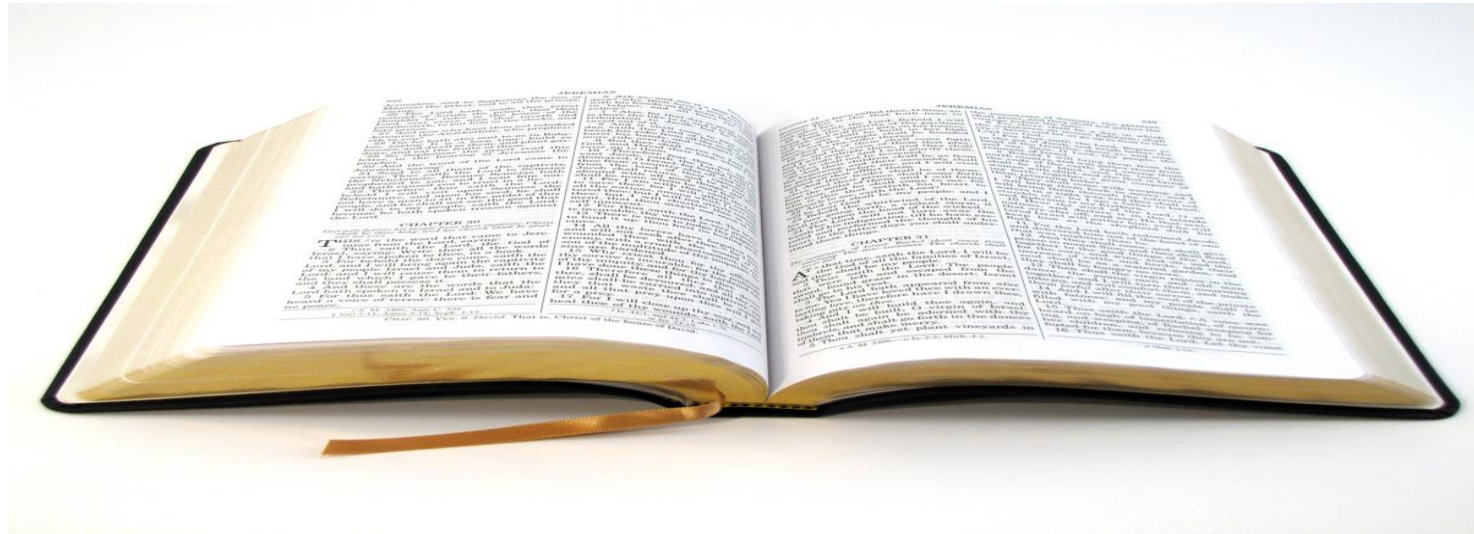


Can The Bible Be Trusted?

Is The Bible Reliable?

**How do I know the Bible is not just
a myth?**



What Does God Almighty and all-Knowing say?

2 Timothy c3v16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect (Greek meaning complete), throughly furnished unto all good works.”

But what is inspiration? - The Greek word for inspiration means “God-breathed”. So the Bible originates from God’s mind and not from man.

God has inspired it and so it is unique among all books.

And is profitable – The Bible is the only book that reveals God with the world’s past, present and future and so can be said to be profitable. But profitable for what?

Doctrine - Or teaching or the truth to be believed;

Reproof - Conviction about what is wrong;

Correction - Restore to an upright or right state, or the improvement of character and life;

Instruction in righteousness - Teaching and training in what is right by applying God's Word to ourselves.

That the man of God may be perfect – The Bible can make Christians into men/women of God. As “perfect” means “complete”, it shows that the Bible covers all of life or every human experience.

Many religions claim to convey a divine message, but God has left absolutely no room for doubt that the Bible is His Word.

So the Bible is worthy of your trust.



2 Peter c1v21 **“For 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.”**

So it was not men who decided that they were going to write God’s word. But people who believed in God, and were holy, were influenced by the Holy Spirit to write the Scriptures in such a way that what they wrote was the true Word of God.

They were not like machines that were dictated to by God. Although we do not know how, God did use each individual writer in their circumstances to write His authoritative word.

So the Bible is reliable.

