

LITERARY

THOUSANDS OF ANCIENT manuscript copies recorded over fifteen hundred years incontrovertibly demonstrate Scripture has been accurately copied and preserved. Six billion copies (plus countless digital versions) of two to three-thousand-year-old Scriptures translated into two thousand languages ensure that Scripture will never be swept aside or destroyed. No ancient writing even remotely approaches the Bible's authenticated literary record. Over twenty-four thousand ancient manuscript copies, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, conclusively prove Scripture was accurately hand-copied and remained unchanged for more than two thousand-years.

The original manuscripts (autographs) of Scripture, like the stone tablets on which God inscribed the Ten Commandments, remain undiscovered and may have been destroyed over time. Even if the original handwritten autographs were available, it is uncertain how one would distinguish Moses' handwriting from subsequent word for word, handwritten copies. Even if they were verified, the power and inspiration of Scripture remains in God's hands, not the pen and ink of Moses or other ancient prophets and "holy men."

It is highly impressive that even a few three-thousand-year-old manuscript copies still exist. Few ancient manuscripts were valuable enough to copy by hand and fewer still survived wars, water, rot, theft, mishandling, and the natural deterioration of papyrus, parchment, and animal skins (#8 -Indestructibility of Scripture).

The literary evidence of Scripture is extraordinary and unparalleled. Over fifteen hundred years, over forty different writers accurately copied thousands of ancient manuscript segments thousands of times! Although the Scriptures comprising the individual books of the Bible remained unchanged, they were not compiled into a single book we know as today's Bible until many years later.

Dedicated copyists, who were painstakingly meticulous in their efforts, manually copied these ancient manuscripts. Every letter in every word, line, and page was repeatedly counted and compared to prevent even the slightest flaw from being inadvertently introduced. This attests not only to the committed dedication of the early copyists, but God's inspiration and faithfulness.

- “Jews preserved Scripture as no other manuscript has ever been preserved. With their massora they kept tabs on every letter, syllable, word and paragraph. They had special classes of men within their culture whose sole duty was to preserve and transmit these documents with practically perfect fidelity scribes, lawyers, massorettes.”

—
Bernard L. Ramm (1916 – 1992), Theologian,
 Evangelist, Apologist, Author

[*Massora*: A collection of critical and explanatory notes on the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, compiled from the 7th to 10th centuries]

The comparative accuracy of thousands of manuscript copies from two to three-thousand years ago when compared with much later manuscripts provides irrefutable evidence that Scripture remained unchanged for thousands of years! This is especially noteworthy when we consider that under normal circumstances, copyists would likely become more lax, rather than more meticulous, over many centuries.

Exact Wording of the New Testament

- “*Though textual criticism cannot yet produce certainty about the exact wording of the original, this uncertainty affects only about two percent of the text. And in that two percent support always exists for what the original said—never is one left with mere conjecture. In other words it is not that only 90 percent of the original text exists in the extant Greek manuscripts—rather, 110 percent exists. Textual criticism is not involved in reinventing the original; it is involved in discarding the spurious, in burning the dross to get to the gold.*”

Daniel B. Wallace, Professor of New Testament Studies,
 Dallas Theological Seminary

- “**Jewish authors would never have invented** either that style nor that morality; and the Gospel has marks of truth so great, so striking, so utterly inimitable, that the invention of it would be more astonishing than the hero.”

Jean Jacques Rousseau, (1712–1778), French skeptic,
 philosopher, writer, and composer

The original New Testament autographs were produced within seventy years of Christ's resurrection. Twenty-four thousand manuscripts including six thousand in Greek and nineteen thousand in Syriac, Latin, Coptic, and Aramaic were recorded within the first few centuries. Within 150 years of Christ's earthly life, the Scriptures which constitute our Bible today were in place and in widespread use. The New Testament literary record is unparalleled and unprecedented among ancient writings. All but eleven verses of the entire New Testament were quoted in the writings of the second century church fathers, so that the entire New Testament could have been reconstructed from those writings. ^[#119]

In a far distant second to Scripture's twenty-four thousand surviving manuscript copies is Homer's *Iliad*, with a mere 640 manuscript copies, all of which were produced *over five hundred years* after the original autograph! The

comparative survival of thousands of Scripture manuscripts is simply inexplicable : [#75, 76].

