

WHY I BELIEVE IN THE BIBLE

“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:4, NIV)

Following Christ doesn't mean you have to throw your brains in the trash. There are very deep questions about the faith that call for real answers. This tool is an excerpt from **WHY I BELIEVE** from Chip Ingram. To find more answers to the important questions about God, the Bible, and Christianity, go to **LivingontheEdge.org**. Discover firsthand that there is substantial and reasonable evidence for faith in the Jesus of the Bible.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Bible is the best selling book of all time •
- 85% of American homes own a Bible •
- 180 million people worldwide have downloaded a Bible app •



Reason #1: Archaeology

- Archaeological discoveries support biblical details like the existence of King David, the nation of Israel and the Hittites.
- Sir William Ramsay set out to disprove the historicity of Acts. After 14 years he said, “Luke is a historian of the first rank; not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy ... this author should be placed along with the very greatest historians.”



Reason #2: Revelation

- The wonder of God's creation declares God's glory.
- The Bible is more than wisdom. Unlike other religious books, it claims to be the Word of God (Timothy 3:16).



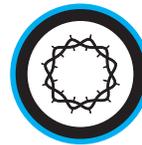
Reason #3: Origin

- The Bible's unity, structure, and subject matter argue for a supernatural authorship. Only a Divine Author could have a single message with such great diversity:
- 66 individual books (39 in the Old, 27 in the New Testament)
 - Written over a period of 1,500 years
 - Written by 40+ authors living in 10+ countries with 20+ occupations
 - Contains multiple forms of writing (prose, poetry, mystery, biography, narrative, and more)



Reason #4: Authenticity

The Bible contains honest accounts about real people. Their lives aren't “touched up” to give a good impression.



Reason #5: Jesus

Jesus is an expert witness on the Bible and He believed Scripture to be the words of God.



Reason #6: Fulfilled Prophecy

Jesus fulfilled more than 300 prophecies from the Old Testament.



Reason #7: Transmission

The Bible's purity and preservation throughout the centuries is nothing short of miraculous.

Proximity of Manuscripts:

Author	Time Written	Earliest Copy	Time Span	# of Copies
Plato	427-347 BC	AD 900	1,200 yrs	7
Aristotle	342-322 BC	AD 1100	1,400 yrs	49
Homer	ca. 900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs	643
New Testament	AD 40-100	AD 125	25 yrs	24,000



Reason #8: Impact

The Bible is powerful; no other document has changed lives and nations like the Bible.