

If the Bible is the Word of God, then to dismiss it is to dismiss God Himself. The fact that God gave us the Bible is an evidence and illustration of His love for us. The term "revelation" simply means that God communicated to mankind what He is like and how we can have a right relationship with Him.

The Bible succinctly addresses both origins and future events, credibly answering the three greatest questions whence? It marshals the full contingent of rhetorical instruments into a single message: The pathos of the crucifixion account is an event worthy of being the pinnacle of world history, that Omnipotence would submit to death at the hands of his own creation! The resurrection of the founder and the message of salvation by faith apart from human works stand in stark contrast to every other religious system known. But to fully appreciate the weight of the evidence, one must dig deeper than this. There are several lines of reasoning that give testimony to the fact that the Bible is the Word of God. They can be generally grouped into five broad topics, each of which deserves a great deal more attention than is currently given here. The Bible is unique in preparation, circulation, translation, and preservation. The Bible was written over a period of 1, years by a great variety of men who were inspired of God. From the king of Babylon writing in Chaldean to the humble prophet of Samaria; from an educated doctor writing in Greek to the beautiful lyrics composed by a Hebrew shepherd in the field; from a statesman born in ancient Egypt to a fisherman of the Roman era; it is difficult to conceive of a more diverse group! Writing any volume of such length and being in compete harmony would indeed be a wonder, much less dealing with a topic so controversial as religion. No book in the history of the world has been as widely circulated as the scripture. Every year it outsells all of the top best-sellers and it has now been translated into over 1, different languages. The noted French infidel Voltaire was convinced that he could destroy Christianity and the Bible. After Voltaire moved on, the residence was occupied by the Tronchin family. Discoveries of hundreds of copies of the ancient texts from a millennium before Christ reveal the remarkable preservation of the message throughout time. The Bible is also unique in message and influence. So either He was divine, or he was a deceitful impostor, or he was pathetically self-deluded. Great men the world over have sought to plummet the message of the scriptures. From common people with no formal education to the brightest minds in the scientific world, most have found intellectual challenge and many have come to know spiritual fulfillment in the message of this unique book. Not only have many of the locations and traditions that are mentioned in the Bible been confirmed by field workers in the Middle East and researchers that study ancient histories, but specific events cited have often been shown to match in great detail. Associates for Biblical Research has extensively excavated Jericho. While an invading army would typically ram the walls inward upon the debris, the Bible declares that God caused the walls to fall flat so that the Israelites could go straight in. Skeptics once believed that the book of Daniel was in error when it discussed Belshazzar ruling Babylon. The dynasties were revealed on cuneiform tablets excavated from ancient Babylon and Belshazzar did not appear on the list. He could do no more since he was only second himself. Sir William Ramsey is regarded as one of the greatest archaeologists ever to have lived. Skeptical of the authorship and accuracy of the gospels and Acts, Ramsey set out to investigate. Making predictions in the Old Testament era was no light matter. The penalty for failing the test was death. McDowell presents 61 specific prophecies that were clearly fulfilled in Christ. His birthplace, the flight to Egypt, His ancestry, the slaughter of the innocents, His being preceded by a messenger, the ministry starting in Galilee, His teaching with parables, His entry into Jerusalem on a colt, His betrayal by a friend, the 30 pieces of silver, His death upon a tree, the garments parted and lots cast, the gall and vinegar offered, His side pierced but no bones broken, the darkness over the land, and His burial with the rich, and His resurrection. These are not common predictions that have decent odds of happening. No other religion in the world even makes a pretense that its founder is still alive, yet the prophets predicted the resurrection Psalm Many of the Old Testament prophecies like Malachi 3: It was destroyed in A. Indeed, there was a narrow historical window in which the Messiah could come. For it was determined in Genesis That is why they had to appeal to Pilate in John Biblical prophecies with regard to ancient cities is equally remarkable. Skeptics have suggested that a message of

