

Why is the God of the Bible the source of Truth and not the god of (fill in the blank)?

Principle #1: The Bible claims that itself is True

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. *There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.* You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. - 2 Peter 3:14-18 (ESV)

Remember...

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. - 1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)

How can we be ready to respond to our own doubts and other's attacks of our faith based on the Bible?

1. _____

Question: Beyond supernatural claims, is it even historical?

2. Know that there is _____
that supports the Truth of Bible accounts

Examples of historical evidence to Biblical claims

Example # 1: _____

The dismissal of biblical texts without bothering to dig points to a dirty little secret about a lot of scholarly opinion: Much of the traditional suspicion of the biblical text can only be called a prejudice.

Example #2: _____

Key Idea: What makes something true or false is reasonable proof, and the _____
gives us far more evidence of being _____ than any other book
that makes the same claim.

Example #3: _____

_____ prophecies in the Bible are specifically about Jesus Christ,
and they all came true exactly as predicted!

The odds of that happening have been estimated at _____

That's 1 in 1, _____ chances! (a 1 + _____)

Is the Bible accurate in what was originally written?

Example #4 _____

The New Testament documents have

- _____ manuscripts
- _____ manuscripts
- and more abundantly _____ manuscripts

than the *best ten pieces of classical literature combined!*

Number of Manuscript Copies

New Testament	-----5,686
Homer	----- 643
Demosthenes	-----200
Tacitus	---20
Caesar	--10
Herodotus	-8
Plato	7
Pliny	7

Time Between Original and Surviving Copies

New Testament	25 years
Homer	-----500 years
Pliny	-----700 years
Caesar	-----1000 years
Tacitus	-----1000 years
Plato	-----1200 years
Herodotus	-----1400 years
Demosthenes	-----1400 years

Further....

All in all, there are _____ characters in the New Testament who have been confirmed as historical by archeology or non-Christian sources.

Truth Takeaways:

1. You can _____ as Truth
2. The Bible has been critiqued and criticized more than any other work of antiquity and _____ and true time and time again
3. God gave us His Word, the Bible, so we may _____ and know how He would have _____