

# Are the Bible and God Real?

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Is the Bible just a good book, full of wisdom for past generations, or is the Bible the Word of God, timeless and relevant for us today? Let's examine the evidence.

- ❑ The Bible is a **Literary** masterpiece. It consists of 66 books, written over 1500 years, by 40 different authors, on 3 different continents, in 3 different languages and yet it has perfect harmony and no discrepancies. Its subject is God and His relationship with His creation, mankind. Billions have been distributed in almost every known language; it is now available online to everyone in their language.
- ❑ The Bible has incredible **Linguistic** accuracy. There are over 20,000 original manuscripts, written within 300 years of Christ, to confirm the New Testament, plus the Dead Sea Scrolls (to confirm the Old Testament), which show the Bible has not changed at all over time. Not even one word.
- ❑ The Bible is **Historically** accurate. All people, places and events mentioned actually existed and can be confirmed by independent historical sources. If anything, the Bible is a history book.
- ❑ The Bible is **Archaeologically** accurate. All civilizations, cities and towns existed just as the Bible said and where it said they would be located. The Bible is frequently used by archaeologists to know where to dig.
- ❑ The Bible has incredible **Scientific** accuracy. The Bible was way ahead of its time and documented scientific principles (i.e. the earth is round and orbits around the sun) and practices (public health measures, like how to treat mold infested buildings and how to quarantine those with infectious diseases) thousands of years before they were commonly accepted or applied. It even describes dinosaurs living among us around 2000 BC, long before anyone knew what they were.
- ❑ The Bible is **Supernatural**. It has persisted despite many attempts to destroy it by dictators, despots and governments so that there are more Bibles today than ever. God will not allow it to be suppressed.
- ❑ The Bible is **Unique**. The Bible's influence on literature, the arts, cultures and civilization over the last 2000 years is without equal. Our entire calendar is based upon before Christ (BC) and after the death of Christ (AD). Many of the great minds of the last 2000 years have been Bible-believing Christians, including most of our founding fathers and Presidents.
- ❑ The Bible is based on **Eyewitness** accounts. It was written by those who were actually there or who could speak to those who had witnessed the events. Many New Testament writers suffered or were martyred for their testimony. The Bible says it was written by people, **inspired by God** (2 Timothy 3:16) to write what they did, using their personality and style.
- ❑ A large portion of the Bible is **Prophecy**. The Bible is the only sacred book that dares to predict events that will take place in great detail, well before they happen, and these events have all occurred just as predicted; the only ones to not occur are those that

have not happened yet (i.e., End Times events). For example, there are 300 prophecies in the Old Testament about the coming of the Messiah (Anointed King and Savior) and Jesus fulfilled every one of them exactly. The odds of Him fulfilling even 10 of those are more than the number of atoms in the universe! It is not possible by chance. In Isaiah 44, the prophet named King Cyrus of Persia as the one who would send the Jewish people back from captivity in Babylon, to rebuild the temple of God and Jerusalem. This was a hundred years before Cyrus was even born and went on to lead the Medes and Persians to defeat the Babylonian empire. How did he know that? In Daniel 9:25-26, the prophet predicted from the day the decree was issued by Cyrus for the people to return, and the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem, to be the exact day Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, Palm Sunday; this was 700 years before it happened and the odds make this also impossible by chance. In Isaiah 52 and 53, the prophet said that the Messiah would not be a conquering king, but a Suffering Servant and detailed how He would be betrayed and die for our sins, 700 years before Rome invented execution on a cross. Jesus fulfilled all of these details exactly.

- The Bible has **Secret Codes**. These are words and phrases in the Torah (first 5 books of the Old Testament) and other OT books that can be found by looking for every nth letter in specific verses, as is done in top secret codes. Events can be found in explicit detail from history and current events. Pentagon code breakers admit these had to be purposely put there by the authors but can't explain how the authors would know these details thousands of years before they happened. These were only possible to be discovered with the coming of high-speed computers. This evidence was for our generation only, although rabbis knew these existed and conducted painstaking searches for them for over 2000 years.
- The Bible **Changes Lives**. It is a supernatural book. Hebrews 4:12 says it is living and active, penetrating our soul and spirit. Those who read the Bible seriously are changed forever, sometimes in dramatic ways, and become new and better people. Addictions are broken, marriages healed, chains of the past fall off when people read this book. The Psalm 107:20 says that God sent His Word to heal us: physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Psalm 119:105 says it is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, providing instructions on how to live at peace in this world and how to have a relationship with God.

## What does the Bible say about God?

Now that we have established that the Bible is God's Word, let's see what it says about God.

God is a **supernatural being** that existed before time and space. Nothing made God and God did not evolve or come from something else. God has always been and always will be. Even after everything ends, there will always be God. He made dimensions, time, the universe, matter, and energy. We call God El Olam, the **Eternal God**.

