

1. IS THERE A STANDARD OF TRUTH TO KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT AND WRONG?

Proverbs 21:2; 3:5, 6

The Bible says: Every way of a man is right in _____ eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts. (Proverbs 21:2) Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall _____ your paths. (Prov. 3:5, 6)



Note: Some say, “What is right for you is not right for me.” While that may be true when choosing what food is the best tasting, it is not true when it comes to moral standards. There must be a standard of right and wrong for us to co-exist. But whose standard do we use? As we are aware, we cannot always trust government. Many broken hearts will testify that we cannot always trust our heart. We all make bad decisions at times. So, who do we trust? Fortunately, the One who made us has given us a trustworthy standard in His word.

2. IF MEN WROTE THE BIBLE, CAN WE REALLY TRUST IT?

2 Peter 1:21

The Bible says: For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but _____ men of God spake as they were _____ by the Holy Ghost. (2 Peter 1:21)

Note: First, we trust lots of books written by men! We don’t look at a phone book or a mathematics book and say, “I can’t trust this because it was written by men.” We should give the Bible the same courtesy. Second, the Bible does not claim to be written by men, but by God. To illustrate, if a paralyzed man dictated a book to a lady, the lady who wrote the book would not be the author. The author is the one whose mind the thoughts come from. Similarly, the words of the Bible claim to be from God. While God told, showed, and inspired men with words to write, the words came from the mind of God.

3. BUT CAN WE REALLY TRUST THE ENTIRE BIBLE? DOESN'T IT CONTAIN ERRORS?

2 Timothy 3:16; John 10:35

The Bible says: _____ scripture is given by inspiration of _____, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16) The scripture cannot be _____. (John 10:35)

Note: The Bible itself claims that not part, but all of scripture is given by God and “in Him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). It gives no room for partial acceptance. Either it is inspired by God or it is not. Those who claim that the Bible is only partially inspired remove the authority from the Bible. As a result, they only accept what they want to believe, leaving the word of God powerless in their lives (See Jas. 1:6; Heb. 4:2). On the other hand, those who accept it by faith will find correction, instruction, and guidance for life in its pages.

4. HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN CONTRADICTIONS IN THE BIBLE?

1 Corinthians 2:14; John 16:13

The Bible says: But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God...because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Cor. 2:14) The Spirit...will guide you into all _____. (John 16:13)



Note: Some say there is a contradiction in the beginning of the Bible when God tells Eve she will die if she eats the fruit and she does not appear to die. Of course, those who understand the Bible know that Eve did die that day. The Bible speaks of spiritual death (See 1 Tim. 3:6). Also, when sin entered, the death process began instantly, but an animal died in her place, as a symbol of Christ taking the death of the sinner (See Gen. 3:21). The point is, when God gives us an understanding of the Bible, all the contradictions become clear.

5. HASN'T THE BIBLE BEEN ALTERED OVER THE YEARS?

Nehemiah 9:6; Proverbs 22:12

The Bible says: You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens...and You _____ them all. (Nehemiah 9:6) The eyes of the Lord _____ knowledge. (Proverbs 22:12)



Note: Those who feel the Bible has been altered over the years and cannot be trusted have a very shallow opinion of God. While God has permitted error to creep into the church and some have tried to change the Bible, God has always preserved His book. The Dead Sea Scrolls are proof of this. When these ancient scrolls were discovered, they were compared with the modern text and no changes significant enough to alter the meaning were found, proving that the Bible has endured the test of time.

6. ARE BIBLE PRINCIPLES REALLY RELEVANT TO OUR MODERN SOCIETY?

Psalms 119:160; Exodus 20:13-16

The Bible says: The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures _____. (Psalm 119:160) I am the Lord, I do not change. (Mal. 3:6)

Note: God is not like some people or politicians who are constantly changing their standards. The God who created us has given us a standard of moral principles to live by (See Ex. 20:1-17). While most agree that we should not kill or steal, some reject principles they do not understand, or disagree with, but the Bible warns us against this (See Prov. 14:12). Like a good parent, God knows what is best for us and He is trying to protect us and give us the best life possible (See John 15:11). While sin may bring seasons of pleasure, it ends in pain (See Heb. 11:25; Prov. 13:15). The principles of the Bible are timeless and if everyone would follow them, the world will be a much better place.

7. DOESN'T SCIENCE CONTRADICT THE BIBLE?

1 Timothy 6:20

The Bible says: Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is _____ called _____. (1 Tim. 6:20)

Note: True science and the Bible actually go hand in hand, but science is not always trustworthy. For years people believed that the world was flat, while the Bible spoke of the circle of the earth (See Isa. 40:22). For years men also thought wind was weightless, while the Bible spoke of the weight of the wind (See Prov. 28:25). So, should we put our faith in science, which is always changing and is often wrong, scientists who often contradict each other, or in the Bible, which has remained consistent throughout history (See Mal. 3:6)?

8. WHAT PROOF DO WE HAVE THAT THE BIBLE IS GIVEN BY GOD?

Isaiah 46:9, 10; 42:9; John 13:19

The Bible says: I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the _____ from the beginning. (Isa. 46:9, 10) Before they spring forth I tell you of them. (Isa. 42:9) I tell you _____ it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may _____. (John 13:19)



Note: The Bible has foretold the rise and fall of four of the leading world empires of history; Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome (See Daniel 2 and 7), the rise of historical leaders and events, including the birth and death of Jesus, different events in church history, and much more. These prophecies are so clear that people around the world have come to a common agreement on their interpretations. God has given these prophecies to us so that when they occur, we may recognize them as evidence that this book is given by God.

9. WHAT IS THE MOST ACCURATE WAY FOR PEOPLE TO STUDY THE BIBLE?

Isaiah 28:10; Ecclesiastes 4:12

The Bible says: For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, _____ a little, _____ a little. (Isa. 28:10) A _____ cord is not quickly broken. (Eccl. 4:12)



Note: Many people twist the Bible by taking one verse and misinterpreting it, making it say something it does not. Some think we can just interpret the Bible however we want to, as if it can mean different things to different people, but the Bible is not of "private interpretation" (2 Pet. 1:20). To get an accurate understanding of the Bible, we must compare one verse with another, "here a little, there a little." It's easy to take one Bible verse and make it say almost anything we want it to, but when we find three verses saying the same thing, then it's much harder to misrepresent them.

10. HOW IS THE BIBLE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER BOOKS?

Hebrews 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13

The Bible says: The word of God is living and _____. (Heb. 4:12) If anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____. (2 Cor. 5:17) The word of God, which also effectively works _____. (1 Thes. 2:13)

Note: Perhaps the most amazing evidence of the Bible's inspiration is its power to change lives. The word of God is a living book, providing power for us to become transformed into new people. Through His word, not only has God miraculously made alcoholics sober, addicts clean, and changed sexual orientation, but countless people all across the globe continue to have a living experience with God through His word every day. While other books may at times inspire, God supplies His power to those who read the Bible and strive to live according to the word.

THE WORD OF GOD