impending doom spoken against an ancient city must come true eventually. Contemplate just a few of them: Among the several specific predictions with regard to ancient Edom are those in Ezekiel This is a daunting series of prophecies, particularly when one considers that Petra, the capital of Edom, was one of the wonders of the ancient world—literally a city carved into a mountain and the Jews were in bondage when the prophecy was made! Yet under the Maccabean era the resurgent Israelites pillaged Edom. In dramatic fulfillment the Edomite empire was finally destroyed right up to the city of Teman. Only Teman, or Maan was left and survives still today. When the capital city of Petra was rediscovered to the chagrin of critics who maintained that the Edomite civilization was mythical , it was found to be a ghost town, inhabited only by eagles, scorpions and other wild creatures. By way of contrast, one can consider the prophecies against Moab and Ammon. Though in Ezekiel Indeed these cities are in existence and thriving today. One is hard-pressed to find superlatives to sufficiently convey the splendor of ancient Babylon. The outer wall was over feet high and wide enough to race 8 chariots abreast! Upon entering one of the one hundred solid brass gates, the visitor would be struck with the majesty of the hanging gardens, massive palaces, exquisite temples, and flowing Euphrates. The prophets foretelling its demise is akin to someone today forecasting the utter desolation of London or New York. But more than that, Isaiah This has indeed come to pass. But interestingly, Jeremiah While the Bedouins avoid the old city of Babylon, archaeological activity has been ongoing since many interesting ruins of the dead city remain. In Ezekiel 26 the prophet details the destruction that will befall Tyre. Let us note the specificity: Nebuchanezzar attempted to subdue proud Tyre but because the inhabitants of this seacoast city all abandoned Tyre proper to escape to the large island fortress off the coast, he never looted its treasury or conquered its royalty. His destruction of the mainland portion of Tyre certainly fulfills verses which apply to him. The dramatic fulfillment of the prophesied judgment was not completed in Nebuchanezzar since the inhabitants outlasted him on their Alcatraz-like island. When Alexander the Great came through to conquer Tyre, the citizens tried the same trick—evacuating for the island fortress. Alexander took a cue from the failure of Nebuchanezzar. He took ALL of the debris from the city of Tyre literally scraping it bare , built a causeway out to the island, and proceeded to demolish it, selling the surviving inhabitants into slavery. Attempts were made to rebuild Tyre and it was again destroyed. The modern city called Tyre was NOT constructed on the ancient mainland site. In fact the ancient plot is largely barren rock somewhere inland from the modern construction , and has quite literally been used by local fishermen to lay out their nets! They all came true in the minutest detail. A most remarkable Old Testament prophecy has been fulfilled in the modern era. In keeping with the warning of Leviticus From the destruction of Jerusalem in A. It would seem highly unlikely that the Jews would remain distinct as a people, having no country and every motivation to intermarry and escape the stigma. Yet this Biblical prophecy has been completely fulfilled in recent history. From a population of only 20, identifiable Palestinian Jews in , the modern reemergence of the Israeli nation has swelled that number to 6 million Jews. No other nation has been similarly reborn. As a prophet Himself, Jesus Christ made numerous predictions. It would seem superfluous that an invading army would go to the trouble of moving all the foundation boulders. But when the Romans burned the Temple during their AD 70 conquest of Jerusalem, all the wealth of gold melted and ran down between the giant stones. Thus all the stones were overturned to get at the gold. Jesus predicted in vs That was a command it would seem impossible for a motley group of followers of an itinerant preacher in the obscure nation to do. How could they go through all the world spreading His teachings and getting people to believe the incredible story of his death and resurrection? Yet they have done just that. Interestingly, even the advent of the modern skeptical era with a worldview based upon uniformitarianism was foretold in the scriptures see II Peter 3: One must always be cautious against using circular reasoning such that scientific theories are enlightened by the scripture and then those theories are used to show that the scriptures are reliable. But quite aside from the evidence for controversial theories like special creation, or the co-existence of men and dinosaurs; there are a number of rather startling statements in the Bible which appear to be far more advanced than the scientific knowledge at the time of writing. Moreover, there has never been an irreconcilable discrepancy between scientific facts or laws and the scriptures. Hippocrates, before the invention of the telescope charted and numbered 1, stars. Kepler later recounted and revised the number. Today scientists agree with Jeremiah. There

are billions just in our galaxy! It is interesting that the Bible makes the number of stars roughly equivalent to the number of grains of sand on the seashore Genesis Carl Sagan also compared these two, leaning towards the number of stars being greater. Amazingly, the latest estimates of the gross number of sand grains are comparable to the modern estimated number of stars in the universe! Note that darkness is in a place but light is in a way. It travels a path.

Bible verses about the subject Word of God: For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Abel was the first martyr recorded in Scripture Genesis 4: Genesis was the first book in the Hebrew canon and 2 Chronicles the last. Prologue to Ecclesiasticus Sirach B. Sirach who wrote and lived in Jerusalem makes mention of most famous men of the Old Testament. He makes explicit mention of the Twelve Prophets. In his prologue he three times refers to the tripartite division of the OT. The Talmud Written between for the Jerusalem Talmud and about AD for the Babylonian Talmud specifically states the books of the Apocrypha, including Sirach are non-canonical. Sotah 48b and Bab. These are two related questions. The early Christian church was made up of Jews and Gentiles. As the church grew and gentiles became a greater percentage of believers the ability to read and understand the Hebrew Scriptures became limited. The Septuagint LXX solved this problem for the early church. The Septuagint was used mainly by Jews who lived in Alexandria. The Jews of Alexandria became more dependent on Greek to understand the writings of their sacred books. The LXX was adopted by the early church as their Bible. It allowed gentiles to read, preach and exhort from scripture in their own Greek language. The references to the Hebrew scripture are quoted from the Septuagint in the New Testament. The problem arose when other books were added to the translated works of the Hebrew prophets. The order of books arranged in the Septuagint is the current order in Bibles today except for Jewish Bibles, which arranged according to a three part division. How was the New Testament canon decided? With the growth in the Church throughout the Roman world along came sects and groups of individuals each with their own agenda and leader. In order to establish their credibility, they published works that included apostles names. Many of the writing of the early church fathers, such as Irenaeus and Justin Martyr combat these early heresies. The spread of these heretical teachings and their books with misleading names was causing confusion in the early church. The main test to determine whether a New Testament book was part of the canon, was its authorship, was the author an apostle? This rule or canon is established in the test of the prophet to determine if the work was inspired. Did early church fathers attest to the authenticity? Was the author an Apostle? Several events created a necessity to standardize the need for an established canon. Diocletian in AD called for the destruction of sacred books of the Christians. Spread of false teaching: Counterfeit works were causing confusion in the early church, about what books were apostolic. As early as AD, the heretic Marcion developed his own Canon and began to propagate it. The church needed to counter his influence by collecting the books of the New Testament. There two ways this process is viewed. The church is not determining the scripture but discovering what already exists and was established by Christ. Two Preliminary Considerations The canon is the collection of 27 books which the church generally receives as its New Testament Scriptures. The history of the canon is the history of the process by which these books were brought together and their value as sacred Scriptures officially recognized. That process was gradual, furthered by definite needs, and, though unquestionably continuous, is in its earlier stages difficult to trace. It is always well in turning to the study of it to have in mind two considerations which bear upon the earliest phases of the whole movement. Three Stages of the Process For convenience of arrangement and definiteness of impression the whole process may be marked off in three stages: In the first we seek for the evidences of the growth in appreciation of the peculiar value of the New Testament writings; in the second we discover the clear, full recognition of a large part of these writings as sacred and authoritative; in the third the acceptance of the complete canon in the East and in the West. This belongs properly to New Testament Introduction which see. By the end of the 1st century all of the books of the New Testament were in existence. They were, as treasures of given churches, widely separated and honored as containing the word of Jesus or the teaching of the apostles. From the very first the authority of Jesus had full recognition in all the Christian world. The whole work of the apostles was in interpreting Him to the growing church. His sayings and His life were in part for the illumination of the Old Testament; wholly for the understanding of life and its issues. In every assembly of Christians from the earliest days He was taught as well as the Old Testament. In each church to which an

