

Authenticity of the Bible

Can the bible be proved? Is it possible to provide irrefutable evidence that the bible is the written word of God? Who would be qualified to carry out such an investigation? What would be considered 'satisfactory' evidence?

NO! There is no way all could be satisfied!

It is written in different languages & translated for us by men.

1. Men & women are not infallible! Mat.22:29, 1Co.2:1-16, 3:18-23

2. God can take care of Himself!

3. God told men what to say! Ex.4:14-15, Jer.1:7, Mat.28:18-20

4. He is directly responsible for its contents! Mat.22:43, 2Tim.3:16

5. God 'confirmed' His word by signs, wonders & miracles. Mar.16:16-20

6. Witnesses saw Jesus alive! 1Co.15:1-11

7. God gives true knowledge & understanding! Joh.17:17, Job 32:8, 1Co.1:30, 3:3-4, 2Pet.1:20

The bible is a unique work of God, but it is not God. It contains the history of His dealings with us and reveals *the true heart of man*. It contains what God wants for us and how we can get it. Though He has & does use people to share His word, eventually He requires that we *individually follow Him* and make all our attempts for spiritual fulfillment on our knees to Him. He wants to guide our thinking & behaviour.

Our Adversary!

Is a liar & deceiver. Gen.3:1-8, Joh.8:44, 1Tim.4:1-3, 2Co.11:12-15

Source of error & strife! Eph.2:1-2, 1Joh.4:1-7, 2Tim.3:1-13, 4:2-4,

Deludes people with his 'interpretation' of God's word! Gen.3:5, (2Thes.2:11)

People have many faults, but pride & arrogance are the two favourites of Satan! When he can't appeal to our lusts or desires, he appeals to our pride, or intellect! God tells us when we are foolish, but Satan praises us & gives his support and we sink ever deeper into blindness & spiritual darkness! Mat.15:14, 23:16-17, Luke.6:9

God is not afraid of true examination, but when we allow ourselves to be influenced by the 'interpretations' of men, we no longer permit God to give us clear spiritual sight and therefore the bible becomes a source of contention rather than peace.

Is the bible authentic? Joh.8:32, 2Co.11:2-5

It is if you listen to God. It is not if you listen to Satan!