

I Believe the Bible Because...

How would you complete the sentence above? There have been numerous answers provided, both spoken and unspoken. Such answers may be seen in responses indicating that it claims to be inspired or because my parents, husband/wife or my preacher said that it was. If that is the case, without any evidence being provided, one's faith is simply placed in a person rather than in the Bible itself.

The answers "because it claims to be inspired" and "it provides evidence that it is inspired" are the answers for which we are looking. The Bible does indeed claim to be inspired (2 Tim. 3:16-17). I don't want anyone to understand, but this is insufficient in and of itself. We must also be able to examine evidence that will support that claim. The Bible provides that evidence.

Here, I briefly want to list a few reasons upon which my belief in the inspired Scriptures rests. They deserve much more attention than we can give them here. Briefly stated, I believe in the Bible because of its unity, fulfilled prophecy and its consistency in portraying the nature of those we would deem as "heroes of the faith." A book originating in man would not provide such information, as evidenced by the many books man has produced. The Bible is unique in its claims.

The inspired Scriptures provide us all we need in seeking, finding and establishing a relationship with God and His Son (2 Pet 1:3-4). However, left on those pages, the word will not accomplish what it was intended to do. It was intended to be applied by man in his walk of life. May we be those who continue to study. However, let us especially be those who study and then apply these truths as we strive to both generate and maintain our faith.

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Introductory thoughts (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 11:1; 1 Pet. 3:15)

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1. Unity (2 Pet. 1:19-21)
2. Prophecy (Deut. 18:22; Lk. 3:34; Heb. 7:14; Mic. 5:2; Psa. 41:9; 22:16; 16:10; Ezek. 26:3-14)
3. Unbiased treatment of heroes (Rom. 15:4; Heb. 4:15; 11:7; Gen. 6:8; 9:20-23; Prov. 20:1; Gen. 12:1-2; Heb. 11:8-10; Gen. 12:10-20)
4. The Unsaid (2 Pet. 1:3-4; Jno. 8:6-8; 2 Cor. 12:7).

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