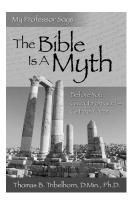
Jesus Christ, is the one whom the two testaments regard, in the old he is the hope, in the new he is the model, and in both he is the center. -Blaise Pascal

Take Action

Read the Bible

Memorize Scripture

Read, My Professor says the Bible is a Myth.

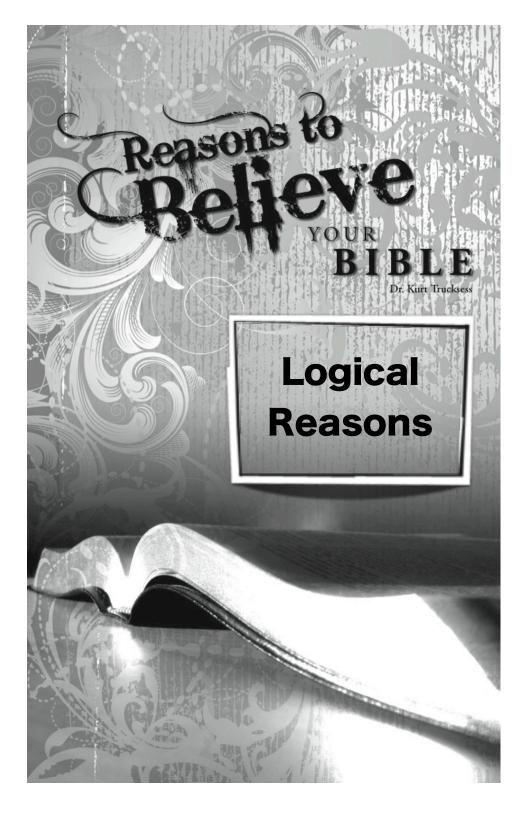


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Logical Reasons to Believe Your Bible

We can trust the Bible is God's Word because it claims to be!

The Bible <u>claims</u> to be the <u>Word</u> of <u>God</u>.

The Bible claims to contain the very spoken words of God.

And <u>God spoke all these words</u>, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:1–3 (ESV)

And the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. Exodus 7:1 (ESV)

The Bible has supernatural <u>unity</u> in spite of amazing <u>diversity</u>.

Unity with <u>history</u>

Archaeologists and other scholars have long probed the hemisphere's past and the society does not know of anything found so far that has substantiated the Book of Mormon. (http://irr.org/mit/nationalgeographic.html)

Unity of authorship

Unity of theme

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, John 5:39 (ESV)

For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. John 5:46 (ESV)

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:25–27 (ESV)

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The Bible claims to <u>contain</u> the <u>words</u> of God <u>spoken</u> through <u>prophets</u>.

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. Deuteronomy 18:18–19 (ESV)

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." 1 Samuel 13:13–14 (ESV)

...I will put my words in his mouth,... Deuteronomy 18:18 (ESV)

The words of the Lord are <u>pure</u> words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. Psalm 12:6 (ESV)

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. Psalm 18:30 (ESV)

The New Testament <u>claims</u> to be God's Words.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

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. 2 Peter 3:16 (ESV)

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV)

since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:23–25 (ESV)

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