

Five Pillars



People often say that the Bible is just an old book or something of this nature. There are five pillars the Bible stands on: historical evidence, scientific accuracy, manuscript evidence, archeological evidence besides prophetic accuracy.

Historical Evidence

"Historical evidence routinely includes ancient literature, business records, and government documents, analyzed in conjunction with linguistics, geography, and archaeological analysis of physical objects (pottery, coins, remains of buildings, etc.), using forensic science techniques." (www.ICR.org)

Scientific Accuracy

The scientific accuracy of the Bible is amazing! There are numerous examples in the Bible of scientific statements which were thought to be preposterous hundreds of years ago but have in more recent times found out that what the Bible said is true. For example, before Columbus sailed around the world, people thought the world was flat! Two thousand years before Columbus, the Bible stated that the world was round. The Bible speaks of specific design in the creation. There are scientists that acknowledge that there are at least 40 qualities of the universe that must be within certain measurements or life could not exist on earth (Austin American Statesman, October 19, 1997). For at least 98 other examples, review Ray Comfort's book "Scientific Facts in the Bible."

Manuscript Evidence

Manuscript evidence assures us that what you read today is the same as what the author wrote. The New Testament has over 24,000 documents, partial or whole, which are dated from 100 to 300 years after the original writings. Other literature does not compare. For example, Plato, 7 copies with a 1,200 year gap, Tacitus, 20 copies with a 1,000 year gap, and Caesar, 10 copies with a 1,000 year gap (FaithFacts.org).

Archeological Evidence

Archeological evidence abounds! Consider this, there is an entire version of the Bible dealing with nothing but the archeological evidence that confirms what the Bible says is true. Archeologists would dig and find various ruins and artifacts, catalog them, and see where they matched up in the Bible. They realized the accuracy of the Scriptures so they began to reverse the process. Archeologists would read the Bible, figure out where a place should be which was described in various passages, determine where to dig and start sampling. More often than not, they would find what they were looking for.

Fulfilled Prophecy

Lastly, the evidence for accurate prophecies in the Bible abound. Just the number of prophecies concerning Jesus and His first coming number over 300! So, what is prophecy? The most common sense of the word prophecy is foretelling a future event. Some prophecies are very blatant while others are somewhat cryptic and others fall between the two.

Finally

Whether you believe in God or not, you will stand before God and be judged because God is righteous and cannot let anything unholy enter His kingdom. God's standard is the Ten Commandments. Have you ever lied, stolen anything (even a penny), used God's name in a way other than to honor Him? God sees you as a liar, a blasphemer and a thief.

Revelation 21:8

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

God is a perfect judge and will judge perfectly. You will be accountable for all you have done in your life. You will be either gain entrance to heaven to be with Him, or be sentenced to judgment for the rest of eternity.

What do you need to do? If you do not care and willing to be responsible for your sins against God, you do not have to do anything. If you want the shed blood of Christ to pay for your sins, repent (change your mind). The life of a Christian is to honor God in all we say and do.

Get a Bible, study it and obey what you read. I prefer the New King James Version. It is an easier to read version than the King James Version. Pick a book within the Bible like Romans, John, or Revelation and study it.

Find a church that takes the Bible serious, studying verse by verse, chapter by chapter, book by book. This may take some time. You may need to find a small group that does this if a local church does not.

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