

“Can I Trust The Bible?”
You Asked For It
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“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”
Ephesians 1:17 NIV

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.,
2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

When it comes to the Bible, we all have three options: Believe it, Deny it or Change it

How do we know we can trust the Bible? Three perspectives:

1. Historical Perspective

The New Testament writers didn't write as if they were writing story, they wrote as if they were writing history.

1 Many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled^[a] among us, ² just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us. ³ It also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed. **Luke 1:1-4 HCSB**

*In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **Luke 3:1-2 NIV***

2. Practical Perspective

Definition: adjective: **practical**; of or concerned with the actual doing or use of something rather than with theory and ideas.

All scripture is equally inspired but not all scripture is equally applicable.

Example: ¹⁸ “Suppose a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or mother, even though they discipline him. ¹⁹ In such a case, the father and mother must take the son to the elders as they hold court at the town gate. ²⁰ The parents must say to the elders, ‘This

son of ours is stubborn and rebellious and refuses to obey. He is a glutton and a drunkard.’²¹ Then all the men of his town must stone him to death. In this way, you will purge this evil from among you, and all Israel will hear about it and be afraid.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 NLT

Example: *Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.* **Philippians 4:9 NIV**

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’^[c]³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” **Matthew 22:37-38 NIV**

3. Personal Perspective

People can dispute the bible but they cannot argue with what God has done in your life.

¹² *For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart.* **Hebrews 4:12 HCSB**