

1. Consider THE BIBLE'S DIVINE UNITY

The impossible accomplished.

- A. Written By FORTY DIFFERENT MEN, ranging from shepherders to kings.
- B. Written on THREE DIFFERENT CONTINENTS.
- C. Written in THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.
- D. Written OVER A PERIOD OF MORE THAN FIFTEEN HUNDRED YEARS.
- E. Written TO COVER THE HISTORY OF MAN FOR MORE THAN FOUR THOUSAND YEARS.

And yet, the Bible tells ONE CONTINUOUS STORY WITH NO CONTRADICTIONS.

2. Consider THE BIBLE'S FULFILLED PROPHECY

History written ahead of time.

- A. The death of Jesus foretold SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE IT HAPPENED, Psalms 22:16. Compare John 19:18 and 20:25.
- B. The persecution of the Jews foretold FIVE HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE IT HAPPENED. Read Deut the 28th chapter.
- C. The destruction of great cities foretold: The city of Babylon, Isa. 13:17-21. The city of Tyre, Ezek. 26:4-14. The city of Sidon, Ezek. 28:20-23.
- D. The FOUR RULING NATIONS OF HISTORY described by Daniel. Daniel 2:1-45. He lived in 600 B.C. and prophesied that there would be four, and ONLY FOUR WORLD KINGDOMS.

There is only one answer ~ God directed the writing of the Bible!

3. Consider THE BIBLE'S STATEMENTS PROVED BY ARCHAEOLOGY

A message from the dead.

- A. The walls of Jericho DID FALL AS THE BIBLE STATED. The spade has uncovered them, (Halley's Bible Handbook).

- B. King Sargon DID LIVE AND REIGN. Isa. 20:1. His name appears often in the history uncovered by archaeology, (New Biblical Guide, Vol. VI, pages 79-84).

- C. King Solomon WAS THE WORLD'S RICHEST MAN. The pick and shovel have found the ruins of his former glory. (New Biblical Guide, Vol. V, pages 218-234.)

- D. There WAS A DEN OF LIONS IN DANIEL'S DAY. Archaeology has found such a den in the very city in which Daniel was held captive. (Dead Men Tell Tales, Harry Rimmer, pages 326-327.)

The statements of the Bible are PROVEN HISTORICAL FACTS.

4. Consider THE BIBLE'S INDESTRUCTIBILITY.

That which cannot be destroyed.

- A. Antiochus Epiphanes, a Syrian king tried with all his great authority to destroy the Old Testament in the second century before Christ, but failed.
- B. The Roman emperors waged ten distinct general persecutions against the Christians and the Scriptures, and all utterly failed to destroy God's Word.
- C. The Roman Catholic Church was guilty of burning thousands of Bibles and putting to death hundreds of its translators at the stake, and yet the Bible lived through it all.
- D. Infidels and atheists have in all centuries strived with all their intellectual power to discredit and destroy the Bible. They have died and have been forgotten while the Bible lives on.

In the face of such opposition, only God could have delivered the Bible.

5. Consider THE BIBLE'S SAFE DELIVERANCE FROM THE INSPIRED WRITERS TO US.

The Bible though the ages unchanged!

- A. We can trace the Old Testament back to the time of Ezra in the fifth century before Christ, where we

find it in every essential just as we have it today.

- B. The New Testament can be traced back to the days of the Apostles, and men living in that day quote from the New Testament of that day which agrees perfectly with the New Testament of today.

- C. There is no evidence from any field that would lead us to believe that the Bible as we now have it, is in any important respect different than when it was originally written by its writers.

The truths of the Bible ARE UNCHANGED

6. Consider THE BIBLE'S MARVELOUS INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD.

The greatest moral force in the universe. (The statistics here are out of date, but the examples are still good.)

- A. In England, a Bible land, there is only one murder to every 178,000 inhabitants. In Holland, a Bible country, there is only one murder to every 100,000 of the inhabitants. In Rome where this Book is suppressed, there is one for every 950 inhabitants.

- B. In London, a Bible city, there are four illegitimate children for every 100 legitimate ones. In Paris, where the Bible is scarcely ever read, there are 48 for every 100, and in Rome, for every 100 legitimate children, there are 243 illegitimate ones!

- C. If you know the history of education or law, you know the Bible is the foundation for both of them.

7. Consider THE BIBLE'S SUPERIOR TEACHINGS.

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so are God's words above man's.

- A. The Bible draws clear moral distinctions. There is no blurring of them as in the case of the heathen religions and most of human speculations.

- B. The Koran (the book of the Mohammedans) teaches that the mountains were created to keep the world from moving. The Hindus are taught that the earth rests on the back of an elephant.

C. No other book of religion or philosophy sets forth so profound and rational teaching concerning God. He has all the attributes which God ought to have. He is holy, all wise, all powerful, just, merciful, eternal and universal. This conception of God is carried through from Genesis to Revelation. Every one of the writers of the Bible had the same conception!

NOTABLE SAYINGS ABOUT THE BIBLE

George Washington: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

Abraham Lincoln: "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book."

Daniel Webster: "If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering. But if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

Andrew Jackson: "That Book, Sir, is the rock on which our republic rests."

John Quincy Adams: "So great is my veneration for the Bible, that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove to be useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society. I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year."

Charles Dickens: "The New Testament is the very best Book that ever was or ever will be known in the world."

Sir Isaac Newton: "There are more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history."

Robert E. Lee: "In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength."

Dwight L. Moody: "I prayed for faith, and thought that someday faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not come. One day I read in Romans 10:17, 'Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.' I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. Now I opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since."

Sir Walter Scott: "The most learned, acute and diligent student cannot, in the longest life, obtain an entire knowledge of this one volume. The more deeply he works the mine, the richer and more abundant he finds the ore. New light continually beams from this source of heavenly knowledge, to direct the conduct and illustrate the work of God and the ways of men; and he will at last leave the world confessing that the more he studied the Scriptures, the fuller conviction he had of his own ignorance and of their inestimable value."

This little Book I'd rather own
Than all the gold and gems
That e're in monarch's coffers shone
Than all their diadems.

Nay, were the sea a chrysolite,
The earth a golden ball,
And diamonds all the stars of night;
This Book were worth them all!

Don DeWelt

The Bible

The Book

From God

Global Gospel Services Inc.
P.O. Box 3245
Salem, Oregon, 97302

An out-of-print tract

Put together here by

Cheryl Boone