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QUESTION BIBLE STUDY

Question No 4: Is the Bible Really God's Word?

DIFFERENT VIEWS

- A. The Bible is one of many sacred books. Others include the Book of Mormon, Key to Health and the Scriptures, the Qur'an, and the Hindu Vedas.
- B. The Bible is God's Word, comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. It is inerrant, inspired and infallible.
- C. The Bible is God's Word comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. However, it contains errors and inconsistencies.
- D. The Bible is God's Word comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament plus other Apocryphal books such as Tobit, 1 Maccabees and 2 Maccabees.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. State your view in detail: After carefully examining the above views, in light of Bible scriptures and other established facts, state which view you support, and why.
2. Opposing views: Explain in detail why you reject the other views.
3. Application: Explain in detail how your conclusions affect your life?
4. Send your responses to Mike Taylor at: taylorms@sbcglobal.net.
5. Check out responses of others at: www.taylornotes.info/one.

HOW TO TEST YOUR ANSWER

- Did I automatically jump to a previous view I held without carefully examining the related scriptures?
- Did I read my view into the scriptures (eisegesis) or was I careful to read out of scripture (exegesis)?
- Did I carefully examine the context of scripture verses?
- Does my view line up with the Bible's teaching as a whole?

- Did I interpret scripture using scripture?
- Did I depend completely on extra-biblical material without carefully examining related scriptures?
- Does my view agree with the consensus of other Christians? (See www.TaylorNotes.Info/one)

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After carefully examining the viewpoints proposed in Question Four of Mike Taylor's class, I have selected "**VIEW NO. 2: The Bible is God's Word, comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. It is inerrant, inspired and infallible.**" I believe this viewpoint follows the Holy Bible. In this paper in section: **I. DIFFERENT VIEWS PROPOSED**, I have listed the four viewpoints and explained in detail why I rejected three of the viewpoints and described why I do not believe they follow the Holy Bible. I identified the viewpoint, that I believe does follow the Holy Bible, in section **II. MY VIEWPOINT SUPPORTED**. In summary the last section: **III. TEST MY ANSWER** I responded to each question in order to test my viewpoint selected. In section: **IV. APPLICATION** describes how I have in the past and I pray I will in the future walk forward applying the application of this viewpoint in my life.

My research was done not by seeking other "human beings" answers. We would not be taking a true look at the question if we did. We would be looking at this from a human perspective. By looking at this question through The Word, left by God, for us, through the Holy Spirit, our approach will be fresh and hopefully - awakening. The book is called the Holy Bible or the Scriptures. I will approach the question proposed, void of human interpretation and seek my answer from the Bible as my reference.

I. DIFFERENT VIEWS

1. The Bible is one of many sacred books. Others include the Book of Mormon, Key to Health and the Scriptures, the Qur'an, and the Hindu Vedas.

As we have discovered in the first three questions, there are many faiths which do accept and believe there are additional sacred books. To begin, the Holy Bible tells us that, "You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it.

4 "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2

Biblically, labeling something as sacred could be saying it is holy, or set apart for God's use. Therefore, just about anything could be considered sacred with the right perspective, attitude, and intentions.

I would like to take a step to the side and address a separate issue which can easily be combined into this question. From my experience some people tend to make rash statements, when discussing a topic such as this question: Is the Bible Gods Word? This question is not saying that you can only read the Bible, there are many inspirational books available to us. Specifically, though, this question IS addressing the question if the Bible is "God's Word." It is not saying that you cannot read any other books. More specifically, I believe this first "viewpoint" is referring to other books which some do considered "sacred." Which is uniquely different. I felt it was

important to make this side note. From this point, I am specifically addressing the other books some consider “sacred.”

“Sometimes, cult groups will attempt to justify the existence of newly inspired books (i.e., Book of Mormon) by citing reference to other books mentioned in the Bible. They erringly conclude that because the Bible sometimes mentions another book, that the book is either a lost book of the Bible or it somehow justifies their claim to newly inspired writings.

Just because the Bible references another book does not mean that that book is inspired. The exception, of course, is when the Bible references other inspired books within itself. Nevertheless, these books are not lost books of the Bible. They were never considered inspired.”

Slick, Matt. "Other Books Mentioned in the Bible?" Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry. 2013, from, <https://carm.org/other-books-mentioned-in-the-bible>

This naturally leads us to ask about other books that claim to be inspired by God.

Two books “that people often ask about are the Quran and the book of Mormon. The Quran (or Koran) is the basis of Islam, the religion practiced by Muslims. The book of Mormon is one of several books considered as holy by Mormons, who refer to themselves as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Both the Quran and the book of Mormon claim to be inspired by God. Do we accept their self-claim?

“These books are strikingly different from those that God inspired. As one example, consider the way in which these books were written. Recall that God used primarily eye-witnesses to historical events recorded in Scripture, and He used multiple authors so that their writings would corroborate each other. However, the information in the Quran is the work of one man, Mohammad, who did not witness the events the book describes. Likewise, the book of Mormon is apparently the work of one man, Joseph Smith, who did not witness the events described therein.”

Slick, Matt. "Other Books Mentioned in the Bible?" Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry. 2013, from, <https://carm.org/other-books-mentioned-in-the-bible>

As stated earlier, the Holy Bible very clearly states that, “You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it.....” We are told there is one book that is sacred and His Word or the Holy Bible “Is God’s Word.”

View A: This does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint.

2. The Bible is God’s Word, comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. It is inerrant, inspired and infallible.

I believe this view does line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint and I will support my view in section **II. MY VIEWPOINT SUPPORTED** below.

3. The Bible is God’s Word comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. However, it contains errors and inconsistencies.

While researching this viewpoint I came across a great word which describes the question posed in this view point, which is called “inerrancy”.