epistle was written that epistle was likewise read. Paul asked that his letters be read in this way 1 Thess 5: The widening of the area of the church and the departure of the apostles from earth emphasized increasingly the value of that which the writers of the New Testament left behind them. Quite early the desire to have the benefit of all possible instruction led to the interchange of Christian writings. You recommend me to send on yours to Syria; I shall do so either personally or by some other means. In return I send you the letter of Ignatius as well as others which I have in my hands and for which you made request. This is an illustration of what must have happened toward furthering a knowledge of the writings of the apostles. There is good reason to think also that the four Gospels were brought together in some places as early as this. Examination of the testimony to the New Testament in this early time indicates also that it is given with no intention of framing the canonicity of New Testament books. In the same way the Apostolic Fathers refer to the teachings and deeds of Jesus. Clement of Rome, in 95 ad, wrote a letter in the name of the Christians of Rome to those in Corinth. In this letter he uses material found in Mt, Lk, giving it a free rendering see chapters 46 and 13 ; he has been much influenced by the Epistle to the Hebrews see chapters 9, 10, 17, 19, The Epistles of Ignatius ad have correspondences with our gospels in several places Eph 5; Rom 6; 7 and incorporate language from nearly all of the Pauline epistles. The Epistle to Polycarp makes large use of Phil, and besides this cites nine of the other Pauline epistles. Ignatius quotes from Matthew, apparently from memory; also from 1 Peter and 1 John. In regard to all these three writersâ€”Clement, Polycarp, Ignatiusâ€”it is not enough to say that they bring us reminiscences or quotations from this or that book. Their thought is tinctured all through with New Testament truth. These exhibit the same phenomena as appear in the writings of Clement, Ignatius and Polycarp as far as references to the New Testament are concerned. Some books are quoted, and the thought of the three writings echoes again and again the teachings of the New Testament. In this deepening sense of value was enfolded the feeling of authoritativeness, which slowly was to find expression. It is well to add that what we have so far discovered was true in widely separated parts of the Christian world as e. Rome and Asia Minor. Two forces were calling out other expressions of the singular value of the writings of the apostles, whether gospels or epistles. These were a the attention of the civil government in view of the rapid growth of the Christian church and b heresy. By far the most important of these was Justin Martyr, and his work may be taken as representative. His two Apologies and the Dialogue with Trypho are the sources for the study of his testimony. That these Gospels were our four Gospels as we now have them is yet a disputed question; but the evidence is weighty that they were. The fact that Tatian, his pupil, made a harmony of the Gospels, i. The only other New Testament book which Justin mentions is the Apocalypse; but he appears to have known the Acts, six epistles of Paul, Hebrew and 1 John, and echoes of still other epistles are perceptible. When he speaks of the apostles it is after this fashion: It is debatable, however, whether this refers to more than the actual preaching of the apostles. The beginning of the formation of the canon is in the position and authority given to the Gospels. B Gnostics, Marcion While the Apologists were busy commending or defending Christianity, heresy in the form of Gnosticism was also compelling attention to the matter of the writings of the apostles. From the beginning Gnostic teachers claimed that Jesus had favored chosen ones of His apostles with a body of esoteric truth which had been handed down by secret tradition. This the church denied, and in the controversy that went on through years the question of what were authoritative writings became more and more pronounced. Valentinus, tracing his authority through Theodas to Paul, makes the same general use of New Testament books, and Tertullian tells us that he appeared to use the whole New Testament as then known. The most noted of the Gnostics was Marcion, a native of Pontus. He went to Rome circa AD , there broke with the church and became a dangerous heretic. He rejected the Pastoral Epistles, Hebrews, Matthew, Mark, John, the Acts, the Catholic epistles and the Apocalypse, and made a recension of both the gospel of Luke and the Pauline epistles which he accepted. His importance, for us, however, is in the fact that he gives us the first clear evidence of the canonization of the Pauline epistles. No sharp line as to a given year can be drawn between the first stage of the process and the second. Forces working in the first go on into the second, but results are accomplished in the second which give it its right to separate consideration. In passing into it we come into the clear light of Christian history. There is no longer any question as to a New Testament canon; the only difference of judgment is as to its extent. What has been slowly but surely shaping itself in the

consciousness of the church now comes to clear expression. He was born in Asia Minor, lived and taught in Rome and became afterward bishop of Lyons. He had, therefore, a wide acquaintance with the churches, and was peculiarly competent to speak concerning the general judgment of the Christian world. As a pupil of Polycarp, who was a disciple of John, he is connected with the apostles themselves. An earnest defender of the truth, he makes the New Testament in great part his authority, and often appeals to it. The four Gospels, the Acts, the epistles of Paul, several of the Catholic epistles and the Apocalypse are to him Scripture in the fullest sense.

Chapter 3 : The Bible - the Word of God | Christian Faith

The fact that every modern Bible diminishes the deity of Christ, the blood atonement, the Godhead, and many other doctrines as compared to the King James Bible is evidence that the Bible is indeed God's Word.

