amos, a herdsman; Solomon and David, kings of Israel; Matthew, a tax collector; Luke, a physician; Peter, a fisherman; Paul, a Pharisee.

In spite of its diversity there is one consistent theme, one solution, and one plan of redemption for mankind.

How can this be explained except that there is one author behind all the books of the Bible: God himself.

If this is the case, then surely the Bible is worthy of our attention.

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In the words of Woodrow Wilson:

A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of a knowledge of the Bible – Woodrow Wilson.

Even the humanist philosopher, Immanuel Kant, recognized the value of the Bible. He wrote:

The existence of the Bible, as a book for the people, is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced. Every attempt to belittle it is a crime against humanity – Immanuel Kant.

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The following evidence supports the claim that the Bible is the word of God:

1. **Reason demands it.** Only God can answer the critical questions of life such as, “Why am I here?”, “Where did I come from?” and, “Where am I going?”.
2. **History and archaeology verify it.** Historical and archaeological evidence supports the accuracy of the Bible even in the smallest details.
3. **Bible prophecy proves it.** One of the most powerful evidences for the divine origin of the Bible is the remarkable number of fulfilled prophecies found in it.
4. **Christ confirmed it.** Throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly testified to the Scriptures as the Word of God.

5.

Without divine revelation, man’s search for truth is a hopeless quest.

Nature is inadequate to act as a guide for the existence of man. Man himself is limited and finite, and hence he cannot act as an authority on, nor possibly ascertain any notion of, ultimate truth.

God alone has absolute knowledge, and only he has the authority to reveal truth and knowledge to man.

Only God can provide us with an eternal perspective and speak to us with absolute and final authority – R. C. Sproul.

Human thought cannot conceive any system of final truth that can give a patient what he needs in order to live – Carl Jung.

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Logically, if man is to know the truth about God and about life, it is essential that God reveal this truth to him.

God, being infinite in power, is able to communicate with man and to reveal this truth to him.

God has provided everything else for man's existence on earth, so it is reasonable to expect that he would also provide a complete and absolute standard of truth by which man can live.

The Bible provides just such a revelation.

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The Bible contains an extraordinary amount of detail which means that it is historically verifiable.

Historians the world over have confirmed the accuracy and reliability of the Bible.

There exists no document from the ancient world witnessed by so excellent a set of textual and historical testimonies, and offering so superb an array of historical data on which an intelligent decision may be made. An honest man cannot dismiss a source of this kind. Skepticism regarding the historical credentials of Christianity is based upon an irrational bias – Dr. Clark Pinnock.

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When you consider the great writings of the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Greeks, and the Romans, how they are saturated with mythology, superstition, and fantasy ... replete with scientific blunders, surely it is impossible the Bible could escape without error. Still it stands without a single proven error after thirty-four centuries of scholarship – G. B. Hardy.

The accuracy of the Bible is also confirmed by the science of archaeology.

Through the wealth of data uncovered by historical and archaeological research, we are able to measure the Bible's historical accuracy. In every case where its claims can be thus tested, the Bible proves to be accurate and reliable – Jack Cottrell.

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The excessive skepticism shown towards the Bible by important historical schools of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, certain phases of which still appear periodically, has been progressively discredited – Dr. William F. Albright.

The reviewer has spent many years in biblical archaeology, and, in company with his colleagues, has made discoveries confirming in outline or in detail historical statements in the Bible. He is prepared to go further and say that no archaeological discovery has ever been made that contradicts or controverts historical statements in Scripture – Prof. Nelson Glueck.

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If the Bible has been shown to be truthful in these obscure details, it is very unlikely that any part of it is the work of a forger – Dr. Jauncey.

If all the lines of historical and archaeological evidence demonstrate the reliability of the Bible, then the Bible's own claims to being God's inspired Word should be taken seriously.

The Christian can take the whole Bible in his hand and say without fear or hesitation that he holds in it the true Word of God, handed down without essential loss from generation to generation throughout the centuries – Sir Frederic G. Kenyon.

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It has been estimated that prophecy constitutes about one third of the Bible.

History testifies to the accurate fulfilment of those prophecies relating to past events, most of which were predicted hundreds of years before they were fulfilled.

God alone knows the future, so the only explanation for these accurate predictions is that they were inspired by God.

Only the supernatural mind can have prior knowledge to the natural mind. If the Bible has foreknowledge, historical and scientific, beyond the permutation of chance ... it truly then bears the fingerprint of God – G. B. Hardy.

12.

As discussed in another video in this series, there is strong evidence to support Christ's claim to be the Son of God.

If Jesus believed the Bible is the Word of God, then so should we.

To Christ the Bible is true, authoritative, inspired, to him the God of the Bible is the living God, and the teaching of the Bible is the teaching of the living God. To him what Scripture says, God says – John W. Wenham.

The Bible is not infallible because it says so – but because he says so. There is no more reliable witness to the nature of Scripture than the one who died and rose to be our saviour – Clark Pinnock.

13.

There are good reasons for accepting that the Bible was inspired by God and is the Word of God.

Reason demands that God should provide man with knowledge and truth beyond what we can learn for ourselves, and the Bible provides this.

History and archaeology support the accuracy of the Bible.

Bible prophecy proves that it was divinely inspired.

And Jesus Christ, who showed himself to be the Son of God, confirmed that the Bible is the Word of God.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path (Psalm 119:105).