“The inerrancy of the Scripture means that in its original autographs the Bible contains no mistakes. In the original languages in which it was written, it is infallible – without error whatever. This has been the position of all the confessions of the great evangelic churches down through the years.”

Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, written by Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, 1983, Page 12

In contrast to this, atheists, agnostics and liberal theologians have declared the Bible to be full of errors. I came across a statement that touched my heart and soul:

“Who is going to decide what is true and what is not? If one cannot have a positive faith in the infallibility of this Book, how can he speak with final authority when it comes to matters of eternity?”

Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, written by Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, 1983, Page 15

As I discovered while researching Mike Taylors, Question No. 2, (**Is the Holy Spirit a Person or a Mystical Force?**) it was written on the Jehovah Witness website, that they do not believe the Bible is infallible. In the quote below they noted a particular scripture and said it does “not belong in the Bible.”

“The King James version of the Bible includes at 1 John 5:7, 8 the words “in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth. However, researchers have found that those words were not written by the apostle John and so do not belong in the Bible.”

<https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-the-holy-spirit/>

The Jehovah Witness website states that they use the Bible as a practical guide (when it matches what they believe in, is my interpretation), most astounding to me they use the word when “practical” which is taken from their Jehovah Witness website.

“Jehovah’s Witnesses believe that “all Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial.” (2 Timothy 3:16) We use the Bible as a practical guide to learn about the Creator and to live meaningful lives.”

<https://www.jw.org/en/library/magazines/wp20150901/jw-beliefs/>

From my justification above I believe it is extremely clear that the credibility of the Bible is questioned by the Jehovah Witness saying that it contains errors and inconsistencies when it is practical and when it goes against their own man created viewpoint

View 3: This does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint.

4. The Bible is God’s Word comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament plus other Apocryphal books such as Tobit, 1 Maccabees and 2 Maccabees.

The exact definition of which books belong in the Holy Bible have been questioned over the years. There was a determination created if a book was “canonicity.” Did it meet all the qualification and requirements to “belong in the Bible?”

“The early church used four criteria to determine the canonicity of a New Testament book.

1. First, each book was written by an apostle or one closely associated with an apostle.
2. Second, the contents of these books were revelatory in nature.
3. Third, these books were universally recognized by the church in their teaching and preaching ministry.
4. Fourth, these books were considered inspired because they bore the marks of inspiration.”

BibleSprout 2020 , The Canon of Scripture,

<https://www.biblesprout.com/articles/bible/canon-books/>

“Some religious groups recognize the Bible as one of several holy books or scriptures. They claim God has spoken through the Vedic Scriptures or Book of Mormon just as He has spoken through the Bible. Evangelical Christians reject that claim because they believe the sixty-six books of the Bible form the completed canon of Scripture. We use the word “canonicity” to describe those books which are included in the Bible because they measure up to the standard of Scripture.

“The word “Apocrypha,” as usually understood, means “Apocryphal Books” and refers to fourteen books which have been added to the Old Testament, and held to be part of the sacred canon, particularly by the Roman Catholic Church. Protestants generally do not include these in the Bible. The word literally has come to mean “hidden” or ‘concealed.’”

“The Septuagint (LXX), the translation of the Old Testament into Greek made between 280 B.C. and 180 B.C., contained the apocryphal books. Jerome included them in his Latin translation of the Old Testament, called the Vulgate. These books are not a part of the Hebrew Bible. The Reformers were largely responsible for eliminating the Apocrypha from the Bible, because they contain things which are inconsistent with Protestant doctrine (e.g. the doctrines of prayer for the dead, and intercession to the saints). The following are the fourteen books which are in the Apocrypha, sometimes scattered throughout the Old Testament, and sometimes printed at the end of the Old Testament: 1 Esdras, 2 Esdras, Tobit, Judith, The Rest of Esther, The Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, with the Epistle of Jeremiah, The Song of the Three Holy Children, The History of Susana, Bel and the Drago, The Prayer of Manassas, 1 Maccabees, and 2 Maccabees.

Although parts of almost all the books of the Old Testament Canon are either quoted or directly referred to in the New Testament, there is no quotation or reference to any of the Apocryphal books.”

Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, written by Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, 1983, Page 12

As shown above there have been superior means to determine which books were first of “cannon” caliber and second of those books that were determined to be a part of the Apocryphal books. actually, belonged in the Bible.

“There are several reasons we believe there will be no additions to the books of Scripture that we consider canonical. Scripture forbids adding or removing anything from itself (Rev. 22:18-19). The task of writing revelation is completed and we now have “the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). The prophetic and apostolic offices of the early church no longer exist; therefore no one is qualified to write additional Scripture (Eph. 2:20). The widespread acceptance of the Bible among spiritual people as the only authoritative Scripture for Christians is also an indication that only the Bible is in fact God’s Word (1 Cor. 3:6-9; John 10:24).”

**BibleSprout 2020 , The Canon of Scripture,
<https://www.biblesprout.com/articles/bible/canon-books/>**

View 3: This does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint.

I would like to make a special note at this point: when I say that this viewpoint does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint, I am specifically not considering Catholicism as a true Christian. Many do believe Catholics are Christians. Christianity is properly defined by certain doctrines that are revealed in the Bible. It is not defined by simply saying that as long as you believe in Jesus, you're a Christian. Therefore, I stand by my statement that View 3 does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint. Aside from the justification I have made above showing why the Apocrypha books do not belong in the Bible. I would also come back to my statement made earlier. This is not saying that the books may be inspirational only that they do not belong in the Bible.

II. MY VIEWPOINT SUPPORTED

How one goes about proving or answering the question “Is the Bible Really God’s Word? The answer can be approached from many different avenues. As I have for all three questions in this series, I must make the statement that if we search for our answer to this question by seeking other “human beings” answers, we would not be taking a true look at the question. We would be looking at this from a human perspective. By looking at this question through the book left by God, for us through the Holy Spirit, our approach will be fresh and hopefully - awakening. The book is called the Holy Bible or the Scriptures. Thus, I will approach the question proposed, void of human interpretation and seek my answer from the Bible as my reference. Because this particular question is vital not only to the validity of the Holy Bible but to the foundation of one’s beliefs.