Surviving Scripture Manuscripts versus other Classical Manuscripts			
Writer/Work	Originally Written	Earliest Copies (Time from original)	Surviving Manuscripts
New Testament	50 AD to 90 AD	150 AD (60 years)	24,000 (5,600 Greek)
Homer - <i>The Iliad</i>	900 BC	400 BC (500 years)	643
Sophocles	496 - 406 BC	1000AD (1300 years)	193
Plato	427 - 327 BC	900 AD (1200 years)	7
Caesar - <i>Gallic Wars</i>	55 BC	950 AD (900 years)	10
Livy - 142 Books Roman History	59 - 70 AD		35
<i>Histories of Tacitus</i>	100 AD	1100AD (1000 years)	5
<i>History of Thucydides</i>	460-400 BC	900 AD (1300 years)	8
<i>History of Heroditus</i>	480-425 BC		8
Euripides	480-406 BC	1100AD (1300 years)	9

“While some assume a greater number of manuscripts affords greater opportunity for errors to be introduced, the opposite is actually true. The survival of such a huge number of ancient, hand-copied Scripture manuscripts provides an enormous baseline against which newer manuscripts can be verified and re-verified to detect even the slightest textual errors. Rare, incidental spelling errors and margin-note variations in isolated manuscripts have been readily detected by scholars.

The proximity between the original autographs, the events recorded, and the earliest copies is also significant. Early Christians and others with first-hand (or secondhand) knowledge of the events and teachings were still alive to detect any variations (Paul and the other apostles dealt strongly with early distortions of the faith among Judaizers and others). The collected writings of early church fathers and scholars, with archaeological evidence (Proof #3), affirm today’s Scriptures are at least 95-percent identical to Scripture of two thousand years ago. [One should rightly expect nothing less of God’s inspired Word of truth.]

- “The interval between original composition [of the N.T.] and the earliest extant evidence becomes so small as to be negligible and the foundation for any doubt that the Scriptures have come down to us substantially as they were written has now been removed; both the authenticity and the general integrity of the books of the N.T. May be firmly established.”.

Sir Frederic Kenyon, Director and Principal Librarian of the British Museum, paleographer, and biblical and classical scholar

The number of copies and date proximity affirm that Christian doctrines and beliefs held by billions of Christians over the past two millennia until today are the same as those held by Christians two thousand years ago!

- “The quantity of New Testament material is almost embarrassing in comparison with other works of antiquity. Next to the New Testament, the greatest amount of manuscript testimony is of Homer’s *Iliad*, which was the bible of the ancient Greeks. There are less than 650 Greek manuscripts of it today. Some are quite fragmentary. They come down to us from the second and third century A.D. And following. When you consider that Homer composed his epic about 800 B.C., you can see there’s a very lengthy gap. There was in fact no comparison: the manuscript evidence for the New Testament was overwhelming when

juxtaposed against other revered writings of antiquity—works that modern scholars have absolutely no reluctance treating as authentic.”

Bruce Metzger – (1914-2007)

Prominent scholars and literary experts have concluded that the New Testament books were recorded and handed down with almost 100 percent reliability and accuracy!

- ‘To sum up the evidence on the number of variants, there are a lot of variants because there are a lot of manuscripts. Even in the early centuries, the text of the NT is significant, and writings of the church fathers affirm all essentials of the original text. “In spite of their differences, Bible scholars generally agree that the original words of the New Testament can be reconstructed with almost 100-percent accuracy.”

Daniel B. Wallace, Professor of New Testament Studies,
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Variations between ancient manuscripts and modern translations:

- We know the Bible has not been corrupted because we have the English translations generated through the centuries that enable us to examine and verify the text of the Bible. Even if we did not know English translation history, we can take the authenticated Greek text and make a new translation in English.

Dave Miller, Apologetics Press, ‘3 Good Reasons to Believe the Bible has Not been Corrupted’

Scripture has far more manuscripts in purer form

- “The New Testament has not only survived in more manuscripts than any other book from antiquity, but it has survived in a purer form than any other great book—a form 99.5 percent pure.”

Norman Geisler and William Nix, Bible scholars

OLD TESTAMENT:

The Dead Sea Scrolls prove Scripture has remained unchanged for thousands of years.

In 1947, Bedouin shepherds discovered scrolls in eleven caves thirteen miles east of Jerusalem and thirteen hundred feet below sea level near the Dead Sea, which came to be the Wadi Qumran. The Dead Sea Scrolls had lain undisturbed for over almost three thousand years and have been called the greatest manuscript discovery of all time. Eventually, some sixty thousand fragments of text were found. Among these were eight hundred manuscripts, including texts from every book of the Old Testament except Esther.

A complete manuscript of the Book of Isaiah dating from 200 BC was found among the scrolls. Isaiah’s original autograph was written about 800 to 700 BC. The Dead Sea discovery pre-dated the previous earliest known Hebrew copies of Isaiah by almost one thousand years! Years of painstaking comparison have led scholars to conclude that the differences between the Qumran scrolls and Scriptures penned one thousand years later comprised only incidental spelling differences and margin-note variations!

- “The Dead Sea Scrolls proved to be word for word identical with our standard Hebrew Bible in more than 95% of the text. The 5% variation consisted chiefly of obvious slips of the pen and variations in spelling. No variations changed the meaning of the text in any significant way. The fact that both Old and New Testament texts have been transmitted so accurately over so many years is miraculous.”