Verses to Memorize What is the Bible? It speaks to us regarding what will happen in the future and how God will change everything. The Bible is not just a book of rules and ancient history. Some were fishermen, others, shepherds. And again, in John Jesus claimed that his teachings were the teachings of God. It is inspired by God. Here are some in very short form: No other religious book has specific fulfilled prophecies as the Bible has. Ararat in modern Turkey. It can be seen on by satellite photo! They all reveal God as a God of mercy and justice. They knew what they saw. Hundreds testified to seeing Jesus alive from the dead. There will always be people however who refuse to believe. The Bible makes it clear that God is looking for a change in our lives. Yet many times people believe in a Jesus of personal or popular imagination. Any other Jesus is a false one. It does not matter for how many hundreds of years it has been in existence. The Authority of the Bible Authority and author are directly related concepts. To disobey the New Testament is to disobey God. All who want to be disciples of Jesus i. God has exalted His Word above all his name Ps. We are commanded to test all things. They are blind leaders of the blind. The matter is urgent. The Holy Spirit, as author, is ultimate interpreter. The Holy Spirit never contradicts himself. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth John Daniel studied Jeremiah to understand it Daniel 9: The concept of present truth 2 Peter 1. It is an active force. God is watching over his word to perform it Jer. This seed produces new life if planted well. Every seed produces life after its own kind. The Word of God is compared to a fire. It can act as a fire Jer. The Word of God can do this for us also. It shows us how we need to be cleansed. But praise God, the Word of God does more than that. The Word gives us hope Romans The Word acts to wash and cleanse us Eph. Your word is truth. It gives us truth. So in this way the Word gives guidance. So the Word produces spiritual growth. Note that it is for the flesh, not just for the soul. The Word of God must be mixed with faith Hebrews 4: Therefore to build our faith we should speak the Word with our mouth much Joshua 1: The Scripture should be read and taught in church. Most importantly, we should obey it. We must put it into practise. Otherwise our faith is dead.

Bible verses related to Gods Word from the King James Version (KJV) by Relevance - Sort By Book Order Hebrews - For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

A Young Scholar who loves politics, culture, and religion. Why the Bible Is Not the Word of God I believe that God is all-loving and all-powerful, and that his son, Jesus of Nazareth, was the son of God, who has given us a way to live life fully and abundantly. Yet, I do not believe the Holy Bible is the infallible word of God. I believe in preaching the word of God. I believe in the saving of souls from the clutches of dark forces. I believe that God is all-loving and all-powerful, and that his son, Jesus of Nazareth, was the son of God, who has given us a way to live life fully and abundantly. The Holy Bible is a collection of Christian texts that is the result of refinement by men who thought they were led by God to discern his teachings. The early Christian world was diverse and everyone had a different take on the Gospel of Jesus. These disagreements were "settled" in large meetings of high ranking priests called "Councils. Jerome is credited with creating the Old Latin Vulgate , which was the outcome of the African Synods and was used as the Bible for centuries. The first compilation of cannon did not come about until about three hundred years later at the Council of Hippo. The iconic though fictional scene of Martin Luther nailing his Ninety-Five Theses to the church door until October 31, , over a millennium after the composition of the Vulgate. The Kings James Version would make its debut in the year of before the letter J existed , so the name "Jesus" did not appear once. Presently, I struggle to accept this book a couple of iterations later as the unadulterated word of God. As a Missionary Baptist, I believe that God is living today and can play a very active role in our lives. If he would speak to John of Patmos about dragons, beasts, Jesus, and the anti-Christ, then surely he will speak to me on how to love my neighbor and myself. The God I serve does not show partiality. He, having created us, loves us deeply. Similarly, I am persuaded that it is only when ungodliness becomes the habitual pattern of the mind do we violently sever ourselves from God. Hate, fear, depression, guilt, and pride are some of the traumas that can separate us from God. God is unconditional love. Any time one acts out of the parameters of unconditional love, she resides in a Godless place: Hell the absence of God. I will not insult the Creator of the universe to appease the ilk of men who found it necessary to censor the word of the living God. Having freed myself from the bondage of spiritual captivity by dead men, I live in the splendor of the living God, who guides my feet. God blessed us all with a spirit of love. While discipline and order have their place in the center of the Christian path, hate and animosity are nowhere to be found. I am a Christian that follows the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, a man, the Lord Savior, and a poor boy born on the chocolate side of Palestine. Jesus teaches, "Rather, the kingdom is inside of you, and it is outside of you. When you come to know yourselves, then you will become known, and you will realize that it is you who are the sons of the living father. The Bible is a confirmation ground, not a transcript of God speaking to man. Therefore, as Aaron, the brother of Moses, said in Numbers 6: The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

A paper refuting the Bible isn't the Word of God but that it contains the Word of God. by Matt Slick One of the objections raised by critics of biblical inspiration is that the Bible is not the word of God, but that it contains the word of God.

The collection of 66 books that the Christian Church recognized as being inspired speaks as the very words of God in many places. The problem is addressed by Jesus. Then Luke writes that Jesus opened their mind to understand the Scriptures. The Law Moses , the Prophets, and the Psalms. This was a common designation for the Old Testament. Therefore, Jesus says that the written form of the Old Testament is Scripture. Jesus goes on to deal with the religious leaders who would violate these Scriptures which he called "the word of God. And thus you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. He said they were the word of God. Therefore, we can see that the word of God is the written form of Scripture. In fact, we are told by Paul not to exceed what is written. This can only be true if the written form is the Word of God and not just something that subjectively contains the word of God. What does it mean to be the Word of God? The Bible is full of citations where it quotes God. However, it also has citations of non-inspired individuals, such as Judas, Herod, etc. Satan, for example, lied when addressing Eve in The Garden of Eden. This means that the Bible contains a record of a lie. But how can such an error be included in the Word of God and still have the word of God be inerrant since a lie is an error? The answer is that the Bible inerrantly records the lie. Where it may record the lies, failures, deception, etc. Likewise, when it records historical events, genealogies, etc. Jesus acknowledged this when he said that the Word of God, the Scripture, cannot be broken. This means that it cannot fail. Remember, Jesus called the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms all of the Old Testament Scripture; and he says that the Scriptures cannot be broken--cannot fail. He was obviously referring to the written form of the Old Testament: If a date is wrong, is that not a failure of scripture? Likewise, would not an error in a fact likewise be a failure in the Scripture? Of course it would! But Jesus says the Scriptures cannot be broken. Is the New Testament also Scripture? It should go without saying that the New Testament is also Scripture. The early church recognized the New Testament documents as being authentic and inspired and included them in the canon of Scripture along with the Old Testament. In fact, Paul recognized the authority that his words had in the church. Take for example what he said to the Colossians. Scripture is God-breathed 2 Tim. Likewise, Peter says in 2 Pet. Instead, prophecy occurs by those moved by the Holy Spirit. God spoke through the mouth of the prophets. We see in Acts 3: In fact, we find other references to the Old Testament referring to God speaking through the prophets. Words spoken through the prophet Jeremiah are referenced in Matt. Words spoken through the prophet Isaiah are referenced in Matt. Words spoken through the prophets Moses and Hosea are referenced in Matt. Words spoken through the prophet David are referenced in Matt. Words spoken through the prophet Zechariah are referenced in Matt. Words spoken through the prophets generically are referenced in Matt. Because the prophets speak for God, write Scripture, and make prophecies, the Scriptures must be fulfilled. It is the written Scriptures that are referenced here. It is not some vague and ambiguous reference to some areas of the Bible that "contain" the word of God. The problem of subjectivity If the Bible contains the word of God but is not the word of God, then we must ask which parts of the Bible are the Word of God and which are not? The problem in answering this question is that the one who seeks to do so inadvertently places himself as the judge of what is and what is not inspired and without error. But by what standard would such a person make such judgment? What about the numerous contradictions in the Bible? It is true that there are difficulties within the Word of God. But these are due to copying errors through the centuries. As more and more historical, archaeological, and manuscript evidence is uncovered, the fewer Bible difficulties there are. Nevertheless, for an examination of answers to the alleged Bible contradictions, please see The Bible Difficulties section in the navigation menu on the left. Conclusion When claims that the Bible contains the word of God but is not the word of God are made, it is done so usually because the critic of inspiration wants to assert that the original documents in the Bible contained errors. How are we to decide what is and is not inspired and therefore true if the very breath of God moving through a sinner results in documents with mistakes? This undermines the faith of Christians and is, naturally, a dangerous and false

