

Supplemental Notes

Author	Original Writing	First Copy	Time Span	Copies
Plato	400 BC	AD 900	1,300 yrs	7
Aristotle	350 BC	AD 1,100	1,450 yrs	49
Homer	900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs	643
New Testament	AD 40-100	AD 125	25 yrs	24,000

There are many reasons we can trust the authority of the Bible

1. The Bible claims to be the Word of God.
2. Man needs infallible instruction.
3. The Bible has endured every attack.
4. The Bible has been the number one best-seller every year since 1436.
5. Fulfilled prophecy.
6. Archeological confirmation.
7. Scientific confirmation.
8. Changed lives.

Biblical Statement	Biblical Text
Round Earth	Isaiah 40:22 "He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth..."
Concept of Space	Job 26:7 "He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing."
Number of stars equated to number of grains of sand.	Hebrews 11:12 "And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore."
Uniqueness of Stars	1 Corinthians 15:41 "The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor."
Ocean Currents	Psalms 8:8 "the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas."
Jet Stream	Ecclesiastes 1:6 "The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course."
2nd Law of Thermodynamics	Psalms 102:25,26 "In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment."

Reasons to Believe – Fred Hennes

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#661 "How Can We Trust The Bible To Be True?"

The _____ of the Bible is unlike any other book.

No _____ copies of any part of the Bible exist. We only have copies of the original text and copies of copies.

Christians were sometimes put to death for possessing copies of Scripture, so the question soon came up, "What books are worth _____ for?"

Inclusion in the Canon of Scripture

1. _____ – It must be written by an apostle, or a ministry partner of one.
2. _____ – Agrees with the accepted and approved teachings of the church.
3. _____ – Focuses on the person and work of Jesus Christ.
4. _____ – Characteristics of the divinely inspired Word of God.
5. _____ – Testimonies of the impact upon life change.
6. _____ – Must be widely accepted & used by the majority of churches.

Jesus Christ held a high view of Scripture, affirming its _____ in the entire OT, the parts, the precise words, the letters & affirmed the inspiration of the NT.

Life Group Ice Breaker

1. Who, or what, was the first person or thing you were taught to trust?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. If you were to identify the number one most compelling reason why you trust the authority of the Bible, what would it be? Why? If you do not trust in the authority of the Bible, then what is the reason?
4. What do the following verses claim about the Word of God?
Hebrews 4:12 -- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 -- 2 Peter 1:20-21.
5. It is one thing to affirm that the Bible claims to be the words of God. It is another thing to be convinced that those claims are true. What brings inner conviction and assurance that indeed our Creator is speaking to us through the Bible? Explain.

Application Questions & Prayer

6. What is your favorite book in the Bible, Chapter in the Bible and verse in the Bible? Why?
7. What is a verse or passage in the scriptures that God has used to speak into your life in a significant way?
8. Pray for opportunities to engage with someone who is asking the same questions we are answering.