God exists in three Persons. We call this the **Trinity**. Even though that term is not found in the Bible, it describes God very well: three distinct Persons that are One in essence. They exist and work together in perfect harmony and love. It is very hard for us to comprehend this with our limited minds and bodies. However, that is what God tell us.

There is God the **Father**, Who planned out creation and rules from His throne in **Heaven**. He is consistently referred to as He, although He is a spiritual being without a physical body. He loves us and is the perfect Father. This is a hard concept for some due to having bad earthly fathers or no father at all. God is our Father and loves us like His beloved children, sacrificing everything for us and working things out for our good.

There is God the **Son**, Who according to Colossians 1:15-20 physically created everything we see and can't see and holds everything together, including matter and energy. He came to this earth as a human man, **Jesus Christ**, to show us what God is like and to die on a cross to save us from our sins, the things we do and think that disobey God and His laws. He rose from the dead and is alive. You can't kill God; He created life and death. Jesus is the full expression of God and His love for us. His followers are called **Christians**.

There is God the **Holy Spirit**, Who supervised the creation work. He is not bound by physical limitations so that He can live in billions of people simultaneously and is at work all over this world drawing people to Jesus. For followers of Jesus, He is our Teacher, Counselor, Comforter and Helper. He empowers and equips us to live the Christian life. We are totally dependent on His work to experience supernatural peace in this life.

God created millions of ministering spirits called **angels**. He assigns them work to do and sends them to help us in this life. One of the chief angels became prideful and thought he should be God. His name is **Lucifer or Satan**. He led a rebellion in Heaven with a third of the angels. They were defeated and cast out, coming to the earth in an attempt to ruin God's creation and destroy the lives of His children. We call these rebellious angels **demons**. Satan's plan is to get enough people on his side so that he can win the final battle against God, at a valley in Israel called Armageddon. The Bible says he will be defeated by Jesus and cast into a lake of fire along with all of his followers.

You should put aside your concepts of God, formed by misinformation and the media, and relate to Him as He is described in the Bible. We want to create God in our image so that we can manipulate Him and get what we want when we want it. He is not a magic genie. **There is a God Who is and a God we want. They are not the same.** Seek the God Who is.

**John 3:16** says, For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. God loves you! The God Who created the universe and 200 billion galaxies, the Milky Way with 200 billion stars, our world with the mountains and oceans, plants and animals, humans, and bacteria. That God loves you! And He created you in His image. We are like God because we have a **soul** that exists separate from our body and will depart from us when we die. And He has a purpose and plan for your life.

God did not create religion. God created **relationship** and gave us the family unit to better understand this relationship. Man created religions in an attempt to reach God on our own or become our own gods. The Bible describes how God wants to have a personal relationship with us through Jesus Christ. Churches that follow the Bible and create a community to have a closer relationship with God are great. Other religions and religious institutions that incorporate man made rules and distract us from our relationship with our God are not good.

Jesus said in John 3:3 that unless you are born again, you can't see the Kingdom of God. He also said in John 14:6 "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; No one comes to the Father except through Me". **Not all paths lead to Heaven.** Being born again and following Jesus as Savior and Lord is the only Way.

## What about Evolution?

According to the Bible, **God created** everything just the way it is. So, evolution did not happen. How can we reconcile that with current science?

Evolution is a **theory**. When Darwin proposed it, 150 years ago, it was a theory then and still is today. However, for almost 100 years it has been presented as fact in our schools and scientific literature. This comes from a worldview that excludes God, so it is inherently **biased**. When you objectively examine the lack of science behind evolution, it is clear that it is a bad theory with no basis in observable facts.

Darwin himself stated that the lack of **fossil** evidence would be the undoing of his theory. To this day, out of millions upon millions of fossils discovered and cataloged, there has never been one transitional form found. This is called the missing link. This would be evidence that one species evolved into another, which is the cornerstone of evolution. Not one. All of the supposed pre-ancestors of humans, that we see drawn in books as **part ape and part man**, have all been proven to either be a hoax or a human with a vitamin deficiency. They are the imagination of artists without supporting facts. Some were drawn based upon a tooth found somewhere! There is **no evidence** we are descended from apes or primordial slime. Just because we have some genes in common does not mean we evolved from them.

In order for evolution to be true, life would have had to come from **non-life**, from non-living materials, spontaneously. Amino acids (and proteins) had to spontaneously generate from elements in the primordial slime. Of all the many experiments that have been done to try to reproduce this, none have worked. Ever. There is **no science** behind this belief. Good science requires reproducibility; bad science does not.