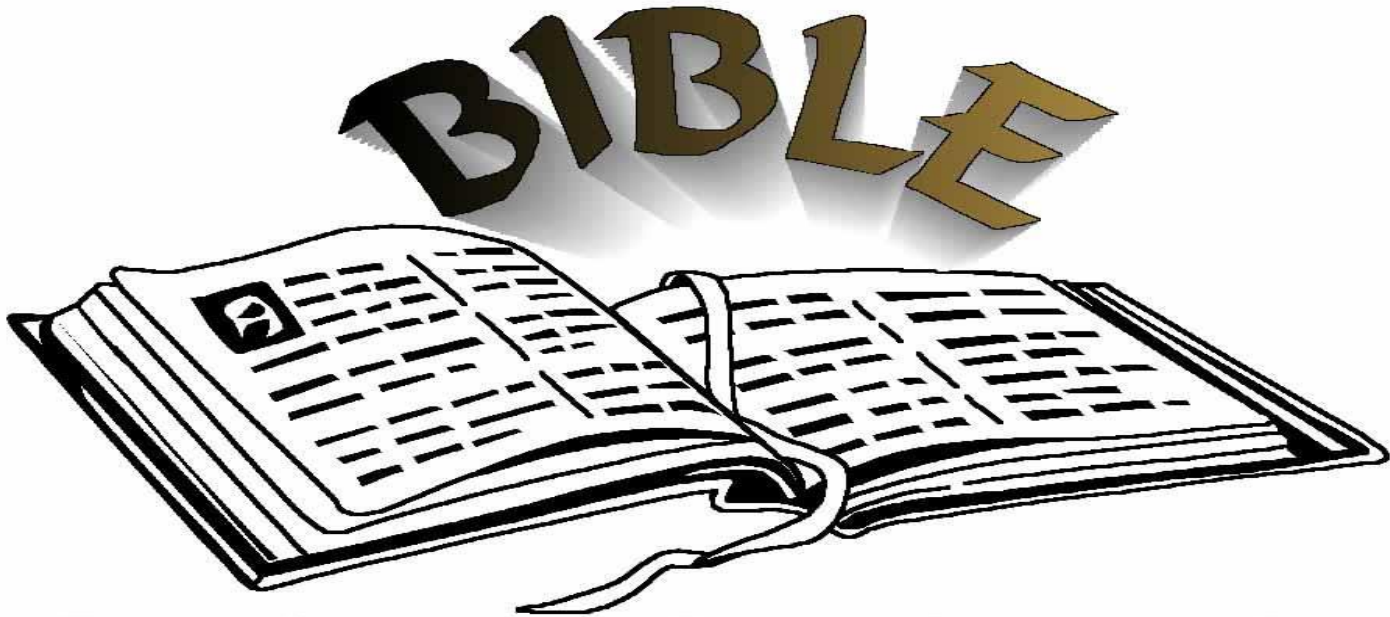
However some people still claim that the Bible is a myth.

- Unlike mythology, the Bible has real people and geographical places that can be checked or verified in history.
- Unlike mythology, the Bible is confirmed by sciences such as biology, geology, astronomy, and archaeology. In the last 150 years, hundreds of thousands of archeological artifacts have been discovered which showed that the Bible is historically authentic.
- Unlike mythology, which does not bother with prophesying about the future, the Bible contains a great number of fulfilled prophecies. The Old Testament contains a great number of prophecies about the Lord Jesus Christ, over 60 of which He fulfilled when He first lived on the earth. The mathematical odds of someone fulfilling this number of predictions is well beyond human possibility and so to do this Christ must have been Divine.
- Unlike mythology, the Bible has transformed a countless number of lives. Believing something that is not true does not change people's lives for the better. However people of all different qualities of life and different backgrounds have been tremendously changed for the better by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as their own Saviour from sin. As the Bible works Christians around the world want others to have its life giving truth.

Sadly many reject God and the Bible because of pride. They are so set on their personal beliefs that they refuse to honestly consider the evidence. To accept the Bible as true might require a change of lifestyle ... **but it would only be for the better.**

So the Bible is not a myth

but it is God's own Word written for our eternal blessing.



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