To begin, I believe with my whole heart that the Bible is inspired and is the Word of God. I have not been a Christian my entire adult life and because I have walked through other faiths it is doubly important to me that this question is addressed not only through the Bible viewpoint but because I am a Chaplain and I talk with others who are at times questioning their faith, it is also important in this question that I would add, science, biology and the astrology (from the Biblical sense.)

My first approach would be as I said above, looking at the Holy Bible void of man’s interpretation. The Bible claims that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God as it is written in 2 Timothy 3:16.

15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

The Holy Bible has been given to man by God ” for instruction in righteousness.” This statement all to itself is not something that mankind can begin to even understand. But, it is the beginning point in answering this question. It was also stated in the Bible that it was given by inspiration of God.

*Peter’s statement that prophets did not speak on their own,
but as they were moved by the Holy Spirit*

2 Peter 1:21 (NKJV)

32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Matthew 24:35

Secondly, the Bible itself is filled with prophecies and over time it has proven itself to be true. In Mike Taylor Notes, it is written:

“1. The Bible, which is about 25% prophecy, contains hundreds of fulfilled prophecies, 322 amazing prophecies relating just to the Messiah. 2. Many of these prophecies were made as much as 1,500 years before the predicted event, yet each was fulfilled perfectly just as prophesied in the Bible. 3. The chances of the Messianic prophecies being coincidental are 1 in 1,048. The coincidence of the prophecies concerning the cities of Tyre and Petra are like the odds of finding one specially marked silver dollar from a ten-foot pile covering the state of Texas.”

Mike Taylor Notes, Christianity – Understanding What Christians Believe, <https://www.taylornotes.info/bible-studies>, Is the Bible Truly God’s Word?

As I mentioned above I have chosen to add additional means of justification for this question. In this instance I feel it is also important to include science, biology and the astrology.

“The Bible offers many specific examples of amazingly accurate science, and science has uncovered many amazing evidences that the universe and earth are young, as the Bible describes.

Astronomy

- Stars are innumerable (Genesis 22:17; Jeremiah 33:22)
- Stars differ in glory (1 Corinthians 15:41)
- Stars follow a predictable pattern (Jeremiah 31:35)
- Earth is round, not flat (Isaiah 40:22; Psalm 103:12)
- Earth hangs on nothing (not built on pillars) (Job 26:7)
- Scientific evidence of a young universe:
 - 1) Spiral galaxies
 - 2) “Missing” supernova remnants
 - 3) Short-lived comets
 - 4) Moon moving away from Earth

Geology

- Water cycle (Ecclesiastes 1:7; Isaiah 55:10)
- Sea currents (Psalm 8:8)
- “Fountains of the deep broken up” (Genesis 7:11)
- Scientific evidence of a young earth:
 - 1) Continents erode too fast
 - 2) Too much mud on the sea floor
 - 3) Too much sodium in the ocean
 - 4) Too rapid decay of earth’s magnetic field

Biology

- Blood circulation (Leviticus 17:11)
- Scientific evidence of a recent creation:
 - 1) DNA programming for irreducibly complex protein sequences

- 2) Lack of missing links in the fossil record
- 3) Dinosaur blood vessels in fossils “

Answers in Genesis, <https://answersingenesis.org/is-the-bible-true/5-scientific-accuracy/>, © 2020 Answers in Genesis

The Psalmist cried:

*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*
Psalm 19: 7-9

These were David’s last words:

*“The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,
the man anointed by the God of Jacob,
the hero of Israel’s songs:
2 “The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me;
his word was on my tongue.
2 Samuel 23:1-2*

“The Holy Bible was written by different men, who lived over a span of more than 1,500 years; and many of them never saw nor conversed with each other; yet their writings in no way disagree. Only a miracle, could bring this to pass. How could such a thing be possible? Through the mystery and miracle of Divine Inspiration!”

Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, written by Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, 1983, Page 19

“The fulfilled prophecies in the Bible also indicate that it is God's Word. Hundreds of prophecies about future kingdoms and nations, and most importantly, the Messiah, were spoken forth and then fulfilled, sometimes hundreds of years later. This is all recorded within the Bible itself. Unlike many modern prophecies, the prophecies in Scripture are very detailed and are fulfilled exactly. There is no way this happened by chance. The only answer is that the Bible is of divine origin.”

**CompellingTruth.org is an outreach of www.GotQuestions.org,
<https://www.compellingtruth.org/Bible-Word-of-God.html>**

“By this article we wanted to make it clear that the Bible is the Holy Spirit’s book. He is involved not only in the inspiration of Scripture, but is also a witness to Scripture’s truthfulness. This is what we call the “internal testimony” of the Holy Spirit. In other words, the Holy Spirit provides a testimony that takes place inside of us—He bears witness to our spirits that the Bible is the Word of God. Just as the Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God (Rom. 8:16), He assures us of the sacred truth of His Word.”

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/spirits-internal-witness/>

In summary, I would like to share this thought which I read in an article sharing how Billy Graham wrestled with this very question. His concluding thoughts were:

“Don’t be surprised if you sometimes doubt that the Bible is God’s Word. When this happens, bring your doubts to the Word of God, look again at all the biblical and historical evidence for its truthfulness —

It’s also helpful to remember times when we powerfully met God in and through the Word. Our experience confirms the biblical and historical evidence that the Bible is the Word of God.

We don’t need to answer every question or resolve every seeming contradiction, in order to trust the Bible. The massive evidence for God’s authorship rightly encourages us to give the Bible the benefit of the doubt.

