

# Final Review

Resolidifying Our Faith: Internal and External Proofs

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George Washington was the first president of the United States.

Gravity keeps the moon in a circular orbit around the earth.

Japan will never conquer the United States.

Why do you believe the Bible?



“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

– Heb 11:6

“Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!””

– Mark 9:24

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...”

– 1 Peter 3:15

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

– Rom 1:20

“Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people.”

– Jude 3



Credible information does not  
*automatically* produce believers.

God gives enough evidence in the Bible and  
in the world to persuade any honest heart.



# Review

- We operate with faith based on \_\_\_\_\_.
- We do not have to \_\_\_\_\_ every single bit of evidence to still have reasonable faith in something.
- The Bible can be falsified through Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
- Classical proofs can help establish \_\_\_\_\_ arguments for [a] god.
- Virtually all \_\_\_\_\_ do not dispute Jesus was a real person.
- Your \_\_\_\_\_ can remind you daily of a historical Jesus' effect on the world.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ information in Luke/Acts (and others) has been validated.

# Review

- We have \_\_\_\_\_ MSS of the New Testament; more than any other ancient text.
- Due to the number of MMS and citations, its content could never be \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is the Greek text from which nearly every modern English translation is based.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is the Greek text from which the KJV/NKJV versions are based.
- Variations in the text do \_\_\_\_\_ affect any doctrine or teachings.
- The vast majority of textual variants are \_\_\_\_\_ errors.
- No \_\_\_\_\_ “decided” what books are authoritative and should be in our Bibles.

# Review

- \_\_\_\_\_ trusted in the inspiration of the Old Testament.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ stated they were inspired.
- Man could not produce an \_\_\_\_\_-free text over the time/location span of the Bible.
- \_\_\_\_\_% of the Bible is prophetic/predictive text.
- Bible prophecies could not have happened by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Spontaneous generation and an eternal universe go against \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ evolution is not proved by \_\_\_\_\_ evolution.

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- Science we can \_\_\_\_\_ is not the same as scientific \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ evolution/the day-age does not properly harmonize the Bible and science.
- There are hundreds of flood stories derived from \_\_\_\_\_.
- A local \_\_\_\_\_ would invalidate God's purposes.
- Archeology cannot prove the Bible, but it can \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Miracles cannot be explained by \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's nearly undisputed that Jesus both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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- The \_\_\_\_\_ dated accounts add authenticity to their content.
- Producing the \_\_\_\_\_ would have put a stop to resurrection claims.
- Faith in the Bible is not based on a \_\_\_\_\_ experience.
- The Bible bears all the hallmarks of inspiration, unlike other “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- The Book of Mormon and the Quran (for example) both \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible.
- “Evil” in the world implies there is a universal \_\_\_\_\_.
- Worldly suffering can be a consequence of man’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- God has a plan for man to escape \_\_\_\_\_ suffering.

# Review

- Mentioning societal and cultural behaviors is the not same as \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- In Christ, everyone is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Bible can be true regardless of how someone \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is an attack on the confidence for man to understand/apply the Bible consistently.
- Attempting to redefine or change meanings does not negate \_\_\_\_\_ truths.
- A postmodernist eventually must admit \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.



# Internal and External Proofs

- Blind faith
- The existence of God
- The historical Jesus
- The accuracy of the Bible
- The preservation of the Bible
- The exclusivity of the Bible
- Inspiration
- Prophecy
- Big Bang/Darwinism
- Theistic evolution/day-age theory
- The flood
- Archeological evidence
- Miracles
- The resurrection
- Comparison to other “holy books”
- The Bible’s unique content



Why do you believe the Bible?

- We operate with faith based on evidence. Do not let the world define your faith.
- We don't have to recall and/or have every bit of evidence to still have valid faith in something.
- Investigate and use evidences that impact *you* most.
- Classical proofs can help establish logical arguments for [a] god.
- God – as presented in the Bible – is the only sensible supreme being and answer to man's questions.
- The Bible is falsifiable.
- Non-Christians do not dispute Jesus as a real person.
- Extra-biblical sources and scholars confirm a historical Jesus; nearly impossible to prove otherwise.
- Your watch can remind you of the impact a historical Jesus had on the world.
- Incidental information has been validated.
- We have more copies of the New Testament than any other ancient text.
- The content itself does not read like something Christians would produce, nor could it ever be modified later.
- Varying textual bases produce varying English translations.
- Variations do not affect doctrine, teachings; the majority are spelling errors.
- Take confidence in modern Bible scholarship to reproduce the most accurate text possible.
- We can trust the books in our Bible are the true and only authoritative books.
- No council or church “decided” what is authoritative.
- There are measures in place to invalidate new or newly discovered gospels and writings.

- Jesus trusted the inspiration of the Old Testament.
- The Bible writers themselves stated they were inspired.
- Humans could not produce an error-free text over the time, location, and number of authors which span the Bible.
- 1/4 of the Bible is [fulfilled] prophecy – unlike any other “holy” book.
- There is no chance Bible prophecies could have happened by time and chance or by “force.”
- We have confidence in what is yet to come because of what has already taken place.
- Spontaneous generation and an eternal universe both go against the laws of science.
- Darwin knew there were unanswered questions in his own theory. Macro evolution ≠ micro evolution.
- Creationists – believers – are not “stupid” or “ignorant.”
- Theistic evolution does not properly harmonize the Bible and scientific theories.
- The day-age theory calls into question the Bible’s literal statements.
- We fall down a slippery slope if we reject anything the Bible says when it conflicts with man, science, etc.
- Other flood stories were derived from the Biblical flood.
- Local flood(s) would invalidate the purpose of the flood.
- Jesus Himself attests to a literal flood – not a myth.
- Archeology does not prove the Bible, but can confirm its historicity.
- Many have denied Bible claims only to be proven wrong by later archeological discoveries.
- Remember to be consistent in our approach to discoveries, science, and dating.

- Trying to explain miracles through modern science is impossible; miracles purposely violate scientific laws.
- Mainstream science points to God's working through regular patterns to sustain His creation. Miracles testify to His power over his creation.
- Miracles had an objective: "so that you might believe."
- Jesus was truly dead; this fact was/is not disputed.
- The tomb was empty and no body was ever produced.
- Eyewitness testimony is extremely compelling (both male and female).
- The early dated accounts add authenticity to their content.
- Jesus and the prophets predicted aspects of His death and resurrection before they took place.
- Followers would not change their lives and/or die simply over a lie for ~2,000 years.
- The Bible's historicity has been validated, unlike others.
- The Bible's content has not been changed or altered, unlike others.
- Bible revelation was not to a single man, unlike others.
- "Evil" implies there is a universal good.
- Evil and suffering can be consequences of free will.
- Immoral behavior is never endorsed.
- Just because we don't understand the circumstances or culture does not negate who God is nor His purposes.
- The Bible can be true, regardless of how one *feels* about it.
- The Bible is not like anything else; it cannot be defined in one's own terms.
- If Jesus is God, His teachings have to be objective truth.





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