

WHY THE BIBLE?

Why believe the Bible in the 21st Century?

DISTINCTION	The Bible has unique features (see below) and a unique message: God reaches out to mankind with the offer of a personal relationship with Him. He displayed His sacrificial love on the cross, and He showed His power and authority in His resurrection. His tomb is empty!
COHERENCE	Definition of coherence: ‘...logical or orderly relationship of parts; consistency; congruity.’ The Bible is remarkably unified in theme and consistency, in spite of being written by 40 authors over a period of about 1400 years.
ENDURANCE	Over the centuries there have been many attempts by powerful leaders to completely destroy the Bible and its believers. However, the Bible continues to be a best seller, and its global distribution is increasing.
RELEVANCE	Although written thousands of years ago, its teaching and themes remain as relevant as today’s books and newspapers; especially in the areas of psychology, human behaviour and human needs—and even current geopolitical events!
EXCELLENCE	In such fields as English literature, psychology, philosophy, history and science, and across all strata of society, the Bible continues to be quoted with respect.
LUMINESCENCE	The Bible gives light, wisdom, and guidance for our daily path. Countless people over thousands of years have turned to the Bible for comfort and insight.
AUTHORITY	What do the authors say? This is the “Word of the Lord.” Jesus Himself quoted the Old Testament as the Word of God. The New Testament makes claims on our lives as God’s expression of His truth and His expectation of our obedience.
ACCURACY – prophetic	Historical events were accurately foretold centuries before they happened; for example, Israel’s captivity, dispersion, and return to their land; and the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Some prophecies are yet to be fulfilled, such as Christ’s visible return in power and glory.
ACCURACY – scientific	Scientific facts expressed in the Bible have never been disproven; to the contrary, science has had to catch up to the Bible; eg. the round earth ‘hanging in space’. There are scientists who are expert in explaining how scientific facts , not theories, concur with the Bible.
ACCURACY – historical	See Prophecy above. Archaeological discoveries continue to prove the accuracy of the Bible.
POWER TO CHANGE LIVES	Scholars and legal experts who have sought to destroy the reputation of the Bible by disproving it have ended their research as believers. People in every walk of life have been transformed by believing the Bible and following Jesus.
PERSONAL EXPERIENCE	God continues to speak to hearts and minds in profound ways through the Bible. What is your experience?