

# WHY I BELIEVE

Straight Answers to Honest Questions about God, the Bible and Christianity

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Why I Believe  
in the Bible

Part 3

**Introduction :**

**Is it intellectually feasible to believe the Bible really is God's Word?**

Five crucial questions about the Bible :

1. Is the Bible the word of men or the very words of God?
2. Is the Bible full of myths, legends, and fairytales, or is it historically reliable?
3. Is ALL of the Bible true and trustworthy or only portions of it?
4. Can a Bible that has been translated so many times, for so many hundreds of years, really be accurate?
5. What makes the Bible so different from all other religious writings and their claims to truth?



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## 7 Reasons why I believe in the Bible :

1. ARCHEOLOGY – The Bible is a **HISTORICALLY ACCURATE** document.

- There are over 25,000 specific places in the Old Testament alone that are verified in history.
- Historical people, places, and events can be verified.

2. REVELATION – The Bible claims to **INFALLIBLY REVEAL** the very words and mind of God.

- "All Scripture is God breathed..." *2 Timothy 3:16*
- 3,000 inferences of divine authority: "Thus says the Lord..."

3. ORIGIN – The Bible is unique. Its **ORIGIN, STRUCTURE,** and **UNITY** argue for a supernatural authorship.

- 40 authors, 3 languages, 1,500 years
- Central theme is Jesus Christ
- 2 billion publications since AD 1455
- Who would write such an honest (even unfavorable) account of themselves?  
(i.e. Moses, David, Paul)



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4. JESUS – believed the Old Testament to be the very **WORDS OF GOD** and predicted the New Testament to be likewise.

- Not just concepts or generalities *Matthew 5:17-18*
- Jesus' view of the resurrection is based on the tense of a verb *Matthew 22:29-32*
- Jesus' view of Abraham, Noah, Jonah, Adam & Eve

5. PROPHECY – sets the Bible apart from all **OTHER RELIGIONS**.

- "Remember the former things... I am God, there is no other..." *Isaiah 46:9-10*
- Over 300 fulfilled prophecies of Jesus as Messiah :
  - Jesus would be born of a woman *Genesis 3:15*
  - Jesus would be born of a virgin *Isaiah 7:14*
  - Crucifixion described *Psalms 22*

6. TRANSMISSION – The Bible's **PURITY** and **PERSEVERANCE** throughout the centuries is nothing short of miraculous.

- Meticulous work of the copyists and scribes
- Proximity of Manuscripts



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Author	Time Written	Earliest Copy	Time Span	# of Copies
Plato	427-347 BC	AD 900	1,200 years	7
Aristotle	342-322 BC	AD 1100	1,400 years	49
Homer	900 BC	400 BC	500 years	643
New Testament	AD 40-100	AD 125	25 years	24,000+

- Over 24,000 New Testament manuscripts
- Dead Sea Scrolls

7. IMPACT – The Bible's **POWER** to transform lives is overwhelming.

- Chip's experience of transformation from the Word of God
- Romans 12:2
- Psalm 119:9,11
- Jeremiah 15:16

God's Word is **RELIABLE**. God's Word is **CREDIBLE**. What you hold in your hand can stand up to scrutiny anywhere, at any time. The Bible is powerful; as you apply it, the Spirit of God takes the written Word, makes it the Living Word and uses it to transform your life.



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