

Why I know the bible is the word of God!(1 Sam 3:1)(7/16/17)

How many Bibles do we have?

I mean in our Homes? Ave 9 per house - \$1Dollar Store

\$425 million each year.

(1 Sam 3:1) *The Word was Precious* (Hard to come by)

We used to reverence the Bible. Swore Oaths upon them!

BPS Figures 6809 Languages, 405 bible, 1034 NT, 883 Part, 4500?

Why believe the bible is Special at all?

Seems silly to believe in God, but not the book that tells us about Him.

The bible is important to God! (Ps 138:2) – Above His Name!

Satan Hates It: (Matt 16:23) *That alone ought to be convincing enough*

No other has been Burned, Chained, & Denied to people than this.

Jesus Said it was TRUTH! (John 17:17) That ought to be enough.

If I can trust Him to save me, I ought to be able to trust His advice on where to find Truth!

(John 5:39) *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

The Bible Claims to be the Word of God (2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:21)

Verbal Inspiration: – *The Vary Words* – (Ex 24:4, Duet 6:6; 12:28)

He doesn't need help in making them easier to understand (Jer 26:2)

Illus: Mark Twain It's not what I don't understand that bothers me, but what I do Understand that does!

Plenary Inspiration: *It's all inspired equally-* (2 Tim 3:16)

Inerrant Inspiration: Recorded without error (2 Tim 3:16) “*Moved*”

Infallible: Means without error in its teachings. (2 Pet 1:21)

Pure Words - (Prov 30:5)

Round Earth (Is 40:22)

Life of the Flesh is in the blood (Lev 17:11)

The Water Cycle (Ecc 1:7; Job 36:27-28)

Dinosaurs (Job 40:15)

Preserved: (Ps 12: 6-7) Preserved By God Himself

(Ps 119:89) Unchanging book (Ps 119:152, 160)

(1 Pet 1:23) *Abideth forever*

(Matt 5:18) *One Jot or Tiddle*

I Believe The Bible Because It Is Historically Reliable

Archaeology has proven the bible to be accurate.

The Tower of Babel.

The Walls of Jericho falling outward.

The 5 Cities of the plain destroyed by fire.

I Believe The Bible Because It is Scientifically Realistic

Many Principles of Modern Science were recorded as Facts of Nature in the Bible long before any scientist every confirmed them experimentally

(Isaiah 40:22) Round Earth 2000 years prior to Columbus

(Job 40:15-24; Job 41) Behemoth/Dinosaurs

Icea Stones in Nasca Peru have carvings of Dinosaurs

(Lev 17:11) Life of the Flesh is in the blood

(Ecc 1:7; Job 36:27-28) The Water Cycle

(Jer 33:22) Innumerable Number of Stars = 10^{26} power

As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

(1 Cor 15:41) All the stars are different

I Believe The Bible Because It Is Personally Relevant

The Bible answers the three key questions of life itself.

The first two chapters of the Bible begin by answering the first key question - *Who am I and how did I get here?*

The third chapter of the Bible answers the second key question - *What is wrong with this world and why is there evil & suffering?*

The rest of the Bible answers the third question - *What is the solution?*
How can this world be made right again & how can I be right with God?

We must revere it as the Word of God: (1 Thes 2:13)

Illus: If we line up our thinking with the Word of God, our thinking will be right thinking!

Or to be in Agreement with God!

It is a question of Authority: *What separates us from all other churches?*

The Bible is the Foundational Truth which our Faith is Based on.

(Amos 7:7-8) It's our Plumb line, our absolute standard.

(Is 8:20) Everything is to be compared to it!

We must Receive it from God Daily! (Is 58:2, Deut 17:19)

all the Days of his life!

It's described as a ...

(Gal 3:24) It's our Schoolmaster! To bring us to Christ. Is it Precious?

(James 1:23-25) Mirror - A Revealing Book! Is it Precious to Us?

(1 Pet 1:23) A Seed - A Life giving book! Is It Precious to Us?

(Ps 119:105, 130; Prov 6:23) A Lamp/Light! An Illuminating Book

It Exposes Our Works! Jn 3:19-21

(Jer 23:29) A Hammer - A Destructive Book Is it Precious to Us?

(Pro 3:18; Josh 1:8) A Tree -A Prospering Book! Is It Precious?

(Jn 15:3) Water - A Cleansing Book

(Job 23:12 1 Pet 2:2) Food - A Nourishing Book - Is it Precious?

(Heb 4:12) A Sword! - A Convicting Book!

QUICK = Alive - Applicable to every age - Child to adult

Applicable for every Era - never goes out of Touch (Mal 3:6)

It makes us alive from the dead (1 Pet 1:23; Rom 10:17; Ps 119: 25)

(Jn 12:48) It Judges us!

