

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS TRUE?

Add a brief explanation of the presentation's purpose

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- Why would someone want to question the authenticity of the Bible?
 - Ignorance
 - Claims of the Bible clashes with their worldview
 - Unwillingness to submit to the authority of the Bible

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- Ignorance

“We can’t trust the Bible historically because it was written hundreds of years after the events occurred”

- Responsive Question- Have you done any study of archeology in area of ancient writings?
- The earliest Christian manuscript is P52 containing portions of John 18 dated between 125-150 A.D.

Work	Author / Tradition	Earliest surviving copy after original	Approx. number of manuscripts
New Testament	Early Christians	~30–100 years	5,000+ Greek manuscripts; 20,000+ including other languages
<u>Iliad</u>	<u>Homer</u>	~400–500 years	~1,800 manuscripts/fragments
<u>Gallic Wars</u>	<u>Julius Caesar</u>	~900 years	~10 manuscripts
<u>Histories</u>	<u>Herodotus</u>	~1,300 years	Few dozen
<u>Annals</u>	<u>Tacitus</u>	~800–1,000 years	Very few manuscripts
<u>Republic</u>	<u>Plato</u>	~1,200 years	Hundreds



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- Clashes with my worldview:
- “Everyone has a worldview- What’s yours? “

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- Unwillingness to submit to Bible's Moral Claims
- For myself, as no doubt for most of my friends, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom. The supporters of this system claimed that it embodied the meaning - the Christian meaning, they insisted - of the world. There was one admirably simple method of confuting these people and justifying ourselves in our erotic revolt: we would deny that the world had any meaning whatever.”
- — Aldous Huxley, [Ends and Means](#)