



How Can We Trust
The Bible?

Is what we have in **2022** reliable?

Do we have all the books of the Bible?

What about the Koran and the Book of Mormon?

Are there contradictions in the Bible?

How can I know the TRUTH?



The Bible Claims Its Own Inspiration

✓ Authority assumed at the beginning

Genesis 1:1 (p 1)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



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✓ The Bible claims to be “inspired”

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God

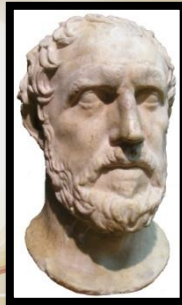
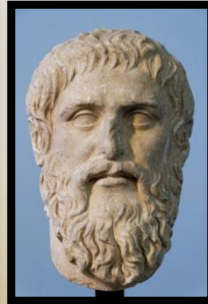
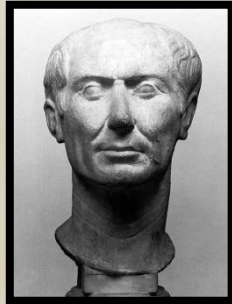
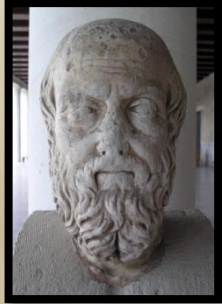
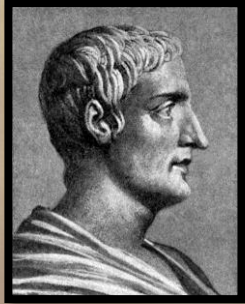
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (p 1368)

For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21 (p 1396)



The more copies, the more comparisons we can make to find slips of the pen by those making the copies. The more - the better!



Annals of Tacitus (2)

Writings of Plato (7)

Herodotus (8)

Thucydides (8)

Caesar Gallic Wars (10)

Livy (35 / 20)

Homer's Iliad (700)

The New Testament

5,300 complete or mostly complete manuscripts

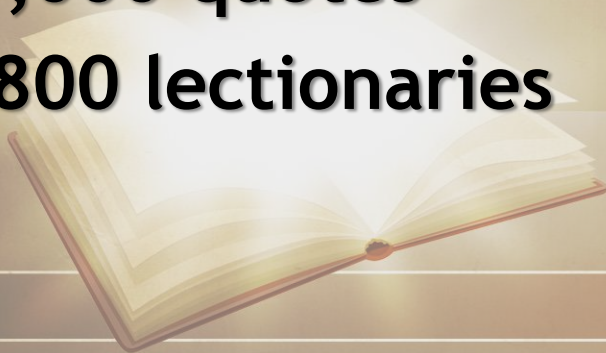
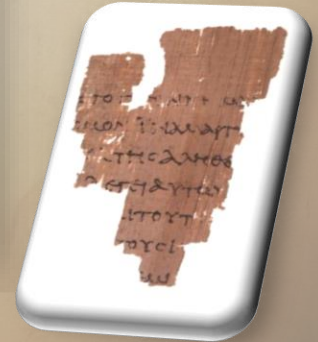
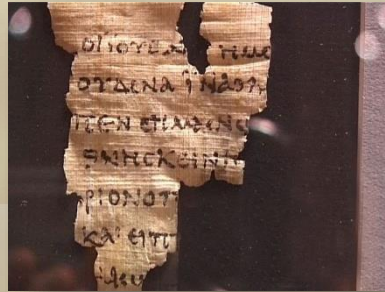
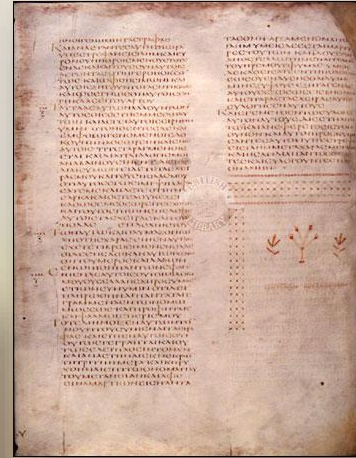
13,000 fragments

8,000 Latin translations

8,000 manuscripts

89,000 quotes

1,800 lectionaries



The New Testament

Where Were These Copies Found?