(Rom 14:11-12) Give an Account. (Rom 2:2 John 17:17)

(Heb 4:12) Powerful

(Heb 11:3) The Worlds were framed by it! **Is It Precious to Us!**

(Ps 119:9) It Cleanses our way

(Ps 119:11) It Keeps me from Sin

(Ps 119:116) It Up Holds Me

(Ps 119: 133) It Orders Our Steps

(Ps 119: 162) It rejoices me! (Jer 15:16)

(Ps 119:165) It keeps me from getting offended.

(Ps 119:169) It Gives Me Understanding - Is IT Precious to Us?

(Jn 17:17) It Sanctifies Us

(2 Tim 2:8-9) Can't Be Bound *You can't lock it up!*

(Acts 19:20) Prevails over worldly thinking! Is It Precious to Us?

(Eph 6:17, Rev 1:16) Sharp Two Edged Sword! (Heb 4:12).

(1 Cor 14:23-25) The secrets of the heart are revealed by the Word!

It causes us to overcome Satan! (1 Jn 2:14)

IS IT PRECIOUS TO US?

If God bothered to write it down-Don't you think we should think its important enough to read?

What if we were included in 4500 languages that don't have scripture?

What if it was taken away from us? **Would it be precious to us then?**

How many bibles do we have? - Where are they?

In trunk, under the bed, who knows?

IS THE WORD OF GOD PRECIOUS TO US?

God gave us His Word!

Essential for Salvation: (1 Pet 1:23) *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God*

Essential for Faith: (Rom 10:17)

Essential in Experiencing God:

Reveals Himself: (Matt 11:27; Jn 14:9)

Reveals His Will: (2 Pet 3:9; Rom 8:29)

Reveals His Plan: (Matt 28:19-20)

Essential in keeping us from sin: (Ps 119:9,11; Jn 15:3)

Essential in directing our lives: (Ps 119:105)

Shows where we are, and where to go!

Moses - Champion of God's Word

Moses was not the 1st to write about God or be inspired by God.

Enoch wrote a book, but Job wrote the 1st book considered to scripture.

Moses wrote the 1st 5 books of the Bible, called the Law.

Moses Received it directly from God: It is then, God's Word!

Moses lived it and applied it every day:

(Ex 18:13) *I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.*

(2 Tim 2:15) *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

We deny the Word of God when we live contrary to it: (Matt 15:6)

Moses wrote it exactly as God spoke it: Word for Word

It's Not to be Changed:

(Deut 4:2) *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.* (Rev 22:18-19)

Illus: We all tend to take The Path of Least Resistance.

We would rather see the Movie than read the book.

Explain Cliff Notes. - To fake your way through the class.

Illus: Its Sacred Language, its not natural for you to speak like this!

Ask yourself, how do you put the mind of the Infinite God into words and it not take some effort on our part to understand it?

Any God that could fit in our 3lb brain, it No God At All!

What's the Point?

Illus: You don't need an easier to read copy; you just need to read it!

Illus: When you went to College, did you ask the Chemistry/Physics teacher for an easier to understand copy?

Did you encounter words you hadn't heard or used before?

Were you aloud to pick out different textbooks that your were more comfortable with the sentence structure?

At Basic Training, Basic Military Training Core Competencies Manual?

Did you have to learn the definition of new words?

Did it read like a comic book? - Did you have to work at it?

Did you ask your drill instructor for one that was easier to understand?

If the US Military is not willing to DUMB DOWN the material so you don't have to apply yourself, WHY Does God have to Dumb it Down so you don't have to put forth little effort?

Ask yourself, If this is the mind of the Infinite God, put into words isn't it going to take some effort on our part to understand it?

Illus: Mark Twain said, "It's not the parts I don't understand that bothers me, but the parts I do!"

Illus: Is it Possible that God understands English better than we do. It is Possible He wrote it the way He wanted it!

Ask Yourself...

Why has bible publishing become a 425 million a year industry?

With 900 different versions of the Bible in English.

Zondervan Published 350 different English versions alone.

How is it that a supposedly Inerrant book would have 900 diff versions?

They don't "Just Say it Differently" They Teach different things.

Is that why there are so many versions of Christianity?

The Bible Teaches us that Satan creates Counterfeits to spread lies.

Counterfeit Christians, Churches, Salvation, doctrine.

Why is it so hard to believe he hasn't influenced modern bibles?

(1Tim 4:1) Seducing spirits, & doctrines of devils. (Rev 2:9; 3:9)

The New Versions leave out 1000's of words & 100's of whole Verses.

Consequently, they weaken & change many of the Core Doctrines.

Words have meanings, Change the Words & You Change the Meanings.

The New Versions Omits Words: Sodomite, Jehovah, Repent, Repentance, Damnation, Abomination:

Ask yourself:

Why did they replace the words that have no direct Synonym?

Makes the Rebellious Uncomfortable!

They do Not Want to BE Accountable to a Holy, Righteous God!