teaching. The Epistles from the apostles were publicly read in the church assemblies. Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible. Logos Research Systems, Inc.

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Bible Verses about Gods Word Hebrews ESV / helpful votes Helpful Not Helpful For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

This guest blogpost is by Stephen J. Reformation Trust, the publishing ministry of Ligonier, has thoroughly revised the Reformation Study Bible with more than 20, study notes and commentary by 75 scholars under the leadership of Dr. There is nothing new, really, in this argument. At the beginnings of the 20th century, similar arguments were made based on science in the wake of Darwin and his views on origins. What we had thought about human origins, based on the Bible, needed to be rethought based on the advances in science, based on what we now know. So here we are, in the 21st century and in the wake of developments in the social sciences, being told that again we now know better than what the Bible has to say. Paul opens his first letter to the church at Thessalonica with rather fond reminiscences of his time there, and of how they turned from the gods of their age to the living and true God 1 Thess. Paul remembers how he poured his life into theirs, and he remembers the message that he gave them. So Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 2: And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. These were the Romans with their Greek heritage. They loved novel ideas, new systems of thought. They shot down the old ideas. They were always looking to the promise of something new. But what Paul and his fellow Apostles and authors of the New Testament had to offer was not some novel, cleverly crafted scheme. As Paul says, the message he preached, and the message the Thessalonian believers received, was the Word of God. It really was the Word of God. Because it is the Word of God it is powerful enough to do two things. It is powerful enough to have opened the eyes of those Thessalonian believers to the truth. And it is powerful enough because it really is the Word of God. Where it is seen as not only unhelpful, but where it is also seen as a source of bigotry, intolerance, and narrow-minded, obsolete thinking. Can we trust the Bible? That is one question. We will also continually feel the pressure to compromise those beliefs and convictions, if not throw them overboard altogether. It could work if we adhered to an ideology or some humanly constructed system of thought. In the s, I could have gotten away with bloodletting as a cure. Systems of thought, ideologies, viewsâ€”they all come and go. Some are even useful and helpful. But when we open our Bibles we are engaging something different. We are not listening to the words of men. We are reading the very words of God. And since the Bible is the Word of God we must take it seriously. We must listen to it and follow it. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ from the previous centuries faced persecution for their biblical convictions. Many of our brothers and sisters from points around the globe today face persecution for their biblical convictions. The time may very likely come for us in the American church to face persecution, as well. May the words that Paul wrote to the Thessalonians serve to steel us as we face these challenges. And may we receive it for what it really is. He is an associate editor of the Reformation Study Bible and the author of many books , including Welcome to the Story: How a Monk and a Mallet Changed the World.

Chapter 7 : Is the Bible truly God's Word?

While God has revealed Himself in His creation, which gives us general revelation about God, and in the person of Jesus Christ, which gives us revelation of God incarnate, our focus in bibliology is on the revelation of God in the Bible, the written Word of God.

