THE BIBLE IS A SUPERNATURAL BOOK

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UNIQUENESS OF BIBLE

BIBLE
• AS JESUS
• IS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN
• SO ALSO THE BIBLE IS FULLY DIVINE AND FULLY HUMAN

NO OTHER SACRED WRITINGS COMPARE
• THE BIBLE IS GOD’S WORD
• THE BIBLE IS WRITTEN BY MEN.
• IT IS FULLY GOD’S WORD YET FULLY HUMAN.
• EXAMPLE OF DIVINITY JOHN 1
• EXAMPLE OF HUMANITY PS 51
COMPARE BIBLE TO THE KORAN

BIBLE
• WRITTEN BY DOZENS OF DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL AUTHORS.
• WRITTEN IN HEBREW, GREEK AND ARAMAIC.
• WRITTEN BETWEEN 1500 BC AND 100 AD (1600) YEARS.

KORAN
• DICTATION FROM AN ANGEL
• ONE “AUTHOR”
• WRITTEN IN ARABIC
• WRITTEN APPROXIMATELY 700 AD
• STRANGE TEXTS: BABY JESUS PREACHING TO CROWDS
HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE.

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AND HOW WE CAN HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

GOD PRESERVES AND PROTECTS HIS REVEALED WORD

IS IT TRUE?

IS IT ACCURATE?

IS IT COMPLETE?

HAS IT BEEN CORRUPTED?
REVELATION

• GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM OUTSIDE THE BOX

• MANKIND AND SCIENCE ARE INSIDE THE BOX

• Deut 29:29

• “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law”
TYPES OF REVELATION

GENERAL

- NATURE & SCIENCE
- HISTORY
- TRADITION
- CONSCIENCE

SPECIAL

- DICTATION
- VOICES & VISIONS
- APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY
- EXERCISE OF GIFTS
INSPIRATION

• GOD BREATHED
• CARRIED ALONG

• Plenary Inspiration:
  2 Timothy 3:16-17

• “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
INERRANCY

• THE ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPHHS
• WERE WITHOUT CONSEQUENTIAL ERRORS
  • WITH RESPECT TO BOTH
    • EACH WORD (VERBAL)
    • EVERY WOD (PLENARY)

Psalm 19:7-9

• The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

• See also Psalm 119:128

3 Then he made the sea of cast metal. It was round, ten cubits from brim to brim, and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference. 1 Kings 7

PI = The ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Equal to 3.141
AUTHORITY

• THE SCRIPTURES GAVE US THE CHURCH, NOT VICE VERSA

• SCRIPTURES ARE SOLE AUTHORITY
  • FOR FAITH & PRACTICE

• BIBLE DOESN’T TEACH EVERYTHING
  • BUT WHAT IT DOES TEACH IS BINDING

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HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE.
BIBLICAL RELIABILITY

• AUTHORSHIP:
  • IN OLD TESTAMENT
  • BOOKS OF MOSES

• DATING:
  • IN NEW TESTAMENT
  • GOSPELS

• 2 Timothy 3:15-17

  --and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
AUTHORSHIP OF BOOKS OF MOSES

• DOCUMENTARY HYPOTHESIS..JEDP
  • J FOR JEHOVAH
  • E FOR ELOHIM
  • D FOR DEUTERONIST
  • P FOR PRIESTS

• OT WRITTEN IN BABYLON

• 1 Thess. 2:13 --
  • “For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”
DATING THE GOSPELS

A 10 YEAR OLD AT TIME OF CHRIST WOULD BE 50 WHEN TEMPLE DESTROYED AND COULD LIVE TO 120 AD

---PAUL---
---------------------JOHN------
-----JESUS---- ---PETER-----

OLDEST CONFIRMED GOSPEL TEXT

CONSERVATIVE DATING
LIBERAL DATING
MANUSCRIPTS

• DEAD SEA SCROLLS AFFIRM HEBREW MASORATIC TEXT
• NT: 10,000 MSS PLUS TRANSLATIONS AND QUOTATIONS
• RECEIVED TEXT VS. MODERN CRITICAL TEXTS
• AFFECT ON TRANSLATIONS
TRANSLATIONS

- WORD FOR WORD
- THOUGHT FOR THOUGHT
- PARAPHRASE
• 18) When the soul had overcome the third power, it went upwards and saw the fourth power, which took seven forms.