The New Versions leave out the Core Principles of the major doctrines and in turn rob us of the Abundant Christian Life!

Examples:

The New Versions Omits Words : Sodomy, Sodomite, Jehovah, Repent, Damnation, And others Why?

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Verses: 31,102

Words: 790,676

- *ESV* 757,439 - 33237 = 4%
- *NLT* 747,891 - 42785 = 5%
- *NIV* 726,109 - 64567 = 8%
- *HCSB* 718,943 - 71733 = 9%
- *NKJV* 770,430 - 20446 = 3%
- *NRSV* 895,891 + 105215 = 13% increase in words

Total Verses 31202

Whole verses out of the NIV, RSV, ESV, CEV, & NASV are Omitted:

Matt 17:21; 18:11; 23:14; Mark 7:16; 9:44,46; 11:26; 15:28;

LK 17:36; 23:17; Jn 5:4; Acts 8:37; 15:34; 24:7; 28:29;

Rom 16:24; 1 John 5:7 (ASK YOURSELF, WHY?)

The NKJV claims to make the "old" KJV "much clearer" by "*updating obsolete words*" (*New King James Version*, 1982e. p. 1235)

Another one of those "obsolete words" is "repent".

They take it out 44 times!

How does the NKJV make it "much clearer"?

Matthew 21:32 they use "relent".

Matthew 27:3 it's "remorseful"

Romans 11:29 they change "repentance" to "irrevocable".

The word "damned", "damnation" is NOT in the NKJV!

They make it "much clearer" by replacing it with "condemn" (ditto NIV, RSV, NRSV, NASV).

"Condemned" is NO WHERE NEAR AS SERIOUS as "damned"!

Damned is eternal! One can be "condemned" and not "damned".

(Rom 14:23 NKJV) "*But he who doubts is **condemned** if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.*"

(Rom 14:23 KJV) "*And he that doubteth is **damned** if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*"

Webster defines "condemned": to declare to be wrong, but the much more serious and eternal "damn": "to condemn to hell".

Abomination, Sodomy, Sodomite are also removed.

Matthew 20:20: The NKJV removes "*worshipped him*" (robbing worship from Jesus) (NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV)

Mark 13:6 & Luke 21:8: removes "*Christ*" (NIV, NASV, ESV, NRSV)

John 1:3: change "All things were made BY him;" to "All things were made THROUGH Him" (NIV, ESV, RSV, NRSV)

John 4:24: change "*God is a spirit*" to the impersonal, New Age pantheistic, "*God is spirit*" (NIV, ESV, NASV, NRSV, RSV)

John 14:2: (NKJV 1979 edition) change "*mansions*" to "*dwelling places*" (NIV, ESV, NASV, RSV, NRSV)

John 14:16: change "*comforter*" to "*helper*" (refers to Holy Spirit) (NASV, ESV,)

Acts 4:27, 30: change "*holy child*" to "*holy servant*" (refers to Jesus) (NIV, ESV, NASV, NRSV, RSV)

Acts 12:4: change "Easter" to "Passover" (NIV, ESV, NASV, RSV, NRSV)

Acts 17:22: changes "superstitious" to "religious" (NIV, ESV, NASV, NRSV, RSV)

Acts 24:14: change "heresy" to "sect" (NIV, ESV, NASV, NRSV, RSV)

1 Cor. 1:22: change "require" to "request" (NASV)

1 Cor. 6:9: removes "effeminate" (NIV, NRSV, RSV)

2 Cor. 2:10: change "person of Christ" to "presence of Christ" (NASV, NRSV, RSV)

Phil. 2:6: (NKJV 1979e.) change "thought it not robbery to be equal with God" to "did not consider equality with God something to be grasped". (robs Jesus Christ of deity) (NIV, NASV, RSV)

2 Pet. 2:1: change "damnable heresies" to "destructive heresies" (NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV)

1 John 5:13: The NKJV reads: "*These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may **CONTINUE TO** believe in the name of the Son of God.*"

They add "CONTINUE TO" without any Greek text whatsoever! Not even the perverted NIV, NASV, NRSV and RSV go that far! A cruel, subtil (see Genesis 3:1) attack on the believer's eternal security!

The NKJV removes the word "Lord" 66 times!

The NKJV removes the word "God" 51 times!

The NKJV removes the word "heaven" 50 times!

In just the New Testament alone the NKJV removes 2,289 words from the KJV!

The NKJV makes over 100,000 word changes!

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Moses Taught it to Others: Deut 1:15-16 2 Tim 2:2,

Taught his children: Deut 6:7-8; 11:19

Moses Committed it to Memory: De 6:6; 11:18; Ps 119:11,42-43

(1 Sam 3:1) The Word was Precious.

God's Word is important to Him! PS 138:2

Is God's Word Important to us?

IS IT PRECIOUS TO US?