

Is Bible the inspiration of God?

The Bible is the most unique and extraordinary book in the world. It is not ordinary because it contains words inspired by the only true God who is the Creator. Throughout all generations, Bible is the No. 1 best selling book. Until now, the Bible has been translated into 1,600 languages, numerous people of all nations and countries turned to God, received the salvation and are kept from sins because of the Bible. One may ask, "How to prove that the Bible is the words of God?" Let us briefly consider this question in a few aspects.

God Himself tell us that Bible is His Word

The Bible clearly states, "*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.*" (2 Tim 3:16). You can also find in many places of the Bible "*Declared the Lord of hosts*" or "*God said*". The Bible is the Word of the almighty God spoken to the people He made. On the contrary, there is no other religious literature which claims that it is the word of god. They are merely some religious ethics found by some people who are only humans.

The Bible is the only book which reveals the origin and end of the universe

There are a lot of religious literature and famous classics on philosophy in the world, but none of them could reveal the origin of the universe and its creatures, the birth of human beings and prophecy about the end of the world. All of them are the products of human minds, therefore they cannot tell things happened thousands of years ago or predict things to be happened hundred of years later, as humans are limited by time and space. What they can discover is only philosophy of life. Let's look at the well known Buddhism. Buddhist literature never mentions how things were created or how life came into being. They only state the cause and effect – 'interrelation' between things. This is because the founder, Siddhartha Gautama, was only a human. Siddhartha himself cannot overcome the power of death. In order to be freed from the suffering of sin and vanity, Siddhartha left his family to find the truth, yet he died in his old age.

Although the Evolution Theory tried to explain the origin of the universe from the viewpoint of evolution, until now it still cannot prove how the universe began, how the first single cell came, how

life came into being and what would happen at the end of the world because it is set by human beings who are finite. However, the Bible is entirely different, as it clearly explains the order, process and purpose of God's creation, and reveals the prophecies concerning the end of the world. The accuracy of the Bible's prophecies endures the test of history and most of them have been thoroughly verified.

The Bible's revelations are in accordance with discoveries of science

As early as in 2000 B.C., God already revealed the mystery of the creation of the earth in His words. The Bible says, "*He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.*" (Job 26:7) How could anyone know, as far as several thousand years ago, that the earth is hung in the universe, and what power keeps it there without falling? Such fact was unbelievable in those days. Nevertheless, modern scientists have discovered and confirmed that the earth is hung in the air and revolves around the sun. Another Bible verse says, "*It is He who sits above the circle of the earth.*" (Isaiah 40:22) God revealed in His Words three thousand years ago that the earth is a circle, which was never known by the people in those days.

Furthermore, as early as in 1500 B.C., it was already recorded in the Book of Judges, Chapter 5, verse 20 of the Bible that "*Stars...from their courses (orbits)...*" which tell us that stars in space have their own orbits. Such saying corresponds with the discovery by modern scientists. No one in the days before Christ knew that stars have their own orbits, yet it has already been written in the Bible in 1500 B.C. that stars move along orbits. No doubt the Bible is the Word of God.

Besides, when modern astronomers were studying the orbit of the sun, they discovered that a day is missing which they did not understand no matter how they researched on the subject.

They finally found the answer in the Bible which recorded that about three thousand years ago, God's chosen people, the Israelites, fought and greatly defeated the Canaanites who had caused the anger of God due to their promiscuity and sins. At that time it was near sunset, Joshua, the leader of Israel, lifted his hand and prayed to God that the sun and moon stood still where they were. Then, the sun and moon stopped for about a whole day (23 hours and 20 minutes). So, it was not a whole day yet (For details see Joshua 10:6-14).

Later, the astronomers found in other Bible verses the remaining 40 minutes which, when added up, were precisely 24 hours. That scripture recorded

that a king of Judah prayed to God for recovery when he was seriously ill. He asked God for a sign although God, through a prophet, had promised to cure him. God answered his prayer by bringing the shadow on the sundial, which was then used to measure time, ten degrees backward by which it had gone down. This had resulted in the delay of 40 minutes, which precisely made up the one missing day that the astronomers were looking for (For details see Isaiah 38:1-8).

The testimony of Noah's Ark

The Bible recorded that about one thousand years after men were created by God, men sinned and fell utterly. God, through the righteous man Noah, preached to that generation for 120 years, yet they did not repent. Therefore, God through flood judged the people of that generation, but saved Noah and his family of eight members with an ark, who became the ancestors of human beings. Subsequently, modern archaeologists discovered a huge vessel buried in a glacier on top of the mountains of Ararat in Turkey. After detailed examination, the vessel was confirmed to be the Noah's ark that rested on the mountains of Ararat as recorded in the Bible (for details see Genesis 8:4). Archaeological discovery confirmed the reliability of the Bible as it is the Word of God.

The restoration of Israel

During the time when people of all nations worshipped idols that were made by their own hands, Abraham, the forefather of Israelites, avoided all idols and worshipped the true God of creation solely. Therefore, God chose Abraham's descendents, now the Israelites, whom God specified that whenever they turned away from God to worship idols, God's judgment would fall on them, and they would be chased up to all nations. However, they would be blessed again if they repented. Subsequently, Israelites not only turned away from God, they even crucified God's beloved son Jesus Christ on the cross, and vowed, "*His blood be on us and on our children.*" (Matthew 27:25) As a result, the people of Israel actually experienced numerous disasters and sufferings in history, including the killing of six million Jews by Hitler during the Second World War.

Theoretically, how could such a small nation as Israel restore their country after being destroyed for nearly 2,000 years? It also has to confront the surrounding Arabic countries whose populations and power are far greater than theirs! These countries had in many times formed alliances to fight against Israel, though each time they were greatly defeated as the true God of all creation is in control. Jesus had already prophesied more than 2000 years ago that

the dispersed people of Israel would one day be restored. This is also a sign of the end of the world. Events after events are unfolding according to the prophecies of the Bible. Israel was formally restored in 1948.

Some were skeptical about the tribulations at the end of the world as mentioned in the Bible. The high frequency of earthquakes, famines, wars, plagues, natural disasters and human atrocities happened recently proves that the Bible is correct. Furthermore, modern nuclear weapons can destroy the earth more than twenty thousand times! Today, armament race among nations never stops. All these cause us to take the prophecies of the Bible seriously, and believe deeply in God's true and reliable Word – the Bible.

Bible provides us with the wisdom of salvation

The Bible not only reveals God's creation, it also speaks about God's will and how He loved the world. Although on the one hand men enjoyed God's creation, on the other hand they committed sins, denied and forsaken Him, yet He still loved them and sent His only begotten Son Jesus who became a scapegoat of men's sin and was crucified on the cross for all of us. On the third day Jesus resurrected from the dead, ascended and sat at the right side of God's throne. For those who believe in Him, their sins were pardoned because of the precious blood of Jesus, and they have the holy, almighty God as the Shepherd of their lives, their souls have everlasting salvation in the coming generation eternally. As the Bible says: "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*" (John 3:16).

Dear friends, the kind and loving God has already revealed His salvation through the Bible and sent His beloved Son Jesus to become our Savior. Please turn to Him with a humble heart, believe and open your mouth to accept Him as your Savior, so that you can have eternal life and fully experience His care in your life. Please follow the prayer below loudly:

"Oh Lord Jesus, I truly repent and turn unto You. Please pardon all my sins. I believe and accept You as my Savior. O Lord Jesus, come into my heart and bestow Your life and Holy Spirit on me. I entrust my life to You and thank you for saving me. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen."

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