EGYPT
ETHIOPIA
PALESTINE
SYRIA
TURKEY
GREECE
ITALY



The Time Evidence

Time between original and copies:

None of the original exist

Several dated to 40-100 years after original

Some 300-400 years

Quotes from 95 AD to early 400 AD (2nd/3rd Century)



The Time Evidence

Law of Moses 1450-1400 BC

Joshua / Judges b-1050 BC

Psalms (David) c.1000 BC

Isaiah c. 725 BC

Daniel 6th Cent. BC

Ezra 5th Cent. BC



1 Thess

c. 50-51 AD

Acts

c. 61 AD

Ephesians

c. 62 AD

John

Late 80's AD



It's profound and rational thought
The purity of Bible ethics
Archaeology
Agreement of book and land
Prophecy



TRUST THE BIBLE AS THE WORD OF GOD

✓ Declared by witnesses

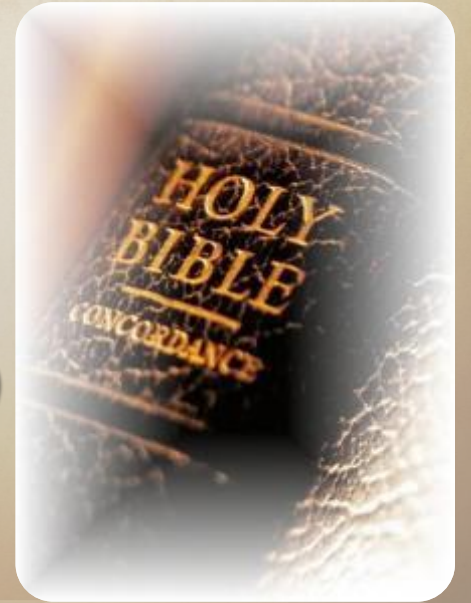
2 Peter 1:16-21 (p 1395)