So, if you doubt the truth of God’s Word, take this seriously. Fight the fight of faith. Pray over Scriptures showing that the Bible is God’s Word. Review the biblical and historical evidence listed above. Pray “I believe, help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24). As you do this, God will help you.”

**Living By Faith Blog, Mar 4, 2013, Billy Graham’s Battle To Trust The Bible,
<https://livingbyfaithblog.com/2013/03/04/billy-grahams-battle-to-trust-the-bible/>**

I was truly taken aback by this answer and I believe it is a great way to end this paper. I was so moved to see someone like Billy Graham not give the traditional answer to this question, but he brought up the point that it is ok to doubt, it is ok to question, that is when God will help you.

*24 Immediately the father of the child cried
out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”*

Mark 9:24

III. TEST MY ANSWER

- Did I automatically jump to a previous view I held without carefully examining the related scriptures?
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Yes, I did. Because I have studied this question before I was clear in how and what I believed. I did though, research further and looked for additional thoughts regarding this question.
- Did I read my view into the scriptures (eisegesis) or was I careful to read out of scripture (exegesis)?  
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No, I looked for and at scriptures mentioned in articles and found the scriptures I used which answered the question.
- Did I carefully examine the context of scripture verses?
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YES
- Does my view line up with the Bible's teaching as a whole?  
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For this question specifically, I would say that I have looked at this very question while researching the question at hand. Yes, I believe I justified and showed clearly where I believe proof was needed. I believe the viewpoint I selected did line up with the Christian Biblical teaching as a whole.
- Did I interpret scripture using scripture?
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Yes, this is necessary to logically go from step to step theologically.
- Did I depend completely on extra-biblical material without carefully examining related scriptures?  
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I used both Biblical and additional viewpoints in order to carefully examine the related scripture and question.
- Does my view agree with the consensus of other Christians?
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Using the true sense of Christians, I believe my view does agree with the consensus. Quite possibly those who believe they are Christian's who are not technically a Christian would not agree.

## **IV. APPLICATION**

Through the process of researching and studying the question “Is the Bible is God’s Word?”, it was good to once again review the Cannon which was used to bring together using a strict guideline what did belong in the Holy Bible. My belief was confirmed with the viewpoint I selected to begin with, but the time taken the past few days was defiantly educational and has provided an additional understanding which I could share with someone who was questioning or I could help guide them to question. Thank you for the opportunity to write this paper.

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The correct answer to this question is B. The Bible is God's Word, comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. It is inerrant, inspired and infallible.

Many people question who the author of the Bible is and wonder if the Bible is really the Word of God. I want to give you five reasons to affirm the Bible is the Word of God.

## **The Word of God: Evidence that Scripture is Divine**

**First, I believe the Bible is the Word of God because of its scientific accuracy.** The Truth of the Word of God tells us in Job 26:7 (NIV) "He spreads out the northern skies over empty space: he suspends the earth over nothing". How did Job know that the earth hung in space before the age of modern astronomy and space travel? The Holy Spirit told him. The scientists of Isaiah's day didn't know the topography of the earth, but Isa 40:22 (NIV) says "He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth". The word for "circle" here means a globe or sphere. How did Isaiah know that God says upon the circle of the earth? By divine inspiration.

**Secondly, God himself said that he inspired the words of the Bible.** 2Tim 3:16 says "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 1Cor 2:13 (NIV) says "This is what we speak, not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit".

**Third, from Genesis to Revelation, the Bible reads as one book.** And there is incredible unity to the Bible. The Bible is one book, and yet it is made up of 66 books, was written by at least 40 different authors over a period of about 1600 years, in 13 different countries and on three different continents. It was written in at least three different languages by people in all professions. The Bible forms one beautiful temple of truth that does not

contradict itself theologically, morally, ethically, doctrinally, scientifically, historically, or in any other way.

**Fourth, did you know the Bible is the only book in the world that has accurate prophecy?** When you read the prophecies of the Bible, you simply have to stand back in awe. There are over 300 precise prophecies that deal with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Old Testament that are fulfilled in the New Testament. To say that these are fulfilled by chance is an astronomical impossibility.

**Finally, the Bible is not a book of the month, but the Book of the ages.** 1Pet 1:25 (NIV) says: “but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the Word that was preached to you.” No book has ever had as much opposition as the Bible. Men have laughed at it, scorned it, burned it, ridiculed it, and made laws against it. But the Word of God has survived. And it is applicable today as much as it was yesterday and will be tomorrow.

It’s so majestically deep that scholars could swim and never touch the bottom. Yet so wonderfully shallow that a little child could come and get a drink of water without fear of drowning. That is God’s precious, holy Word. The Word of God. Know it. Believe it. It is True

**There are many scripture verses that state the Bible is really God’s Word:**

Matt 7:24 (NIV) says “Therefore everyone who hears these *words of mine* and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

Psa 119:130 (NIV) says “The unfolding of *your words* gives light: it gives understanding to the simple.”

Psa 33:41 (NIV) says “For the *word of the Lord* is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.”

Lk 21:33 (NIV) says “Heaven and earth will pass away, but *my words* will never pass away”. Jesus believed his words were divinely inspired.

**Application in my life:**

Because I know the Bible is the inspired inerrant Word of God, I can trust what it says. This means that I can use the Bible and know that this is not man’s thoughts and words, but those of the one true God. This inspires me

to read the Bible more, use it in my studies, look to it for wisdom and comfort, use it to verify other writings from man, and to better understand who God is. This increases my faith. Praise God for His Word!!

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5. Check out responses of others at: [www.taylornotes.info/one](http://www.taylornotes.info/one).

### HOW TO TEST YOUR ANSWER

- Did I automatically jump to a previous view I held without carefully examining the related scriptures?
- Did I read my view into the scriptures (eisegesis) or was I careful to read out of scripture (exegesis)?
- Did I carefully examine the context of scripture verses?
- Does my view line up with the Bible's teaching as a whole?

