

# WHY SHOULD ANYONE BELIEVE THE BIBLE?



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The Bible has been read by more people than all other books combined. It has been published in more languages and has affected more people than all other books combined. Over seven billion copies have been printed since the printing press was invented.

The Bible is unique in its influence, its construction, and its ability to survive. The Bible foretells scientific discoveries. It reveals what God is like and gives us history in advance. History is nothing more than...HIS-story.



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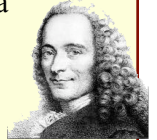
**THE ODYSSEY** is another classic that relatively few people know anything about. (The Iliad and the Odyssey were traditionally written by Homer, although even that is disputed by some. The first book deals with the final year of the Trojan War and the second one is about the Greek hero, Odysseus, and his return from the Trojan War.)



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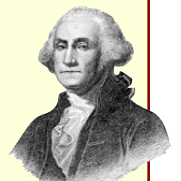


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**WAR AND PEACE** is another classic. Few people know who the author was, when it was written or any of the names of the 559 characters and famous historical personalities that are in the book. In other words, these great classics have had very little influence on the lives of the people in this world.

**THE BIBLE**, however, has never ceased to influence every person in one way or another. Even little children can name some of the Bible characters and tell something of some of the stories that are in it.

**EVERYDAY EXPRESSIONS** that we use originated from the Bible. There are about 50 of them such as.... "Raising Cain," and "By the skin of your teeth."

**WESTERN CIVILIZATION** was founded on the Bible. The seven day week, the yearly timetable, the calendar and many major holidays were founded on the Bible.

**FAMOUS AUTHORS** such as Longfellow, Shakespeare, Ruskin and Irving quoted thousands of Bible verses.

**ART** has also been influenced by the Bible. There are more than 50 famous paintings that hang in every important museum in the world that are paintings depicting stories from the Old Testament and another 65 different paintings from the New Testament.

**MUSIC** has been influenced by the Bible; in printing thousands of hymns and other classics like Mendelssohn's "St. Paul" and "Elijah." Beethoven wrote the "Mount of Olives" and "Samson and Delilah." Handel's "Messiah" quotes from fifteen different Books of the Bible.

**GOVERNMENT** has been influenced by the Bible. English Common Law, The Bill of Rights, The Magna Carta and the Constitution of the United States have all been influenced by the Ten Commandments.

**HISTORY IS ALIVE WITH TESTIMONIES OF BIBLE INFLUENCE**

**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS** made his fateful trip of 1492 on the strength of the Bible. He



read in Isaiah 40:22 about.... "The circle of the earth." He determined that the earth was round rather than flat as was commonly

believed at that time. It was the Bible that led to the discovery of the United States of America.

**THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** was under way in 1777. The British cut off all shipments of Bibles to the USA. Because of the high esteem the Bible had in the minds of those in congress, they imported Bibles from other European sources.

**THE CHARTER OF EVERY COLONY IN THE USA INCLUDES BIBLE LANGUAGE.**

**CONNECTICUT** – Charter reads, "To preserve the liberty and purity of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ".

**SALEM** – Charter reads, "We covenant with the Lord ...to walk in all his ways...in his blessed Word of Truth".

**USA COINS** were minted with "In God We Trust" stamped boldly on them.

**THE LIBERTY BELL** has the inscription, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof". This is a direct quote from the Bible. The verse is found in Leviticus 25:10.



**FAMOUS PEOPLE INFLUENCED BY THE BIBLE**

**GEORGE WASHINGTON** said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN** said, "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has given to man."

**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER** said, "The secret of my success? It is simple. It is found in the Bible." He then quoted Proverbs 3:5-6. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

**JOHN QUINCY ADAMS** said, "I have for many years made it a habit to read through the Bible once a year."

**ANDREW JACKSON** said, "The New Testament is the very best that ever was or ever will be known in the world."

**THEODORE ROOSEVELT** said, "If a man is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss that he had better make all possible efforts to correct. A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."

**SIR ISAAC NEWTON** said, "There are more marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history."

**WOODROW WILSON** said, "When you read the Bible, you know it is the Word of God because you have found it the key to your heart, your happiness and your duty."

**EDUCATION** has been influenced by the Bible. Harvard, Yale and Princeton were all founded as Christian colleges for the purpose of teaching the Bible. When the public schools were founded, the Bible was the main textbook.

**IT HAS ONLY BEEN IN RECENT YEARS THAT MAN HAS TURNED FORSAKEN THE BIBLE**

According to USA TODAY (1985) the top public school problems before removing the Bible was:

- Talking
- Chewing Gum
- Making Noise
- Getting out of turn in line
- Wearing improper clothing
- Not putting paper in waste basket

**The top public school problems since the Bible has been taken out**

- is now:**
- Rape
- Robbery
- Assault
- Burglary
- Arson
- Bombings
- Murder
- Suicide
- Absenteeism
- Vandalism
- Extortion
- Drug Abuse
- Alcohol Abuse
- Gang Warfare
- Pregnancies
- Abortions
- Venereal Disease

**Noah Webster** (Webster's Dictionary) said, "Education is useless without the Bible. God's Word has furnished all the necessary rules to direct our conduct." He used the Bible to help

give the definition of words in the Webster's Dictionary.