Even if the proteins did miraculously appear, they would have to be formed into cells. There are parts of the cell, like the flagella, that are called **irreducibly complex**. All of the parts had to be there at the exact same time or it would not work. They can't have evolved because all of the transitional forms would have failed and not result in a benefit, so the cell would have died

or not reproduced. For evolution to happen, there has to be a competitive advantage to the **mutation** or change in DNA. Mutations are happening all of the time to our DNA and none of them are good. That is why we have a system for repair called methylation to eliminate them. To believe that mutations can be beneficial in some way is to deny observable science.

There exist in nature many examples of creatures that could not have evolved. For example, the **woodpecker**. Each time it pecks at a tree, it generates enough force to blow open its head and destroy its brain. The only thing preventing that is a shock absorber behind the beak, in front of its brain. How did that evolve? If it was not completely there from the beginning, but was slowly evolving due to random mutations, the woodpecker would die and not reproduce to make more woodpeckers with the shock absorber. Its feet are designed perfectly to hold it in position while it pecks and generates mind blowing forces. Why would their feet evolve like that if the shock absorber was not there already? The woodpecker could not have evolved and was designed just the way it is by God.

The **Bombardier Beetle** is another example. If a predator approaches this tiny insect, it turns around and launches an explosion from its rear to scare it away. This is only possible because it stores highly explosive and flammable chemicals in two different organs that are mixed together at just the right moment to cause an explosion. It could not have evolved because unless everything is perfect, the beetle would blow up. It would have never survived to reproduce and make other beetles if there were only dead transitional forms.

What about the **Giraffe**? For it to exist, it needs a huge heart to pump blood up that long neck. Its heart is 2 feet long. It also needs a way to prevent its brain from exploding from the intense pressures generated when it bends its head down. It has a complex system of valves in its neck to prevent that. However, when it raises its head up suddenly, it needs a way to generate blood pressure quickly to its brain or it will pass out and the lion will eat it. It has a system of arteries at the base of the brain to hold blood and release it at just the right time while the neck valves adjust. All of this had to exist at the exact same time, or the Giraffe would die and not propagate its mutations as a competitive advantage. It could not have evolved.

The **Earth** is a special place in the universe. For life to exist on the earth, there must be over 100 variables fine-tuned within a fraction of a percent. This has been calculated as 1 chance in 10 to the 282 power. This is impossible by chance. There could also be no other planet in the universe that would have this same combination of finely tuned variables and support life. God made the Earth the **only** place where His creation could flourish. That also means that aliens don't exist.

**C. S. Lewis** was arguably one of the most brilliant minds and writers of the last 100 years. He was a devout atheist, but he made a thorough investigation into the Bible and Christianity and concluded that it was logical to believe it and follow Jesus. He became a great Christian writer and speaker. He wrote Chronicles of Narnia. Part of his argument for God and against evolution was presented in a book called Mere Christianity. He called it watches, minds and morals.

If you were walking through the woods and saw a beautiful **watch** lying under a tree, what would you conclude? That the parts came together slowly over millions of years from dirt and leaves to form this watch? Or would you conclude that someone made it and it was dropped there? You would conclude that there had to be a watchmaker. He designed and made each part exactly the way he wanted and fit them together to make this beautiful watch that works perfectly. If that is true for a watch, why would we think that something infinitely more complex, like the brain or DNA, was not designed and created? God is the **intelligent designer** and made everything perfectly, just the way it is. Psalm 139:13-16 says that God formed you in your mother's womb and that you are fearfully and wonderfully made. Your soul knows it very well. God looked on your unformed substance when He made you in secret and all your days were written in His book before you were ever made.

How does the human **mind** work? We know the structure of the brain and a lot about the physiology, but how do we think? How do we have feelings and emotions? What makes our personality and behavior? No one knows. The Bible says we are made in the image of God and have a **soul**. All of those things are part of what makes you, you. They did not evolve over time. There is no reason they would.

Every society on our planet has the same concept of **morals**. How did that happen? Despite living in an age of postmodern relativism, every society defines right and wrong the same way. Murder is wrong. Stealing is wrong. Love is good. Giving of yourself to help others is good. How did morals evolve? Or did God program us with those concepts, to know what is right and what is wrong? It makes sense that He did.

My conclusion is that evolution is a **bad theory** designed by those with a godless worldview to keep us from our relationship with our Creator. It never happened and never will happen. Look at the science for yourself. Be objective. Does it make more sense to believe a bad theory or to agree with the observable evidence that God exists and created all of it?

So where does this leave you? I hope I have challenged some of your beliefs and assumptions. Perhaps you will consider reading the Bible for yourself and discovering Who God is and what He wants to do with your life. There is a handout on the website called **Daily Quiet Time Outline**, which would be a good place to start. Spend time with your Creator and experience the peace that surpasses all understanding.