



Does God exist?

Evil and Suffering?

Is Jesus the only way?

Isn't religion a crutch?

Who wrote the Bible?

"I'm Glad You Asked"



Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is to

skip church!

I'm too old for fairy tales.



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I believe that the best way to
become an atheist is to read the
bible

— *Penn Jillette* —

AZ QUOTES

For most people, the Bible is a non-problematic book. What people don't realize is that they're reading translations of texts, and we don't have the originals.

Given the circumstance that God didn't preserve the words, the conclusion seemed inescapable to me that he hadn't gone to the trouble of inspiring them.

Bart Ehrman



**How do you know
the Bible is Inspired?**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

II Timothy 3:14-15

**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.**

II Timothy 3:16-17

Inspiration

Autograph

Copying

Preservation

Manuscript

Translating

Guidance &
Illumination

Translation

Hebrew
Greek
Aramaic



So, How Do We Know

"god of the gaps"

the Bible is Inspired By God?

"god" or religion

God (Infinite)

Problem of evil and suffering

Where are we going?

What's the meaning of life?

Where did we come from?

Man (Finite)

**"Bottom up"
Approach**

Revelation



man (Finite)

**"Top Down"
Approach**

A case for the "Top Down" Theory

Look at what the Bible says about itself:

Every scripture is inspired by God
and useful for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in
righteousness *(II Timothy 3:16 - NET)*

No prophecy was ever borne of human
impulse; rather, men carried along by the
Holy Spirit spoke from God. *(2 Peter 1:21 - NET)*



A case for the "Top Down" Theory

**Did God leave us
an objective test
for inspiration?**

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27% of the Bible is
predictive prophecy!

No other "sacred
book" has more than
1%

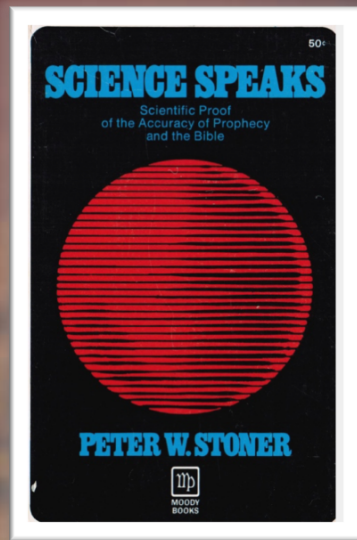
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Look at Fulfilled Prophecy:

300 Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in Jesus Christ



- a) Born in Bethlehem
- b) Preceded by messenger
- c) Ride donkey in Jerusalem
- d) Betrayed by friend
- e) Sold for 30 pieces of silver
- f) Money thrown in God's house
- g) Dumb before accusers
- h) Hands/feet pierced

Micah 5:2
Isaiah 40:3
Zechariah 9:9
Psalm 41:9
Zechariah 11:12
Zechariah 11:13
Isaiah 53:7
Psalm 22:16

Probability of coincidence for these eight?
1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000,000



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Two Feet Deep



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Theme unity **Redemption**
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Redemption

CAROLINA VICTORY



CAROLINA 37

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PITT



FINAL

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Diocletian - 300 A.D.

Orders every bible burned
and carriers executed



Constantine - 325 A.D.