Gleason Archer, Harvard PhD; One of most prominent
archaeologists of the twentieth century

FACTS ABOUT THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS [#77, 78]

1. The **Dead Sea Scrolls are attributed to the Essenes**, an early Jewish sect, who copied and compiled the scrolls between 200 BC and 68 AD. Their library of scrolls is thought to have been hidden in caves as the Roman Army advanced against Jewish rebels in 66–70 AD. The Essenes are mentioned by Josephus and other historians as a strict, Torah-observant, Messianic, New Covenant Jewish sect. They were led by a priest called the “Teacher of Righteousness,” who was opposed and possibly killed by the Jerusalem priesthood.
2. **The Dead Sea scrolls include** nineteen copies of the Book of Isaiah, twenty-five copies of Deuteronomy, and thirty copies of the Psalms. The relatively intact Isaiah Scroll is one thousand years older than any previously known copy of Isaiah, yet it has proven almost identical to copies from almost one thousand years later! The Dead Sea Scrolls are the oldest group of Old Testament manuscripts ever found. Scholars have discovered the remains of about 825 to 870 separate scrolls. Historians numbered the scrolls according to the cave in which they were found.
3. **Relatively intact manuscripts were also found in Caves 1 and 11.** The texts from these caves were published by the late 1950s and are now housed in the Shrine of the Book museum in Jerusalem. In 1952, the largest find of about fifteen thousand fragments from over five hundred manuscripts were found in Cave 4. The Temple Scroll, found in Cave 11, is the longest scroll, with a present length of 26.7 feet (8.148 meters). The length of the original scroll is estimated at 28 feet (8.75 meters).
4. **The Scrolls were mostly written in Hebrew but also include Greek and Aramaic.** Aramaic was the common language of the Jews of Palestine between 200 BC and 200 AD. The Dead Sea Scrolls are so extensive that they serve almost as a Rosetta Stone, greatly enhancing modern knowledge of these ancient languages.
5. **The Dead Sea Scrolls include biblical and non-biblical writings.** Fragments of every book of the Old Testament Hebrew canon (except Esther) were found. Non-biblical writings include commentaries on

the Old Testament, paraphrases that expand on the Law, community rulebooks, thanksgiving psalms, hymn compositions, benedictions, liturgical texts, and wisdom writings.

6. **The scrolls are most commonly made of animal skins**, but some are on papyrus and one is inscribed on thin copper sheets. The scrolls are written with a carbon-based ink from right to left, using no punctuation except for an occasional paragraph indentation. Sometimes there are not even spaces between words.
7. **The Copper Scroll (3Q15)** from Cave 3 seems to contain a list of sixty-four underground hiding places thought to contain gold, silver, aromatics, and manuscripts. These may have been treasures from the Temple at Jerusalem hidden away for safekeeping. The Copper Scroll is largely written in an unknown language and contains symbols that seem to refer to local hiding places that may no longer exist or have long since been discovered.
8. **About 40 percent of the Scrolls (mostly fragments from Cave 4), remain unpublished.** In 1991, public pressure led to photos of the Scrolls being published in an edition of *Biblical Archaeological Society*. A computer reconstruction based on a concordance was also announced and the *Huntington Library* pledged to open their microfilm files of Scroll photographs.
9. The Dead Sea Scrolls enhance the knowledge of early Judaism and Christianity; representing a non-rabbinic form of Judaism and providing a wealth of comparative material for New Testament scholars. The Scrolls show Christianity is firmly rooted in Judaism.

Dead Sea Scroll manuscripts are still being compared by Bible scholars over seventy years after their initial discovery. The age and breadth of the Dead Sea Scrolls have allowed Bible scholars to draw many incontrovertible conclusions about the reliability and accuracy of Scripture:

- The Dead Sea Scrolls do not contradict or discredit modern Christianity.

- Variations comprise less than two-percent of today's Bible and alter no single teaching or doctrine.
- The Bible as we know it today has remained virtually unchanged for at least two to three-thousand years. (Claims of changes or errors introduced into Scripture lack substance and truth).

BIBLE STATISTICS

Six billion copies of a three-thousand-year-old Bible published in twenty-two hundred languages is a “God thing.”^[#70,71]

The Bible remains the world's most widely published, best-selling book in history. Guinness World Records estimates 2.5 billion Bibles were printed between 1815 and 1975. *The Economist* estimates 100 million new Bibles are printed every year (four billion since 1975), for a staggering total of five to six billion Bibles printed in over twenty-two hundred languages. The Gideons International Organization alone has distributed over two billion Bibles and agrees with the six billion number. The “2014 United Bible Societies Scripture Report” claims Bible societies distributed 428.2 million scriptures in 2014.^[#72, #74, #82] This also supports the six billion number, which is roughly one copy of the Bible for every person on earth, or thirty million Bibles per year for two hundred years!