- Did I interpret scripture using scripture?
- Did I depend completely on extra-biblical material without carefully examining related scriptures?
- Does my view agree with the consensus of other Christians? (See [www.TaylorNotes.Info/one](http://www.TaylorNotes.Info/one))

**Question No 4:**  
**Is the Bible Really God's Word?**

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After carefully examining the viewpoints proposed in Question Four of Mike Taylor's class, I have selected "**VIEW NO. 2: The Bible is God's Word, comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. It is inerrant, inspired and infallible.**" I believe this viewpoint follows the Holy Bible. In this paper in section: **I. DIFFERENT VIEWS PROPOSED**, I have listed the four viewpoints and explained in detail why I rejected three of the viewpoints and described why I do not believe they follow the Holy Bible. I identified the viewpoint, that I believe does follow the Holy Bible, in section **II. MY VIEWPOINT SUPPORTED**. In summary the last section: **III. TEST MY ANSWER** I responded to each question in order to test my viewpoint selected. In section: **IV. APPLICATION** describes how I have in the past and I pray I will in the future walk forward applying the application of this viewpoint in my life.

My research was done not by seeking other "human beings" answers. We would not be taking a true look at the question if we did. We would be looking at this from a human perspective. By looking at this question through The Word, left by God, for us, through the Holy Spirit, our approach will be fresh and hopefully - awakening. The book is called the Holy Bible or the Scriptures. I will approach the question proposed, void of human interpretation and seek my answer from the Bible as my reference.

## **I. DIFFERENT VIEWS**

### **1. The Bible is one of many sacred books. Others include the Book of Mormon, Key to Health and the Scriptures, the Qur'an, and the Hindu Vedas.**

As we have discovered in the first three questions, there are many faiths which do accept and believe there are additional sacred books. To begin, the Holy Bible tells us that, "You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it.

*4 "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2

Biblically, labeling something as sacred could be saying it is holy, or set apart for God's use. Therefore, just about anything could be considered sacred with the right perspective, attitude, and intentions.

I would like to take a step to the side and address a separate issue which can easily be combined into this question. From my experience some people tend to make rash statements, when discussing a topic such as this question: Is the Bible Gods Word? This question is not saying that you can only read the Bible, there are many inspirational books available to us. Specifically, though, this question IS addressing the question if the Bible is "God's Word." It is not saying that you cannot read any other books. More specifically, I believe this first "viewpoint" is referring to other books which some do considered "sacred." Which is uniquely different. I felt it was

important to make this side note. From this point, I am specifically addressing the other books some consider “sacred.”

“Sometimes, cult groups will attempt to justify the existence of newly inspired books (i.e., Book of Mormon) by citing reference to other books mentioned in the Bible. They erringly conclude that because the Bible sometimes mentions another book, that the book is either a lost book of the Bible or it somehow justifies their claim to newly inspired writings.

Just because the Bible references another book does not mean that that book is inspired. The exception, of course, is when the Bible references other inspired books within itself. Nevertheless, these books are not lost books of the Bible. They were never considered inspired.”

**Slick, Matt. "Other Books Mentioned in the Bible?" Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry. 2013, from, <https://carm.org/other-books-mentioned-in-the-bible>**

This naturally leads us to ask about other books that claim to be inspired by God.

Two books “that people often ask about are the Quran and the book of Mormon. The Quran (or Koran) is the basis of Islam, the religion practiced by Muslims. The book of Mormon is one of several books considered as holy by Mormons, who refer to themselves as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Both the Quran and the book of Mormon claim to be inspired by God. Do we accept their self-claim?

“These books are strikingly different from those that God inspired. As one example, consider the way in which these books were written. Recall that God used primarily eye-witnesses to historical events recorded in Scripture, and He used multiple authors so that their writings would corroborate each other. However, the information in the Quran is the work of one man, Mohammad, who did not witness the events the book describes. Likewise, the book of Mormon is apparently the work of one man, Joseph Smith, who did not witness the events described therein.”

**Slick, Matt. "Other Books Mentioned in the Bible?" Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry. 2013, from, <https://carm.org/other-books-mentioned-in-the-bible>**

As stated earlier, the Holy Bible very clearly states that, “You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it.....” We are told there is one book that is sacred and His Word or the Holy Bible “Is God’s Word.”

***View A: This does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint.***

**2. The Bible is God’s Word, comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. It is inerrant, inspired and infallible.**

I believe this view does line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint and I will support my view in section **II. MY VIEWPOINT SUPPORTED** below.

**3. The Bible is God’s Word comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. However, it contains errors and inconsistencies.**

While researching this viewpoint I came across a great word which describes the question posed in this view point, which is called “inerrancy”.

“The inerrancy of the Scripture means that in its original autographs the Bible contains no mistakes. In the original languages in which it was written, it is infallible – without error whatever. This has been the position of all the confessions of the great evangelic churches down through the years.”

**Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, written by Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, 1983, Page 12**

In contrast to this, atheists, agnostics and liberal theologians have declared the Bible to be full of errors. I came across a statement that touched my heart and soul:

“Who is going to decide what is true and what is not? If one cannot have a positive faith in the infallibility of this Book, how can he speak with final authority when it comes to matters of eternity?”

**Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, written by Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, 1983, Page 15**

As I discovered while researching Mike Taylors, Question No. 2, (**Is the Holy Spirit a Person or a Mystical Force?**) it was written on the Jehovah Witness website, that they do not believe the Bible is infallible. In the quote below they noted a particular scripture and said it does “not belong in the Bible.”

“The King James version of the Bible includes at 1 John 5:7, 8 the words “in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth. However, researchers have found that those words were not written by the apostle John and so do not belong in the Bible.”

