

# Why You Should Believe The Bible #1

The Bible is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21). However, any book can claim divine inspiration. Does the Bible bear the markings of divine inspiration, or does it show itself to be just another product of the mind of man? The next two articles will examine the reasons why you should believe the Bible.

First, it is unified. What if we chose 40 random people and asked them to write about their concept of God? What if we asked them to write about subjects such as family values, roles within society, premarital sex, crime and punishment, death and suffering, etc.? Would the essays have identical content or would they differ from one another? The Bible is a collection of 66 books, written in three different languages, by 40 writers from different backgrounds, on three different continents, over a period of 1,600 years. Given the above scenario, one would expect the Bible to be a tangled mess of contradictions, but instead the Bible is a harmonious book.

Second, it is historically and geographically accurate. The works of men often include mistakes which require corrections and updates. The accounts in the Bible, when checked against secular history and archaeology, are proven to be accurate. Works like the Book of Mormon contain people and places which can not be checked and verified.

These facts back up the Bible's claim of inspiration. Knowing that the Bible contains the inspired will of God, should we not be more determined to read, understand, and obey what it tells us to do?

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