

We began our study asking,
“Does God Exist?”

How would we know?

Only if God chose to reveal
Himself to us!

**Does God Reveal Himself
Through the Bible?**

What proof is there that the Bible
is God's revealed will?

the Bible assumes it.

II Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

II Sam 23:2 "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue." The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue.

II Pet 1:19 And [so] we have the prophetic word [made] more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is [a matter] of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**We need to look at other
“revelations” or “sacred writings”
of the world’s religions that claim
inspiration by God!**

**Of course if there is no God, there
will be no revelations in any of
these but assertions and partial
truths.**

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| Judaism | <i>Old Testament*</i> | 1500-400 BC |
| Hinduism | <i>Vedas*</i> | 1500-1000 BC |
| Sikhism | <i>Granth</i> | 1500 BC |

*claim inspiration from the god(s)
presented

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| Jainism | <i>Angas</i> | 600 BC |
| Taoism | <i>Tao-te-Ching</i> | 600 BC |
| Buddhism | <i>Tripitka</i> | 550 BC |
| Confucianism | <i>Five Classics</i> | 550 BC |
| Shintoism | <i>Ko-ji-ki</i> | 650 BC |
| Zoroastrianism | <i>Avesta*</i> | 650 BC |

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| Christianity | <i>New Testament*</i> | 30-70 AD |
| Islam | <i>Qu'ran*</i> | 600 AD |
| Mormonism | | |
| | <i>Book of Mormon*</i> | 1830 AD |
| | <i>Pearl of Great Price*</i> | 1840 AD |
| | <i>Doctrine & Covenants*</i> | 1835 AD |
| Christian Science | <i>Science and Health</i> | 1875 AD |

Buddhists believe that any good comes from suffering. Therefore

Buddhists do not promote any medical advancement at all.

Just the method of dealing with suffering – deny yourself!

Hinduism *Artharva-Veda** said lightning was a demon that caused fever and cough. It also prescribed a covering of grass for the patient's head or heating an axe in water, and then pouring the water over the patient's head.

Hinduism *Kausika** - earth from
an ant hill for diarrhea and earth
from a mole hill to relieve
constipation.

Islam – In the Washington Post (July 2002) a Professor of Engineering lamented the fact that science in Islam had stopped at the 12th century because Islam required that science be fitted to the Qu'ran. In his own department of a leading Pakistani University, the previous chairman had proposed that they undertake a project to harness the energy of genies, since the Qu'ran said genies were made from fire, and the Chairman believed they could supply an inexhaustible source of energy for the world.

Taoism *Tao-te-Ching* says lead can be change to silver and silver to gold.
Strong belief in an elixir of life
focusing on the use of metals and
resulting in the death of many
Chinese emperors.

Zoroastrian *Avesta** teaches the sprinkling of cow urine over the patient to disgust the demons hidden in the body.

Shintoism *Ko-ji-ki* Remedies
include prayers, incantations,
exorcisms, sacrifices and even the
liver of a wild pig.

Non-inspired Christians and Jews
made equally nonsensical
recommendations. Josephus, the
Jewish historian of Jesus' time,
believed demons could be
expelled through a patient's nose.

An English scholar, entranced with the knowledge in ancient holy texts summarized it thusly. “These non-Christian Bibles are all developments in the wrong direction. They all begin with some flashes of true light, and end in utter darkness. Pile them, if you will, on the left side of your table; but place your own Holy bible on the right side – all by itself, all alone and with a wide gap between them. For there is a gulf between it and the so-called sacred books of the East ... cont’d

which severs the one from the other utterly, hopelessly and forever; not a mere rift across which the Christian may shake hands and interchange similar ideas in regard to essential truths – but a veritable gulf, which cannot be bridged over by any science or religious thought ... a bridgeless chasm, which no theory ... can ever span.” Sir MM Williams

Mormonism - full of contradictions

Book of Mormon* – Jacob 3:5 ... they have not forgotten the commandment of the Lord, which was given unto our fathers – that they should have save it were one wife, and concubines they should have none,

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vs.

D&C* 132:4 For behold, I reveal unto you a new and an everlasting covenant; and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye damned; ... 62 And if he have ten virgins given unto him by this law, he cannot commit adultery, for they belong to him ...

Proofs of Inspiration

Unity.— not one but 66 books written by 40 men over 1500 years. Different backgrounds, different languages, lived in different areas, yet their writings make a complete and harmonious whole.

Fulfilled Prophecy.

Some of the prophecies of the Old Testament were written hundreds of years in advance of the events foretold. They contain details that would be beyond the scope of human speculation, yet each of them has been fulfilled in minute detail.

Isa 41:21 "Present your case," says the LORD. "Set forth your arguments," says Jacob's King. 22 "Bring in your idols to tell us what is going to happen. Tell us what the former things were, so that we may consider them and know their final outcome. Or declared to us the things to come, 23 tell us what the future holds, so we may know that you are gods.

Examples of fulfilled prophecy.

Prophecy concerning Ishmael -

Gen 17:20 "And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

Twelve princes listed in Gen. 25:12

“I will multiply thy descendants exceedingly.” – Ishmael is said to be the father of the Northern Arabs. The Saracens became a “great nation” – gaining possession of all of North Africa and the Middle East to China (750-1238).

Baalams prophecy concerning Israel -
(Numbers 23 and 24).

Num 23:9 From the rocky peaks I see them,
from the heights I view them. I see a people
who live apart and do not consider themselves
one of the nations.

Num 23:10 Who can count the dust of Jacob
or number the fourth part of Israel? Let me
die the death of the righteous, and may my
end be like theirs!"

Who would have thought that a small group of people from the middle east would lose over 6 million in Germany and Poland alone or spread over the entire earth?

Prophecy concerning Israel's downfall

Deut. 28:15 However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

Foretold 400 years in advance
that they should have a king –
Deut 28:36

They would become a “hiss and a
byword.” – Deut 28:37

Judea and Jerusalem would be besieged, their walls of protection would be torn down, and the siege would be so severe that they would resort to cannibalism, eating their own children. Deut 28: 52

This was literally fulfilled both in the Syrian siege and the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70 (Josephus, Book 6, Oh. 3, p. 8 I 8 – “As soon as she had said this, she slew her son, and then roasted him, and eat the one half of him, and kept the other half by her concealed.”).

Prophecies Concerning Other Nations.

Fall of Babylon, at the time the mightiest nation on earth Isa 13:19

– 160 years in advance

Fall of Egypt Isa 19:1

– 175 years in advance

Fall of Nineveh Zeph 2:13

– 13 years in advance

Fall of Tyre Ezek 27:1

– 60 years in advance

Fall of Sidon Ezek. 28:20

– 260 years in advance

Does God Reveal Himself to Man in the Bible?

We have seen looked at the difference between the Bible and the supposedly “god inspired” books of men showing their stupidity contrasted with 12 of over 300 prophecies in the Bible revealing that which only a supernatural intelligence could provide.

If the chances were 1 in 1,000,000 for each of these prophecies, that would be 1 chance in 10^{72} . That would be equivalent to winning the Powerball lottery (1 in 175,223,510, current value \$251 million) 10 times in a row!

God has revealed Himself to man as we find impossible knowledge within the pages of His word.

The only answer we can give to the question, “Does God Exist?” is Yes !

Does God Reveal Himself to Man only through the Bible? – Yes