**<https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-the-holy-spirit/>**

The Jehovah Witness website states that they use the Bible as a practical guide (when it matches what they believe in, is my interpretation), most astounding to me they use the word when “practical” which is taken from their Jehovah Witness website.

“Jehovah’s Witnesses believe that “all Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial.” (2 Timothy 3:16) We use the Bible as a practical guide to learn about the Creator and to live meaningful lives.”

<https://www.jw.org/en/library/magazines/wp20150901/jw-beliefs/>

From my justification above I believe it is extremely clear that the credibility of the Bible is questioned by the Jehovah Witness saying that it contains errors and inconsistencies when it is practical and when it goes against their own man created viewpoint

***View 3: This does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint.***

**4. The Bible is God’s Word comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament plus other Apocryphal books such as Tobit, 1 Maccabees and 2 Maccabees.**

The exact definition of which books belong in the Holy Bible have been questioned over the years. There was a determination created if a book was “canonicity.” Did it meet all the qualification and requirements to “belong in the Bible?”

“The early church used four criteria to determine the canonicity of a New Testament book.

1. First, each book was written by an apostle or one closely associated with an apostle.
2. Second, the contents of these books were revelatory in nature.
3. Third, these books were universally recognized by the church in their teaching and preaching ministry.
4. Fourth, these books were considered inspired because they bore the marks of inspiration.”

**BibleSprout 2020 , The Canon of Scripture,**

<https://www.biblesprout.com/articles/bible/canon-books/>

“Some religious groups recognize the Bible as one of several holy books or scriptures. They claim God has spoken through the Vedic Scriptures or Book of Mormon just as He has spoken through the Bible. Evangelical Christians reject that claim because they believe the sixty-six books of the Bible form the completed canon of Scripture. We use the word “canonicity” to describe those books which are included in the Bible because they measure up to the standard of Scripture.

“The word “Apocrypha,” as usually understood, means “Apocryphal Books” and refers to fourteen books which have been added to the Old Testament, and held to be part of the sacred canon, particularly by the Roman Catholic Church. Protestants generally do not include these in the Bible. The word literally has come to mean “hidden” or ‘concealed.’”

“The Septuagint (LXX), the translation of the Old Testament into Greek made between 280 B.C. and 180 B.C., contained the apocryphal books. Jerome included them in his Latin translation of the Old Testament, called the Vulgate. These books are not a part of the Hebrew Bible. The Reformers were largely responsible for eliminating the Apocrypha from the Bible, because they contain things which are inconsistent with Protestant doctrine (e.g. the doctrines of prayer for the dead, and intercession to the saints). The following are the fourteen books which are in the Apocrypha, sometimes scattered throughout the Old Testament, and sometimes printed at the end of the Old Testament: 1 Esdras, 2 Esdras, Tobit, Judith, The Rest of Esther, The Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, with the Epistle of Jeremiah, The Song of the Three Holy Children, The History of Susana, Bel and the Drago, The Prayer of Manassas, 1 Maccabees, and 2 Maccabees.

Although parts of almost all the books of the Old Testament Canon are either quoted or directly referred to in the New Testament, there is no quotation or reference to any of the Apocryphal books.”

**Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, written by Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, 1983, Page 12**

As shown above there have been superior means to determine which books were first of “cannon” caliber and second of those books that were determined to be a part of the Apocryphal books. actually, belonged in the Bible.

“There are several reasons we believe there will be no additions to the books of Scripture that we consider canonical. Scripture forbids adding or removing anything from itself (Rev. 22:18-19). The task of writing revelation is completed and we now have “the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). The prophetic and apostolic offices of the early church no longer exist; therefore no one is qualified to write additional Scripture (Eph. 2:20). The widespread acceptance of the Bible among spiritual people as the only authoritative Scripture for Christians is also an indication that only the Bible is in fact God’s Word (1 Cor. 3:6-9; John 10:24).”

**BibleSprout 2020 , The Canon of Scripture,  
<https://www.biblesprout.com/articles/bible/canon-books/>**

***View 3: This does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint.***

I would like to make a special note at this point: when I say that this viewpoint does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint, I am specifically not considering Catholicism as a true Christian. Many do believe Catholics are Christians. Christianity is properly defined by certain doctrines that are revealed in the Bible. It is not defined by simply saying that as long as you believe in Jesus, you're a Christian. Therefore, I stand by my statement that View 3 does not line up with the Biblical Christian viewpoint. Aside from the justification I have made above showing why the Apocrypha books do not belong in the Bible. I would also come back to my statement made earlier. This is not saying that the books may be inspirational only that they do not belong in the Bible.

## II. MY VIEWPOINT SUPPORTED

How one goes about proving or answering the question “Is the Bible Really God’s Word? The answer can be approached from many different avenues. As I have for all three questions in this series, I must make the statement that if we search for our answer to this question by seeking other “human beings” answers, we would not be taking a true look at the question. We would be looking at this from a human perspective. By looking at this question through the book left by God, for us through the Holy Spirit, our approach will be fresh and hopefully - awakening. The book is called the Holy Bible or the Scriptures. Thus, I will approach the question proposed, void of human interpretation and seek my answer from the Bible as my reference. Because this particular question is vital not only to the validity of the Holy Bible but to the foundation of one’s beliefs.

To begin, I believe with my whole heart that the Bible is inspired and is the Word of God. I have not been a Christian my entire adult life and because I have walked through other faiths it is doubly important to me that this question is addressed not only through the Bible viewpoint but because I am a Chaplain and I talk with others who are at times questioning their faith, it is also important in this question that I would add, science, biology and the astrology (from the Biblical sense.)

My first approach would be as I said above, looking at the Holy Bible void of man’s interpretation. The Bible claims that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God as it is written in 2 Timothy 3:16.

