

Why We Believe the Bible

Sermon Series | 2 Timothy 3:15-17

2 Tim. 3:15-17 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1 Pet. 1:23-25 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.' And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

1 Pet. 2:1-3 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

John 8:31-32 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'

Josh. 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

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Scripture and the World Around Us

Genesis 1:1–31

The Bible describes the origin of the world and its structure in a way that corresponds to reality.

Main Theories of the Origin of the Universe

- The universe has always existed.
- The universe came into existence out of nothing, by chance.
- The universe was created by the intelligent God of the Bible.

I. Beginning

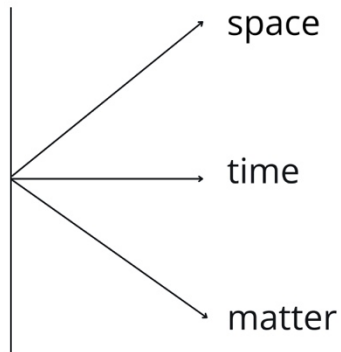
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“In the beginning” – time
“the heavens” – space
“the earth” – matter

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I. Order

Second Law of Thermodynamics:

In closed systems, without external influence, disorder (entropy) always increases—that is, order tends toward chaos, and energy spreads out.

Gen. 1:7-10 And God made the expanse and **separated** the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God **called** the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. And God **called** the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Gen. 1:11-12 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each **according to its kind**, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed **according to their own kinds**, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each **according to its kind**. And God saw that it was good.

Gen. 1:21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, **according to their kinds**, and every winged bird **according to its kind**. And God saw that it was good.

Gen. 1:24-25 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth **according to their kinds**." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock **according to their kinds**, and everything that creeps on the ground **according to its kind**. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:1



Jer. 5:22 Do you not fear me? declares the Lord. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it.



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II. Information

Gen. 1:3 **And God said,** 'Let there be light,' and there was light.

Gen. 1:6 **And God said,** 'Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.'

Gen. 1:9 **And God said,** 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so.

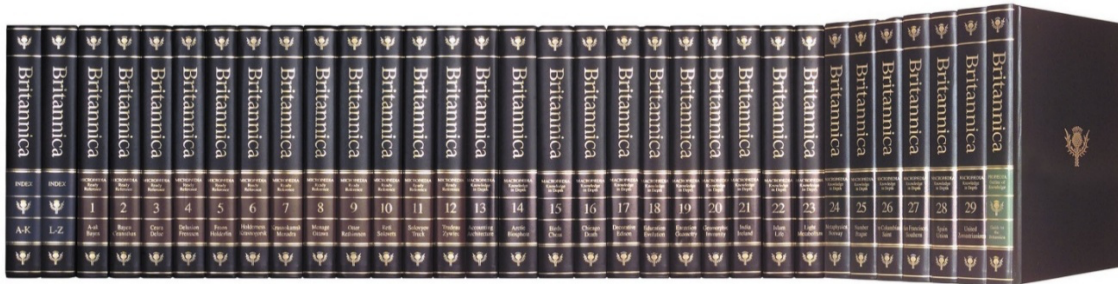
Gen. 1:11 **And God said,** 'Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.' And it was so.

Gen. 1:14 **And God said,** "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years;

Ps. 33:6 **By the word of the Lord** the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

The Word of God is highly ordered information, that carries in itself God's power and creative ability.

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word (Logos), and the Word (Logos) was with God, and the Word (Logos) was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.



“The best data we have are precisely what I would have predicted had I relied solely on the five books of Moses, the Psalms, and the Bible as a whole.”¹

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- The Bible gives the only reasonable account of the origin of the universe.
- The Bible accurately explains why there is an order in the universe.
- The Bible explains the origin of the vast amount of highly organized and active information that fills the universe.

¹ Arno Penzias, cited by Malcom Browne, “Clues to the Universe’s Origin Expected,” *New York Times*, March 12, 1978.

Rom. 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

What is your view of the Bible?

What is the foundation of your life?