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How can we trust the Bible if it was written by men?

Answer: The Bible actually claims to be written by God. It says that “all scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Tim. 3:16). That means that while men physically wrote the words in the Bible, these men were like pencils in the hand of God, “moved by the Holy Spirit,” to write out the very thoughts of God (2 Pet. 1:21). It’s like when an idea pops into your mind, and then you write it. God put the thoughts into the minds of these men. He showed them through visions, told them, and inspired them with the words to write. The fact that the Bible is inspired by God is affirmed on many levels. First, the Bible is affirmed by prophecy. God said, “I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet” (Isa. 46:9, 10). Jesus later said, “I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe” (John 14:29). Then there is the evidence of changed lives. Millions of people across the globe have had a real experience with the living God through the words of Scripture, similar to the experiences the writers of the Bible had, because “the word of God is living” (Heb. 4:12). The Bible is also affirmed by scientific evidence. While scientific theories are always changing, the Bible has accurately explained scientific facts like the expanding universe, the hydrologic cycle, the division of light, and more, thousands of years before modern scientists understood them. While none of these things will convince someone who is determined not to believe, for those who are willing to look into it with an open mind, the Bible is full of evidence that it is completely inspired by God and a trustworthy guide for us today.

The Word of God Bible Study!

1. Who wrote the Bible?

While men wrote the Bible, God is the true Author. 2 Timothy 3:16 says, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God.” That means God put the thoughts in their minds and showed these men what to write, and then He allowed them to write those thoughts in their own words.

2. How can we be certain the Bible was given by God?

Only the Bible has consistently predicted future events, like the rise and fall of nations (See Daniel 7). Through His word, God declares “the end from the beginning” (Isa. 46:10), so “that when it does come to pass, you may believe” (John 14:29).

3. What is the biggest proof of the Bible’s inspiration?

The most amazing evidence of the Bible’s inspiration is its power to change lives. God purifies us “with the washing of water by the word” (Eph. 5:26). As a result, we are “born again...through the word of God,” and we become “a new creation” (1 Pet. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:17)

4. Hasn’t the Bible been changed or altered over time?

The Bible says, “The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge” (Prov. 22:12). While wicked men have tried to destroy the Bible all through history, the Dead Sea scrolls have confirmed that God has miraculously preserved His word.

5. Are Bible principles still relevant to modern society?

Psalm 119:160 tells us, “Every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.” The principles of the Bible are timeless, and it would do us good to return to “the old paths” (Jer. 6:16). If people had obeyed the Bible, there would be far less pain and heartache today.

6. What makes the Bible so different from other books?

Hebrews 4:12 says, “the word of God is living and powerful.” The words of the Bible are alive because Jesus is “the Word” and Jesus is alive (John 1:1). These words are powerful because when we try to obey, Jesus provides His power to our efforts (Phil. 2:13).

7. What must I do to tap into the power of God’s word?

Faith is the key that taps into the power of God’s word. We are told of Israel that “the Word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith” (Heb. 4:3). When we believe the Bible enough to obey it by faith, God will supply His power.

8. How should I read the Bible?

Don’t read as a skeptic, looking for an excuse to disbelieve. Instead, follow the example of the Bereans who “received the word with all readiness, and searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so” (Acts 17:11).

How can Christians believe in a literal devil?

Answer: It's funny how most people will acknowledge some form of higher power that rules the world, but many people don't want to believe that there may be a lower power, a real literal devil. We must be careful to avoid believing or disbelieving on the basis of feelings. Instead, look at the evidence. We have been thrust into this world where we can clearly see that there is a battle between good and evil around us. We not only see it in our homes and in our nations, but we also see it in our own hearts when we wrestle between right and wrong. Beyond this, there is more evidence of a supernatural world all around us. All of us have heard stories of ghosts or spirits or even seen supernatural things occur that can't be explained. While some may bury their heads in the sand and choose to disbelieve these things, the evidence of supernatural phenomenon is abundant. While we may choose not to believe in evil spirits, those devil worshippers who have talked to Satan and his angels know for a fact that they are real. In addition, it's clear that there is an invisible world beyond what you and I see, where radio waves and light rays exist, so could it be that somewhere in this invisible realm; in this supernatural world that exists, there is an evil power called Satan, warring against good. The truth is, there is a literal devil. The Bible tells us that Satan is "going to and fro on the earth... walking back and forth on it" (Job 2:2). He is as real as you, and just because you haven't seen him doesn't mean he is not there. The Bible warns, "Satan walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). So be careful not to only believe in the things that you can see!

The Great Controversy Bible Study!

1. Where did sin and evil begin?

1 John 3:8 says, “the devil has sinned from the beginning.” Sin started in heaven when Lucifer, also known as the devil or Satan, chose to sin against God’s law. Since Satan sinned from the beginning, he is the author of all the sin, pain, and evil in the world today.

2. Where did Satan come from?

Ezekiel 28:14 says, “You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.” Satan, who was originally named Lucifer, was created as a perfect angel, but the Bible says that he turned from His Creator and chose the path of iniquity, or sin.

3. What led the devil to sin?

Ezekiel 28:14 says God appointed Lucifer as the “anointed cherub” or head of the angels, while verse 17 says, “your heart was lifted up because of your beauty.” Pride began to swell up in Lucifer’s heart and he began to think he deserved more.

4. What happened as a result of Satan’s sin?

Rebellion was the result. Isaiah 14:13 tells us that Satan intended to overthrow God’s government, saying in his heart, “I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.” As a result, Revelation 12:7 tells us that “war broke out in heaven.”

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