Even though he may not accept its claims, a careful and reflective reading will demonstrate, for most at least, that this book is not only unique, but makes some very unique claims. The following are a number of evidences that support this uniqueness. Internal Evidence In hundreds of passages, the Bible declares or takes the position explicitly or implicitly that it is nothing less than the very Word of God. Peter proclaimed the certainty of the Scriptures and the necessity of heeding the unalterable and certain Word of God 2 Pet. John too recognized that his teaching was from God; to reject his teaching was to reject God 1 John 4: In a court of law, the accused has the right to testify on his own behalf. That testimony should be considered in the light of the evidence. In this case, the evidence, both external and internal, strongly supports the claims of the Bible. In response to those who would reject the above-mentioned argument, it should be noted that the writers who made those claims for the Scripture were trustworthy men who defended the integrity of the Scripture at great personal sacrifice. Jeremiah received his message directly from the Lord Jer. Counterfeit prophets were readily recognized Jer. The testimony of reliable witnessesâ€”particularly of Jesus, but also of others such as Moses, Joshua, David, Daniel, and Nehemiah in the Old Testament, and John and Paul in the New Testamentâ€”affirmed the authority and verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. A good illustration is seen in Psalm External Evidence 1 The continuity of the Bible. One of the amazing facts about the Bible is that though it was written by a wide diversity of authors as many as 40 over a period of years, from many different locations and under a wide variety of conditions, the Bible is uniquely one book, not merely a collection of sixty-six books. Its authors came from all walks of life. Some were kings, some peasants, still others were philosophers, fishermen, physicians, statesmen, scholars, poets, and farmers. They lived in a variety of cultures, in different experiences and often were quite different in their make up. Regardless of this diversity, as one book, it is: The divine origin of the Bible is further seen in considering the continuity of its teaching despite the unusual nature of its composition. It stands distinct from other religious writings. By contrast, the Bible came from some forty different authors from diverse vocations in life. For instance, among the writers of Scripture were Moses, a political leader; Joshua, a military leader; David, a shepherd; Solomon, a king; Amos, a herdsman and fruit pincher; Daniel, a prime minister; Matthew, a tax collector; Luke, a medical doctor; Paul, a rabbi; and Peter, a fisherman. There are no contradictions or inconsistencies within its pages. The Holy Spirit is the unifier of the sixty-six books, determining its harmonious consistency. In unity these books teach the triunity of God, the deity of Jesus Christ, the personality of the Holy Spirit, the fall and depravity of man, as well as salvation by grace. It quickly becomes apparent that no human being s could have orchestrated the harmony of the teachings of the Scripture. The divine authorship of the Bible is the only answer. Morality is to be a product of knowing and loving the God of the Bible Deut. While other contemporary writers were primarily polytheistic, the Bible is monotheistic. It presents a monotheistic concept of God rather than the polytheism which was so flagrant in the days when the Scriptures were written. Furthermore, when later holy books like the Koran and others presented a monotheistic concept of God, the Bible remained unique because it is the only book about God that presents God as one monotheism yet one in three persons, the Triunity or Trinity. It covers morals on all levels as well as business, economic, and social spheres. Ethics and morals are never simply a matter of outward conformity to the moral standards of Scripture as other religions or religious books do. Another amazing illustration of the divine origin and uniqueness of the Bible is its many fulfilled prophecies. Throughout Scripture, hundreds of prophecies were made by Old Testament writers concerning the Messiah, the future kingdom on earth, the restoration of Israel as a nation, and their return to their Promised Land. In the New Testament also many predictions are made of events to come. As Scripture unfolds, about half of these prophecies have already been fulfilled, but others, following the same pattern of literal fulfillment, are subject to fulfillment in the future. In Scripture, prophecy is just as accurate as history.

The extent of Bible revelation is beyond human comprehension. Like a telescope, the Bible reaches beyond the stars and penetrates the heights of heaven and the depths of hell. The Bible deals as freely with things unknown as it does with the known. It can speak with complete freedom and assurance about situations and events outside the realm of human experience. The Bible knows no limits to the infinite knowledge of God who guided its writers. It permits its readers to gaze on events in eternity past as well as in eternity future. The comprehension of divine revelation is utterly beyond the capacity of even the most brilliant men unaided by the Spirit of God. What then is revelation? Thiessen defines it as: The revelation may occur in a single, instantaneous act, or it may extend over a long period of time; and this communication of himself and his truth may be perceived by the human mind in varying degrees of fullness. The first pertains to revelation revealed through nature and history, the second to what God has revealed as He intervenes in human history to reveal Himself in supernatural ways.

General or Natural Revelation

By general revelation, we mean revelation that is simply general in its extent. General revelation is exactly thatâ€”general. It is general in its scope; that is, it reaches to all people Matt. It is general in geography; that is, it encompasses the entire globe Ps. It is general in its methodology; that is, it employs universal means like the heat of the sun vv. Simply because it is a revelation that thus affects all people wherever they are and whenever they have lived it can bring light and truth to all, or, if rejected, brings condemnation. As powerful and universal as this is, however, it is inadequate or has certain limitations. It cannot tell us about the love and grace of God nor of His perfect holiness. To those who are inclined to hear, revelation comes with no regard for linguistic or geographical barriers. Wherever man peers at the universe, there is orderliness. At a distance of ninety-three million miles from the earth, the sun provides exactly the right temperature environment for man to function on earth. Were the sun closer, it would be too hot to survive, and were it further away it would be too cold for man to function. Wherever man looks in the universe, there is harmony and order. Similarly, God has revealed Himself on earth v. The magnificence of the human body is perhaps the best evidence of general revelation on earth. The entire human bodyâ€”its cardiovascular system, the bone structure, the respiratory system, the muscles, the nervous system including its center in the brainâ€”reveals an infinite God. It draws our attention to four vital characteristics of what the revelation of God in creation does.

Providence and Human Conscience

In addition to creation, God has also revealed Himself to the human race through His providential goodness in the world and through the human conscience. It is through His providential goodness in supplying people with sunshine and rain that enables them to live and function Matt. He disciplined His disobedient people Israel Deut. Further, God has revealed Himself through conscience. While the Jews will be judged according to the written law, Gentiles, who do not have the written Law, will be judged according to an unwritten law, the law of conscience written on their hearts. Moreover, Paul says the conscience acts as a legal prosecutor v. Accordingly, the Bible may be regarded as completing the intended divine revelation of God partially revealed in nature, more fully revealed in Christ, and completely revealed in the written Word. The nature of this mode of revelation is that it consists primarily of words. The author of Hebrews reminds us that God has made Himself known by speaking long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, and in these last days has spoken to us in His Son Heb. There are three elements to special revelation: After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will Heb. Again we see the same elements: Special revelation involves a narrower focus than general revelation and is restricted to Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. Of course, all that is known of Christ is through the Scriptures; therefore, it can be said that special revelation is restricted to the Scriptures. This necessitated the need for special revelation so God could reveal Himself and His plan of salvation that man in turn might be reconciled from his condition of alienation and restored to fellowship with God. In addition to the above, man needs special revelation for two more important reasons. First, so he correctly interpret the truths revealed in general revelation, and second, because these general truths are very limited. As is obvious from the many religions of the world, man consistently misinterprets what he can learn from creation or providence. The Avenues of Special Revelation Drawing on his knowledge of the Old Testament and the testimony of those who had personally heard the Lord Jesus, the author of Hebrews speaks of the various ways God has spoken to

