

# Faith's Foundation Series Why I Believe the Bible to Be the Word of God.

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"The Bible makes some very distinctive truth claims. It claims, for instance, that God exists. It also claims that He has chosen to communicate with us through His creation, our moral conscience, and via the Bible. Jesus claimed to be God in the flesh and that the only way for human beings to be saved is through Him (John 14:6). Moreover, the death and resurrection of Jesus are also key to Christian theology.

These claims the Bible makes either correspond to reality or they do not. Christians believe that they do correspond to reality, meaning that the Bible is true. God really exists, Jesus is not a myth, and the resurrection really happened." Robert Velarde, Focus on the Family



# THE BIBLE

The Bible is an extraordinary book. In 2012 alone, the United Bible Societies distributed more than 400 million Bibles, Testaments, and smaller Scripture portions. The Bible is by far the most circulated book in all of history with billions in circulation. It has now been translated into 2,650 languages, making it available in a familiar language to well over 90 percent of the world's population.

What is your earliest memory of seeing a Bible?

What is the Bible designed to do for us?

### Designed to:

- Help us think correctly...
- Help us to seek and go after God.
- Keep us on the right track
- Bring us to salvation
- Have fellowship with God
- Prepare for the future and the afterlife.

If the Bible is designed to help us think correctly, what would cause us to not think correctly...amusement (musement = to think)... "a" negates it.

Today we are "amused" to sleep. Entertainment is thinking for us. When we read or watch to be entertained...we are doing it to keep us from thinking right (Someone else is telling us how to think).

God's Word helps us to think correctly...to seek after God...and to bring us to salvation, serving Him in fellowship...preparing for our future.

## How Do We Know the Bible is True?

### Books and Writings We Might Read

• Why Won't They Listen?

Ken Ham

• Think Biblically

John MacArthur

• How Do We Know the Bible is True?

**Brian Edwards** 

- A Pocket Guide to the Bible
  - √ Is the Bible Enough?
  - ✓ Bible Contradictions
  - √ The Truth of Scripture
  - √ Other Religious Writings
  - ✓ Creation...Where is the Proof?
  - ✓ What is Biblical Worldview?
- A Peculiar Glory...How the Christian Scriptures Reveal Their Complete Truthfulness.

John Piper

• The Bible Has the Answer!

**Henry Morris and Martin Clark** 

Remember...Although these are great readings that will give us truths and the writers might have been inspired, they are not the same as God inspired writings whereby the Scriptures were "God Breathed."

The <u>historical accuracy</u> of the Scriptures is in a class by itself, far superior to the written records of <u>Egypt</u>, <u>Assyria</u>, and other early nations. <u>Archeological</u> confirmations of the Biblical record have been almost innumerable in the last century. Dr. Nelson Glueck, probably the greatest modern authority on Israeli archeology, has said:

"No archeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries."

In this series, the reader will see the historical, scientific, and prophetic evidence that the Bible is the true Word of God and is "God Breathed."