• 19) The first form is darkness, the second desire, the third ignorance, the fourth is the excitement of death, the fifth is the kingdom of the flesh, the sixth is the foolish wisdom of flesh, the seventh is the wrathful wisdom. These are the seven powers of wrath.

• 20) They asked the soul, Whence do you come slayer of men, or where are you going, conqueror of space?

• 21) The soul answered and said, What binds me has been slain, and what turns me about has been overcome,

• 22) and my desire has been ended, and ignorance has died.

• 23) In a aeon I was released from a world, and in a Type from a type, and from the fetter of oblivion which is transient.

• 24) From this time on will I attain to the rest of the time, of the season, of the aeon, in silence.
1. THE COSMOS, CHAOS, AND THE UNDERWORLD

2. “The multitude of those immortals is called the cosmos— that is, perdition—by the Father and the seventy-two luminaries who are with the Self-Generated and his seventy-two aeons. In him the first human appeared with his incorruptible powers. And the aeon that appeared with his generation, the aeon in whom are the cloud of knowledge and the angel, is called [51] El. [....] aeon [...] after that [...] said, ‘Let twelve angels come into being [to] rule over chaos and the [underworld].’ And look, from the cloud there appeared an [angel] whose face flashed with fire and whose appearance was defiled with blood. His name was Nebro, which means ‘rebel’; others call him Yaldabaoth. Another angel, Saklas, also came from the cloud. So Nebro created six angels—as well as Saklas—to be assistants, and these produced twelve angels in the heavens, with each one receiving a portion in the heavens.
"... Sometimes when I meant to touch him [Jesus], I met with a material and solid body; but at other times when I felt him, his substance was immaterial and incorporeal, as if it did not exist at all ... And I often wished, as I walked with him, to see his footprint, whether it appeared on the ground (for I saw him as it were raised up from the earth), and I never saw it."
The Gospel of Thomas

re Death

• Jesus said, Let him who seeks continue seeking until he finds. When he finds, he will become troubled. When he becomes troubled, he will be astonished, and he will rule over all."
The Gospel of Thomas

Re: Advice

• 11 Jesus said,
• "This heaven will pass away, and the one above it will pass away.
• The dead are not alive, and the living will not die.
• During the days when you ate what is dead, you made it come alive.
• When you are in the light, what will you do?
• On the day when you were one, you became two.
• But when you become two, what will you do?"
The Gospel of Thomas
Re: JESUS

• 30 Jesus said, "Where there are three deities, they are divine. Where there are two or one, I am with that one."
77 Jesus said, "I am the light that is over all things. I am all: from me all came forth, and to me all attained. Split a piece of wood; I am there. Lift up the stone, and you will find me there."
98 Jesus said, The Father's kingdom is like a person who wanted to kill someone powerful. While still at home he drew his sword and thrust it into the wall to find out whether his hand would go in. Then he killed the powerful one.
The Gospel of Thomas
Re: Advice

• Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."

• 19 Jesus said, "Congratulations to the one who came into being before coming into being.

• Jesus said, "Have you found the beginning, then, that you are looking for the end? You see, the end will be where the beginning is."
The Gospel of Thomas
Re: Belly Buttons?

- Jesus said to them,
- "When you make the two into one, and when you make the inner like the outer and the outer like the inner, and the upper like the lower, and
- when you make male and female into a single one, so that the male will not be male nor the female be female,
- when you make eyes in place of an eye, a hand in place of a hand, a foot in place of a foot, an image in place of an image, then you will enter [the kingdom]."
37 ...Jesus said, "When you strip without being ashamed, and you take your clothes and put them under your feet like little children and trample then, then [you] will see the son of the living one and you will not be afraid."
• Verse 114:

Simon Peter said to them, "Make Mary leave us, for females don't deserve life."

Jesus said, "Look, I will guide her to make her male, so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males. For every female who makes herself male will enter the kingdom of Heaven."