*15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:15-17

The Holy Bible has been given to man by God ” for instruction in righteousness.” This statement all to itself is not something that mankind can begin to even understand. But, it is the beginning point in answering this question. It was also stated in the Bible that it was given by inspiration of God.

*Peter’s statement that prophets did not speak on their own,  
but as they were moved by the Holy Spirit*

2 Peter 1:21 (NKJV)

*32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.*

Matthew 24:35

Secondly, the Bible itself is filled with prophecies and over time it has proven itself to be true. In Mike Taylor Notes, it is written:

“1. The Bible, which is about 25% prophecy, contains hundreds of fulfilled prophecies, 322 amazing prophecies relating just to the Messiah. 2. Many of these prophecies were made as much as 1,500 years before the predicted event, yet each was fulfilled perfectly just as prophesied in the Bible. 3. The chances of the Messianic prophecies being coincidental are 1 in 1,048. The coincidence of the prophecies concerning the cities of Tyre and Petra are like the odds of finding one specially marked silver dollar from a ten-foot pile covering the state of Texas.”

**Mike Taylor Notes, Christianity – Understanding What Christians Believe, <https://www.taylornotes.info/bible-studies>, Is the Bible Truly God’s Word?**

As I mentioned above I have chosen to add additional means of justification for this question. In this instance I feel it is also important to include science, biology and the astrology.

“The Bible offers many specific examples of amazingly accurate science, and science has uncovered many amazing evidences that the universe and earth are young, as the Bible describes.

#### Astronomy

- Stars are innumerable (Genesis 22:17; Jeremiah 33:22)
- Stars differ in glory (1 Corinthians 15:41)
- Stars follow a predictable pattern (Jeremiah 31:35)
- Earth is round, not flat (Isaiah 40:22; Psalm 103:12)
- Earth hangs on nothing (not built on pillars) (Job 26:7)
- Scientific evidence of a young universe:
  - 1) Spiral galaxies
  - 2) “Missing” supernova remnants
  - 3) Short-lived comets
  - 4) Moon moving away from Earth

#### Geology

- Water cycle (Ecclesiastes 1:7; Isaiah 55:10)
- Sea currents (Psalm 8:8)
- “Fountains of the deep broken up” (Genesis 7:11)
- Scientific evidence of a young earth:
  - 1) Continents erode too fast
  - 2) Too much mud on the sea floor
  - 3) Too much sodium in the ocean
  - 4) Too rapid decay of earth’s magnetic field

#### Biology

- Blood circulation (Leviticus 17:11)
- Scientific evidence of a recent creation:
  - 1) DNA programming for irreducibly complex protein sequences

- 2) Lack of missing links in the fossil record
- 3) Dinosaur blood vessels in fossils “

**Answers in Genesis**, <https://answersingenesis.org/is-the-bible-true/5-scientific-accuracy/>, © 2020 Answers in Genesis

The Psalmist cried:

*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;  
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;  
8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;  
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*  
Psalm 19: 7-9

These were David’s last words:

*“The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,  
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,  
the man anointed by the God of Jacob,  
the hero of Israel’s songs:  
2 “The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me;  
his word was on my tongue.  
2 Samuel 23:1-2*

“The Holy Bible was written by different men, who lived over a span of more than 1,500 years; and many of them never saw nor conversed with each other; yet their writings in no way disagree. Only a miracle, could bring this to pass. How could such a thing be possible? Through the mystery and miracle of Divine Inspiration!”

**Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, written by Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, 1983, Page 19**

“The fulfilled prophecies in the Bible also indicate that it is God's Word. Hundreds of prophecies about future kingdoms and nations, and most importantly, the Messiah, were spoken forth and then fulfilled, sometimes hundreds of years later. This is all recorded within the Bible itself. Unlike many modern prophecies, the prophecies in Scripture are very detailed and are fulfilled exactly. There is no way this happened by chance. The only answer is that the Bible is of divine origin.”

**CompellingTruth.org is an outreach of [www.GotQuestions.org](http://www.GotQuestions.org),  
<https://www.compellingtruth.org/Bible-Word-of-God.html>**

“By this article we wanted to make it clear that the Bible is the Holy Spirit’s book. He is involved not only in the inspiration of Scripture, but is also a witness to Scripture’s truthfulness. This is what we call the “internal testimony” of the Holy Spirit. In other words, the Holy Spirit provides a testimony that takes place inside of us—He bears witness to our spirits that the Bible is the Word of God. Just as the Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God (Rom. 8:16), He assures us of the sacred truth of His Word.”

**<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/spirits-internal-witness/>**

In summary, I would like to share this thought which I read in an article sharing how Billy Graham wrestled with this very question. His concluding thoughts were:

“Don’t be surprised if you sometimes doubt that the Bible is God’s Word. When this happens, bring your doubts to the Word of God, look again at all the biblical and historical evidence for its truthfulness —

It’s also helpful to remember times when we powerfully met God in and through the Word. Our experience confirms the biblical and historical evidence that the Bible is the Word of God.

We don’t need to answer every question or resolve every seeming contradiction, in order to trust the Bible. The massive evidence for God’s authorship rightly encourages us to give the Bible the benefit of the doubt.

So, if you doubt the truth of God’s Word, take this seriously. Fight the fight of faith. Pray over Scriptures showing that the Bible is God’s Word. Review the biblical and historical evidence listed above. Pray “I believe, help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24). As you do this, God will help you.”

**Living By Faith Blog, Mar 4, 2013, Billy Graham’s Battle To Trust The Bible,  
<https://livingbyfaithblog.com/2013/03/04/billy-grahams-battle-to-trust-the-bible/>**

I was truly taken aback by this answer and I believe it is a great way to end this paper. I was so moved to see someone like Billy Graham not give the traditional answer to this question, but he brought up the point that it is ok to doubt, it is ok to question, that is when God will help you.