reveal Himself in history through the prophets and then through His Son who is the very outshining of God Heb. Ryrie gives us an excellent summary of the various avenues God has used to reveal Himself. While today we would not highly regard the use of the lot, it did serve sometimes to communicate the mind of God to man Prov. The Urim and Thummim: The breastplate which the high priest wore in the Old Testament was a square piece of beautiful material which was folded in half and open at the top like a pouch. It was adorned with twelve precious stones on which were engraved the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. God apparently used dreams to communicate many times during the Old Testament period, and He will do so again at the time of the second coming of Christ Gen. Nonbelievers as well as believers experienced God-given dreams Gen. Though a common experience, dreams were used by God in this special way to reveal truth. In a vision the emphasis seems to be on what is heard, while in a dream, on what is seen. Also the human being involved seems to be more active in receiving a vision Isa. Before the Incarnation, theophanies were associated with the appearance of the Angel of the Lord who communicated the divine message to people Gen. God also uses created angels to carry His message to people Dan. They spoke with authority because they were communicating the Word of the Lord.

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The Bible states that on the head of the Word of God are "many royal headbands." (Revelation , 13 ; footnote) The Word is also named "King of kings and Lord of lords." (Revelation) Jesus is called "the King of those who rule as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords." " 1 Timothy 6: 14,

Stewart "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: Because it claims to be as read in our Scripture above. Because It hits the nail right on the head concerning the sinfulness of mankind. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. The humanists say man can improve. The New Age gang says that we can become gods. Evolutionists claim we all came from apes with NO proof whatsoever. The Mormons say we can become gods. What Book is there on this earth that gives you the plain truth about mankind and life? The Bible plainly teaches that man is prone to destruction because man has a sin-nature Romans 3: Archaeology is in agreement with the Word of God. Not one spadefull of dirt has ever been uncovered to disprove the Word of God. In fact, many Archaeological expeditions have provided substantial evidence in support of Biblical claims. Yet, here are more proofs if you need them. The Bible Itself is all the evidence I need. The Bible is scientifically accurate. For centuries doctors foolishly drained the blood out of their patients resulting in certain death. The Bible also mentions astronomy, Job 9: Psychiatrists offices are overflowing today with the stressed out people. The Bible was miraculously written. There is NO earthly way possible that so many men most of whom never met each other , could have written so many different books in different styles that all perfectly merge into one meaningful Book, but with God all things are possible!!! NO book on this planet is hated anywhere near as much as the Bible. Most people hate the Truth. Speaking the Truth is a fast way to make enemies, "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?. Jesus said, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" -John But I know God will make everything right in Heaven. The attack from false religions. The book of Koran is a jumbled mess containing no prophecy at all. The Koran attacks Christians, Jews, and the doctrines of the Bible. The Catholics pervert the Bible by teaching the necessity of the sacraments for salvation, etc. Wiccan witches reject the Word of God as fables. Every false religion in one way or another twists and corrupts the Word of God. The attack is against the Word of God!!! The woeful condition of the world. The Bible clearly teaches that Satan is the god of this world 2nd Corinthians 4: Most people believe in God and Satan, so why is it so hard to accept the idea that God would want to communicate with His creation humanity? The existence of Satanists and occult groups. The fact that all these Satanic groups, like the Church of Satan are proof of Satan. Wicca witches deny the existence of Satan, but Biblically they are of Satan. Hitler was known to levitate above the floor. He was infatuated with the occult. America is plagued with occult groups such as Bohemian Grove, Skull and Bones, Freemasonry, and many more. Freemasonry commonly displays an upside down pentagram representing the Devil. They worship the great architect, Baphomet Satan. Just look online at some of the witchcraft websites speaking about spells, charms, astral projection, astrology, etc. The Bible clearly forbids such activities Deuteronomy The Holy Spirit in my heart. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. All I can say is that when I read the Word of God, it all makes perfect sense to me. I thank God for His Precious Word! All of the modern corrupt Bibles. Why would men write a book condemning themselves? The lie of evolution. Evolution has no scientific basis, it cannot be tested or studied. Evolution is NOT science, but a mere theory of atheist conjectures. If the Bible is not true, then why is mankind desperately trying to hide his ignorance concerning creation. There is NO answer which makes sense except God. Please read Is There a God? Evolution is proof of one thing, that man is afraid of the Truth. The Word of God is filled with much prophecy. Here is a page of

many Fulfilled Bible Prophecies. It would be astronomically impossible for any one man to have fulfilled all of the prophecies which Christ fulfilled. He said that the Bible contained many contradictions that confused him. A simple web search under "Alleged Bible Discrepancies" will provide hundreds of links to answer any skeptics questions. Google alone provided links. Several excellent books have been written on this issue which will also show up in any web search under "Alleged Bible Discrepancies. Let them argue with God. He also wanted to know why the tower of Babel was an issue when planes today fly much higher than the tower of Babel could have been built. Then he asked where Cain got his wife. I sent him the following Scripture A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself. He is corrupted to the point where he is unreasonable. The Apostle Paul clearly said that God has only provided us with a limited understanding, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: Too many believers try to answer questions which do not need to be answered. Abraham told the rich man in Hell concerning his brothers still living, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" -Luke Proof is based upon evidence. The evidence that I might consider as "proof" of something may not be enough evidence for you. You can present the same evidence to 10 different people and they may not all except it as proof. Hence, some people believed that the earth was round hundreds of years ago simply because Isaiah Everyone who believed the earth was flat was wrong, but they were sincerely wrong. Likewise, many people today are sincerely wrong about the Word of God. To me, the Word of God itself is proof enough that It is the eternal, inspired, infallible, incorruptible, preserved Word of God. If it is not enough proof for you, then your fate is in your own hands. I receive so many letters from people who want to argue over foolishness. Arguing, like gossip, is a cheap form of entertainment for some people. The Apostle Paul in this Scriptures we just read advises us to "reject" belligerent people who just want to argue foolishness. I receive many wonderful letters from people who need my help, and I always do my best to help them. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! What is beautiful is the good news of Jesus Christ. I have written an article concerning this which I hope you will read titled, The Simple Gospel. There is NO magic bullet. The Heart of the Matter To him who believeth, no explanation is necessary; to him that believeth not, no explanation is possible.

