"Is the Bible True?" Questions for God Part 3

People's Most Common Questions About God ...

- 1. How Can I know God is real?
- 2. Is the Bible true?
- 3. Don't all roads lead to heaven?
- 4. How can a good God allow suffering?
- 5. Which is right: evolution or creation?
- 6. What happens when I die?



"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"

1 Peter 3: 15

"Every word of God is <u>flawless</u>; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar."

Proverbs 30:5-6

"flawless" = "having no defects or faults, especially none that diminish the value of something."

Websters Dictionary

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training for righteousness"

2 Timothy 3:16

- > Are Translations of the Bible Accurate?
- Does History and Science support the accuracy of the Bible?
- > Is the Bible reliable?
- > I'll demonstrate: How mathematics confirms the accuracy of the Bible

The Bible is a unique piece of literature because

- Of the <u>credibility</u> of the <u>authors</u>
- And the <u>authority of God</u>, who <u>inspired</u> their writing

- The Bible is unique in its Composition
- The Bible is unique in its <u>Translation</u>
- The Bible is unique in its <u>Durability</u>
- The Bible is unique in its <u>Circulation</u>
- The Bible is unique in its effect on People



The Bible is astonishingly **Accurate!**

<u>Author</u> <u>W</u>	<u>/hen Written</u>	Earliest Copy	<u>Time Span</u>	# of Copies
Caesar	100-44 BC	AD 900	1,000 years	10
Plato	427–347 BC	AD 900	1,200 years	7
Herodotus	384-322 BC	AD 900	1,300 years	8
Aristotle	450–385 BC	AD 900	1,400 years	49
Homer (Ilia	d) 900 BC	400 BC	500 years	643
New Testam	<u>ent</u> AD 40–100	AD 125	25 years	24,000

The English Bible is translated <u>directly</u> from the <u>original languages</u>

Humans Thought

the Bible claims

We Now Know

Earth is a flat disk.

Number of stars = 1,100.

All stars are the same.

Light is fixed in place.

Air is weightless.

Winds blow straight.

Earth is a sphere.

Number of stars =

more than a billion.

Every star is different.

Light is in motion.

Air has weight.

Winds blow in cyclones.

Sick people must be Bloo bled. Life

Blood is a source of Life and healing.

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• The conservation of mass and energy

"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him. Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account."

Ecclesiastes 1.9; 3.14-15

The hydraulic cycle of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,"

Isaiah 55.10

"He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams; the clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall on mankind. Who can understand how he spreads out the clouds, how he thunders from his pavilion?" Job 36.27-29

• Scholars believe this to be a description of Gravity

"All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.

Ecclesiastes 1:7

Psychologists & Neurologists now confirm
 these effects of <u>emotions</u> on physical health

- "A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones". Proverbs 15:30
- "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones". Proverbs16:24
 - "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones". Proverbs17:22

 Medical & Bio- medical experts agree: The spread of contagious disease happens by close contact –

THOUSANDS of years ago the Bible 'declared':

"The person with such an infectious disease must wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of his face and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!' ⁴⁶ As long as he has the infection he remains unclean."

Leviticus 13.45-46

- 3400 Years AGO -
 - The Scriptures proclaimed The importance of sanitation to health

"Designate a place outside the camp where you can go to relieve yourself. As part of your equipment have something to dig with, and when you relieve yourself, dig a hole and cover up your excrement."

Deuteronomy 23.12-13

"Through the wealth of data uncovered by historical and archaeological research, we are able to measure the Bible's historical accuracy. In every case where its claim can be tested, the Bible proves to be accurate and reliable."

Scholar Jack Cottrell



Archaeologist Nelson Glueck;
"It may be categorically stated that no archaeological discovery has ever contradicted a biblical reference."

The most compelling "evidence for the truth of the Bible is a record of <u>fulfilled prophecies</u>.

- > <u>In what city</u> He would be born
- To what family He would be born
- > Details regarding the manner of His birth
- > How He would live.
- > How He would die
- And how He would <u>rise again</u>.



"...we find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled <u>eight</u> prophecies is 1 in 10^{17} ."

1 in 100,000,000,000,000

Jesus Fulfilled 332 prophecies!!



The Bible will

- help you <u>understand</u> the <u>world</u>
- > It will speak to you about who you REALLY are,
- > who God desires you to BE,
- > The Bible will give you the guidelines to
 - Live a Thriving Life....