*24 Immediately the father of the child cried  
out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”*

Mark 9:24

### III. TEST MY ANSWER

- Did I automatically jump to a previous view I held without carefully examining the related scriptures?  
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Yes, I did. Because I have studied this question before I was clear in how and what I believed. I did though, research further and looked for additional thoughts regarding this question.
- Did I read my view into the scriptures (eisegesis) or was I careful to read out of scripture (exegesis)?
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No, I looked for and at scriptures mentioned in articles and found the scriptures I used which answered the question.
- Did I carefully examine the context of scripture verses?  
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YES
- Does my view line up with the Bible's teaching as a whole?
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For this question specifically, I would say that I have looked at this very question while researching the question at hand. Yes, I believe I justified and showed clearly where I believe proof was needed. I believe the viewpoint I selected did line up with the Christian Biblical teaching as a whole.
- Did I interpret scripture using scripture?  
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Yes, this is necessary to logically go from step to step theologically.
- Did I depend completely on extra-biblical material without carefully examining related scriptures?
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I used both Biblical and additional viewpoints in order to carefully examine the related scripture and question.
- Does my view agree with the consensus of other Christians?  
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Using the true sense of Christians, I believe my view does agree with the consensus. Quite possibly those who believe they are Christian's who are not technically a Christian would not agree.

IV. APPLICATION

Through the process of researching and studying the question “Is the Bible is God’s Word?”, it was good to once again review the Cannon which was used to bring together using a strict guideline what did belong in the Holy Bible. My belief was confirmed with the viewpoint I selected to begin with, but the time taken the past few days was defiantly educational and has provided an additional understanding which I could share with someone who was questioning or I could help guide them to question. Thank you for the opportunity to write this paper.

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Is the Bible Really God's Word?

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The correct answer to this question is B. The Bible is God's Word, comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. It is inerrant, inspired and infallible.

Many people question who the author of the Bible is and wonder if the Bible is really the Word of God. I want to give you five reasons to affirm the Bible is the Word of God.

The Word of God: Evidence that Scripture is Divine

First, I believe the Bible is the Word of God because of its scientific accuracy. The Truth of the Word of God tells us in Job 26:7 (NIV) "He spreads out the northern skies over empty space: he suspends the earth over nothing". How did Job know that the earth hung in space before the age of modern astronomy and space travel? The Holy Spirit told him. The scientists of Isaiah's day didn't know the topography of the earth, but Isa 40:22 (NIV) says "He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth". The word for "circle" here means a globe or sphere. How did Isaiah know that God says upon the circle of the earth? By divine inspiration.

Secondly, God himself said that he inspired the words of the Bible. 2Tim 3:16 says "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 1Cor 2:13 (NIV) says "This is what we speak, not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit".

Third, from Genesis to Revelation, the Bible reads as one book. And there is incredible unity to the Bible. The Bible is one book, and yet it is made up of 66 books, was written by at least 40 different authors over a period of about 1600 years, in 13 different countries and on three different continents. It was written in at least three different languages by people in all professions. The Bible forms one beautiful temple of truth that does not

contradict itself theologically, morally, ethically, doctrinally, scientifically, historically, or in any other way.

Fourth, did you know the Bible is the only book in the world that has accurate prophecy? When you read the prophecies of the Bible, you simply have to stand back in awe. There are over 300 precise prophecies that deal with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Old Testament that are fulfilled in the New Testament. To say that these are fulfilled by chance is an astronomical impossibility.

Finally, the Bible is not a book of the month, but the Book of the ages. 1Pet 1:25 (NIV) says: “but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the Word that was preached to you.” No book has ever had as much opposition as the Bible. Men have laughed at it, scorned it, burned it, ridiculed it, and made laws against it. But the Word of God has survived. And it is applicable today as much as it was yesterday and will be tomorrow.

It’s so majestically deep that scholars could swim and never touch the bottom. Yet so wonderfully shallow that a little child could come and get a drink of water without fear of drowning. That is God’s precious, holy Word. The Word of God. Know it. Believe it. It is True

There are many scripture verses that state the Bible is really God’s Word:

Matt 7:24 (NIV) says “Therefore everyone who hears these *words of mine* and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

Psa 119:130 (NIV) says “The unfolding of *your words* gives light: it gives understanding to the simple.”

Psa 33:41 (NIV) says “For the *word of the Lord* is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.”

Lk 21:33 (NIV) says “Heaven and earth will pass away, but *my words* will never pass away”. Jesus believed his words were divinely inspired.

Application in my life:

Because I know the Bible is the inspired inerrant Word of God, I can trust what it says. This means that I can use the Bible and know that this is not man’s thoughts and words, but those of the one true God. This inspires me

to read the Bible more, use it in my studies, look to it for wisdom and comfort, use it to verify other writings from man, and to better understand who God is. This increases my faith. Praise God for His Word!!

DENISE BROADWELL

God's word tells us that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished onto all good works, 2 Timothy 3:16.

God's word refers to all of the holy Scriptures and is referring to the Good news! The acronym for Bible also means, basic instructions before leaving earth. God's word seems so right to me and makes such sense to me. Jesus says in John 14:6 that He is the Way, the truth and the life, and no man comes to the father but by Jesus.

Also, I find that in Hebrews 4 The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit end of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

God's word really speaks to me more than just words and it is a way of life and living. God's word has been proven through the ages and is consistent. The four gospels have proven with accuracy and records of the life of Jesus and his ministry.

Matthew 4:4 says man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of his mouth.

John 10:27 says my sheep listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me.

Psalms says he is the great shepherd,

I can't understand the teachings of the Mormons or the latter-day Saints, I feel that many people will follow what they believe, I don't understand how so many can follow this teaching philosophy as it doesn't make sense to me and I never studied it. Obviously, I agree with view number B the Bible is God's word comprised of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament, it is inerrant, inspired and infallible