Orders 50 perfect copies
made at government expense





Geneva Bible Society- 1778

Moves into his house, uses his printing press to print 1,000 of bibles

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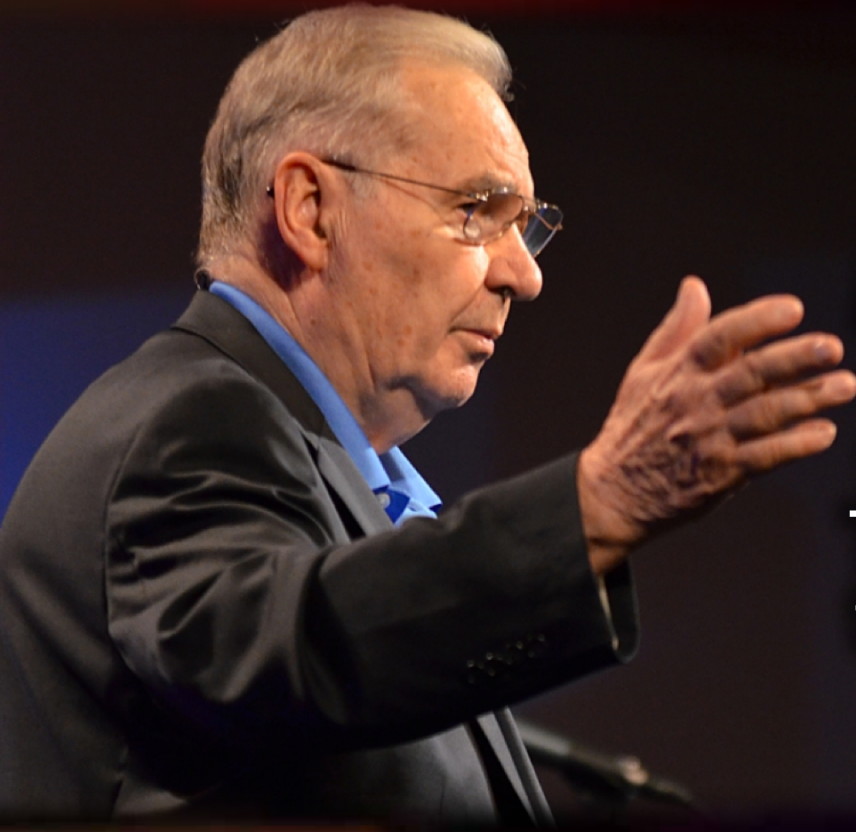
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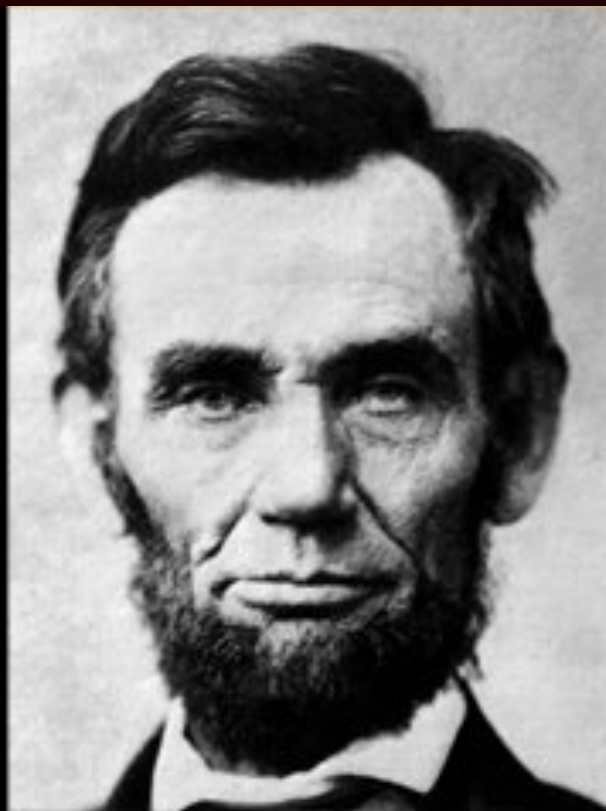


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Norman Geisler, Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics p.617

**I believe that the Bible is
the best gift that God
ever gave to a man.
All the best from the
Savior of the world is
transmitted to us through this
book**

~ Abraham Lincoln ~





The Bible has a human history as well as a divine inspiration. It is a history full of interest, and it is one which all those who value their Bible should know, at least in outline, if only that they may be able to meet the criticisms of sceptics and the ignorant.

— *Frederic G. Kenyon* —



Isaac Newton

I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by those who were inspired. I study the Bible daily.