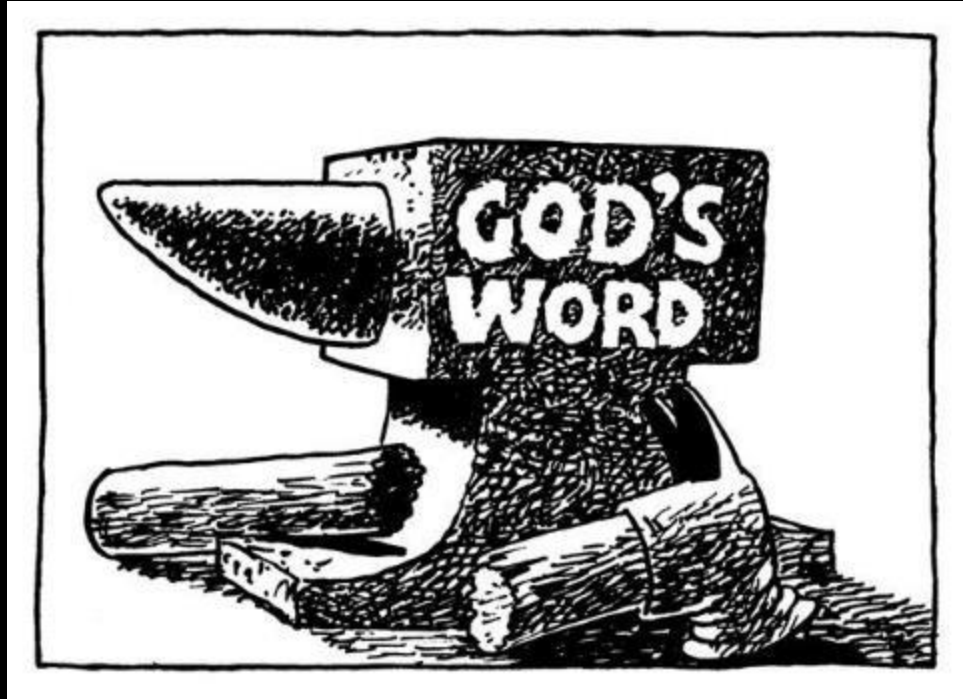
✓ Confirmed by faith

1 Corinthians 15:1-19 (p 1323)

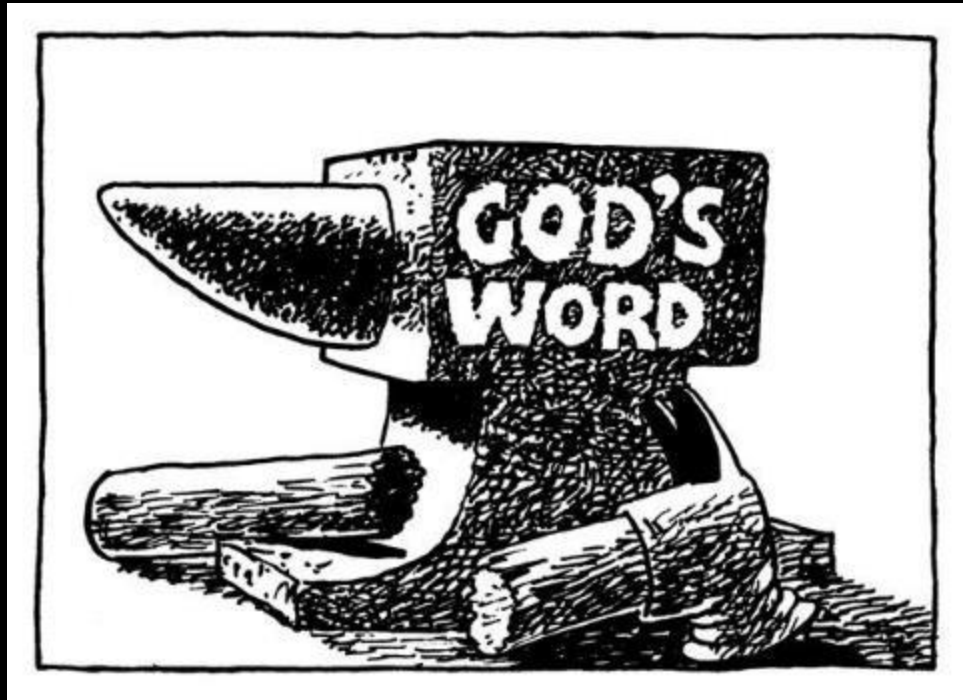
✓ Seen in Jesus Christ

John 6:67-69 (p 1250)

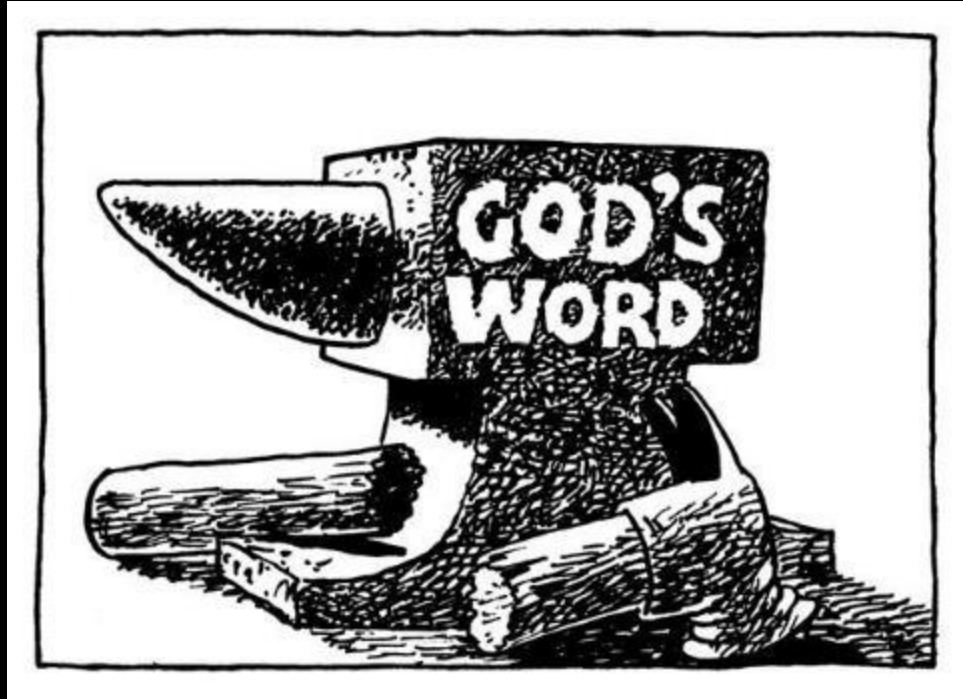




Last eve I passed beside a
blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring
the vesper chime;
When looking in, I saw
upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with
beating years of time.



"How many anvils have you had," said I, "To wear and batter these hammers so?" "Just one," said he; then with a twinkling eye, "The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."



And so, I thought, the anvil
of God's Word,
For ages, skeptics blows
have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of
falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed -
the hammers gone.



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