Chapter 9 : Is the Bible the Word of God? 5 Evidences

Many people question who the author of the Bible is and wonder if the Bible is really the Word of God. I want to give you five reasons to affirm the Bible is the Word of God. First, I believe the Bible is the Word of God because of its scientific accuracy. The Truth of the Word of God tells us that.

Young, in his classic work on the inspiration of the Bible, gives us good definition of inerrancy: They are exempt from the liability to mistake, incapable of error. In all their teachings they are in perfect accord with the truth. Definitions of inerrancy are not plentiful! Errantists equate inerrancy with infallibility and then limit its scope to matters of faith and practice or to revelational matters or to the message of salvation. An example of this: Davis, *The Debate about the Bible* [Philadelphia: Westminster Press,], p. At least this is an honest distinction between infallibility and inerrancy. It does not demand rigidity of style and verbatim quotations from the Old Testament. Truth can and does include approximations, free quotations, language of appearances, and different accounts of the same event as long as those do not contradict. At the Chicago meeting in October , the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy issued the following statement on inerrancy: International Council on Biblical Inerrancy, , p. This brief statement would be unsatisfactory to errantists. If God is true and He is Rom. Clarifications Regarding Inerrancy A number of different issues invariably come up when considering the doctrine of inerrancy. What about the variety of styles, or the varying ways certain events are described, or the different reports of events? How does this mesh with the concept of inerrancy? Paul Enns has done an excellent job in summarizing these fundamental issues. Inerrancy allows for variety in style. All of these variations are entirely compatible with inerrancy. Inerrancy allows for variety in details in explaining the same event. This phenomenon is particularly observed in the synoptic gospels. It is important to remember that Jesus spoke in Aramaic and the writers of Scripture wrote their accounts in Greek, meaning they had to translate the original words into Greek. One writer would use slightly different words to describe the same incident, yet both would give the same meaning, albeit with different words. There is an additional reason for variety in details. One writer might have viewed the event from one standpoint while the other gospel writer viewed it from another standpoint. This would make the details appear different, yet both would be accurate. Inerrancy does not demand verbatim reporting of events. Young, *Thy Word Is Truth*, p. A verbatim quote could not be demanded for several reasons. Second, in making reference to Old Testament texts it would have been impossible to unroll the lengthy scrolls each time to produce a verbatim quote; furthermore, the scrolls were not readily available, hence, the freedom in Old Testament quotes William R. Eichhorst, *The Issue of Biblical Inerrancy: In Definition and Defence*, Winnipeg, Man.: Winnipeg Bible College, n. Inerrancy allows for departure from standard forms of grammar. Obviously it is wrong to force English rules of grammar upon the Scriptures. For example, in John Inerrancy allows for problem passages. Even with so vast a work as the Holy Scriptures it is impossible to provide solutions to all the problems. The solution to some problems must be held in abeyance. The answer, however, is never to suggest there are contradictions or errors in Scripture. If the Scriptures are God-breathed they are entirely without error. Inerrancy demands the account does not teach error or contradiction. In the statements of Scripture, whatever is written is in accord with things as they are. Details may vary but it may still reflect things as they are. For example, in Matthew 8: Both accounts are in accord with things as they are. How important is inerrancy? What happens when this doctrine is denied? There are those and some are even evangelicals who believe that inerrancy is not important. We do not need to defend the Bible, particularly as it relates to the details of chronology, geography, history, or cosmology or the so-called alleged discrepancies. But how sound is this kind of thinking and how does it stack up with the teaching of the Bible and particularly with what Christ taught? If the Bible teaches inerrancy, then to deny it is to deny that which the Scripture claims is true. Further, if the Bible contains some errors, how can we be sure that its claims concerning Christ, salvation, man, etc. Also, the chronology, geography, and history of the Bible are often woven together like strands of a basket with vital spiritual truths. As you cannot start pulling strands out of a woven basket without doing damage to the whole, so it is with the Bible. For instance, is the history of Adam and Eve important?

Absolutely, for Paul developed a theological analogy between Adam and Christ which essentially breaks down if it is historically not true. The Old Testament has dozens of prophecies of the coming Messiah that detail his lineage. If the genealogy of Matthew 1 and Luke 3 are historically inaccurate, then this raises questions about whether Jesus is the one anticipated as well as about the rest of His life. I recently received an email question regarding the story recorded in the gospels where Jesus delivered two demon possessed men and sent the demons into a herd of swine. Assuming that the owners of the pigs were Jews which they were not, the person sending the email doubted the historicity of the account because they could not imagine Jews raising pigs since it was contrary to the law for them to eat pork. A person believing in the inerrancy of the Bible, would know that the account was historical and accurate. Therefore, the apparent problem was not in the accuracy of the Scripture, but in their understanding of the event, which was precisely the case. A denial of inerrancy is a serious matter and will lead to the following kinds of problems doctrinally and practically: When inerrancy is denied one may expect some serious fallout in both doctrinal and practical areas. Some doctrinal matters which may be affected by denying inerrancy include the following. Some lifestyle errors that may follow a denial of inerrancy include the following. Inerrancy is an important doctrine, the denial or even diluting of which may result in serious doctrinal and life errors. Why is His testimony so important? Because God authenticated and proved Him to be His own divine Son by the resurrection cf. Christ not only clearly confirmed the authority of the Old Testament, but He specifically promised the New Testament. Note what Christ taught about the inspiration of the Old Testament: Adam and Eve were two human beings, created by God in the beginning, who lived and acted in certain ways Matt. He spoke of Jonah and his experience in the belly of the great fish as an historical event Matt. These are only a few illustrations; many others exist. Nothing can stop its fulfillment Matt.