**THE BIBLE IS UNIQUE IN ITS CONSTRUCTION**

The Bible says of itself that the Scriptures were put together over a long period of time in different ways, "At sundry times and by divers manners." Some of the pages were written by educated men in high places and some by, "unlearned and ignorant men" in the wilderness.

**THE BIBLE SAYS...**

**"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD..."**

God used 40 different human writers with 19 different occupations. Their lives scattered over 1600 years or about 50 generations. They lived on three different continents.

During the first 1000 years the 39 Books of the Old Testament were written; then there were 400 years when it was ... "put on hold." The twenty-seven New Testament Books were then written. Everyone involved in the writing of the Scriptures were separated by a lot of time and great distances.

In spite of this, all the Books fit together in complete harmony. Each Book of the Bible complements the other Books of the Bible. You cannot understand Leviticus without Hebrews and yet there is a span of 1500 years between them.

We cannot understand Daniel without Revelation, although one was written over 600 years after the other. The Passover of Isaiah 53 cannot be properly understood without the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**THE BIBLE WAS INSPIRED BY GOD**

There are 3800 references in the

Old Testament alone that tell us the Bible is the Word of God. For example, we read, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: But holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (Second Peter 1:21)

**THE SURVIVAL FACTOR**

**GREEK WRITER, PORPHYRY**, set out to destroy the credibility of the Bible in A.D. 304. He wrote fifteen books against the Bible and those who believed it. How many people in this world can name even one of his fifteen books? Who owns a copy of any of them?



**GREEK WRITER, LUCIAN**, set out to destroy the Bible. He wrote two books that ridiculed the Bible. One was called "The Dialogue of the Gods." The other was called "The Dialogue of the Dead." Have you ever met anyone who has a copy of either of these books? On the other hand, how many homes have one or more copies of the Bible?

The Bible says, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

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The Bible says, *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”* (Matthew 24:35) The year Voltaire said all Bibles would be gone in fifty years, the British museum paid \$500,000 for an old manuscript of the Bible, while at the same time in Paris, one of Voltaire’s books sold for eight cents!

**HERODOTUS** wrote a Greek History Book. Fifteen-hundred years later there was only one copy left.



**THE BIBLE ACCOUNT OF CREATION** gives the order in which God created the world. True science is in complete harmony with the order of creation, although not all scientists believe in the God of the Bible. What were Moses’ chances of getting it right? It has been estimated as follows:

1. Get eight million presses...
2. Have them run day and night for 5 million years...
3. Set the printing speed at 2000 tickets a minute...
4. Put all the tickets in one pile...
5. Pick the winning ticket.

The chances of picking the winning ticket would be the same chances that Moses had to record the order of creation. However, those who believe the Bible know that Moses was inspired of God and therefore had no chance whatsoever of recording it wrong.

God said, *“Let the waters bring forth abundantly.”* (Genesis 1:20) Science has discovered there are over 500 million tiny creatures in one drop of water. Each drop contains thousands of species. Some have shells, others do not. They have teeth, muscles, nerves and glands. Some have between 100 and 200 stomachs. God said the

waters would bring forth “abundantly” and science has found it to be so.

God cursed the snake and said, *“... dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.”* (Genesis 3:14) Science has discovered that snakes are continually flicking their tongues out to collect dust. Dust is essential to the survival of the snake. If a snake stops eating dust, he stops living.



**BIBLE PROPHECIES**

The Bible is different from all other so-called *“sacred books”* in that it bases its authenticity and authority on prophecy. The fulfilled prophecies in the Scriptures are stronger evidence for the Word of God being the *“inspired”* Word of God than are miracles. The Devil can do miracles but he cannot stop the prophecies that God has made in His Word. An amazing two-thirds of the Bible is prophetic. These prophecies have never failed.

**THE PROBABILITY OF JUST EIGHT PROPHECIES HAPPENING AS THEY WERE FORETOLD**

- Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.
  - He would be born of a virgin.
  - His own would receive Him not.
  - He would be betrayed by a friend.
  - He would be sold for 30 pieces of silver.
  - They would bring false witnesses against Him.
  - He would hold His peace, though falsely accused.
  - They would spit in His face.
- All of these were prophesied at least 700 years before they happened!

In the book *“Science Speaks”*, mathematician Peter Stoner applied the rules of probability to these eight prophecies.



**Peter Stoner**  
(100,000,000,000,000,000)

He concluded that the chance of all eight being fulfilled in one person is 1 in 10 to the power of 17. That’s a one with seventeen zeroes behind it.

If we were to take that many silver dollars and lay them on the surface of Prince Edward Island, they would cover the island to a depth of two feet. Then, if we were to mark one of these silver dollars and mix them all up, and we were to blindfold a man and tell him he must pick the marked silver dollar, he would have exactly the same chance as these eight prophecies would have in coming true for any one man.

If we consider the fact that Jesus not only fulfilled eight Old Testament prophecies, but 333...we would end up with odds that are astronomical!

Those who prophesied these things had no chance whatsoever of getting it wrong because... *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...”* (Second Timothy 3:16)

Those who refuse to believe the Bible, will believe it five seconds after they die.

The Bible says, *“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”* (Hebrews 9:27)

**Are You Ready?**

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