Six billion copies of a compilation of books ranging in age from two thousand to thirty-five hundred years old that is still the world's most widely published book is unparalleled and amazing. This is one book out of about 130 million book titles produced since Gutenberg invented the printing press in the 1500s (and only 30,375 titles were produced prior to 1500).^[#71] Only two other books in history have come anywhere close to the Bible: The *Quran* at four billion copies and Chairman Mao's *Sayings* at eight hundred million copies. Otherwise, the entire top-ten-selling books of all time have only produced a combined total of one billion sales with the leading novel, *A Tale of Two Cities* producing two hundred million copies.^[#70]

Today's digital environment has also unleashed unparalleled access to the Bible on the Internet, CDs, cassettes, DVDs, MP3s, and other digital formats. The full scope of the digital proliferation of Bibles is unknown, but the United Bible Society and others have estimated exponential increases.

The ever-increasing distribution of Bibles worldwide reflects the sustained demand for God's inspired word of truth. The United Bible Society reports an increase to thirty-four million Bibles distributed in 2014, up from thirty-two million in 2013 and eighteen million in 2010. Over five times the number of New Testaments were distributed in war-torn Syria in 2014 than in 2010, before the conflict began. And, in one of the most difficult years of Ukraine's history, Bible distribution increased by nearly 48 percent in 2012 and by ten times since 2010.^[#73]

In America, Barna Research polls show that 79-percent consider the Bible sacred and holy. Almost 92 percent of American households own at least one Bible and typically own three. Seventy percent of Americans believe the Bible provides everything an individual needs to know to live a meaningful life.^[#79] The Bible is not only the most widely distributed book in history, it is also the most influential (Life-changing Influence” section).

- ““The influence of the Bible is worldwide Its mighty power has affected every department of human activity. The contents of the Scriptures have supplied themes for the greatest poets, artists and musicians which the world has yet produced, and have been the mightiest factor of all in shaping the moral progress of the race.”
- “The scholars who produced this masterpiece are mostly unknown and unremembered. But they forged an enduring link, literary and religious, between the English-speaking people of the world.’

Arthur Pink, Christian Evangelist

Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of UK

SCRIPTURE INFLUENCES MODERN LANGUAGE IN SURPRISING WAYS

After thousands of years, the Bible is still the most widely quoted literature in history, often without intent or realization. Scripture has influenced language, culture, laws, medicine, history, and daily life more than any other literature, truth, or doctrine.

Even our daily language is influenced in ways most do not realize. Over twenty-two thousand English words are rooted in Hebrew, far exceeding Greek, Latin, and French! In his book *Begat*, linguist David Crystal identified 257 English language phrases directly from the King James translation of the Bible. ^[#80]

MODERN ENGLISH PHRASES - FROM 2,000-3,000 YEAR OLD SCRIPTURE ^[#80] (KJV)

Can a leopard change its spots? -

Jeremiah 13:23 – (600 BC) – “Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.”

A man after my own heart

I Samuel 13:14 – (1000 BC) – “But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee” (Acts 13:22)

Wolf in sheep’s clothing

Matthew 7:15 – (68 AD) – “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”

Heart’s desire

Psalms 21:2 (1200-500 BC) – “Thou hast given him his heart’s desire, and hast not with(held) the request of his lips. Selah.”

In the twinkling of an eye

1 Corinthians 15:52 (55 AD) – “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised...”

House divided against itself

Matthew 12:25 – (68 AD) “...every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.”

Sign of the times

Matthew 16:3 and others– (68 AD) ”O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?”

At their wits end

Psalms 107:27 – (1200-500 BC) “They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits’ end.

Fight the good fight

I Timothy 6:12 – (64 AD)– “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called...”

Everything has a season

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (950 BC) – “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”

Many are called, but few are chosen

Matthew 22:14 (68 AD) – “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Set your teeth on edge

Jeremiah 31:30 (600 BC) “But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.”

Straight and Narrow

Matthew 7:14 (68AD) “Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

Sweat of your brow

Genesis 3:19 (1450 BC) “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground”

A little bird told me

Ecclesiastes 10:20 (977 BC) “Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.”

Reap what you sow

Galatians 6:7 (63 AD) “Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap”

Blind leading the blind

Matthew 15:13-14 (68 AD), “Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”

Drop in the bucket

Isaiah 40:15 (700 BC) “Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he takes up the isles as fine dust” (ESV).

Fly in the ointment

Ecclesiastes 10:1 (950 BC) “Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor.”

Go the extra mile

Matthew 5:41 (68 AD) “And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain”

Nothing but skin and bones

Job 19:20 (circa 2000 BC) “All my intimate friends detest me; those I love have turned against me. I am nothing but skin and bones.”

Rise and shine

Isaiah 60:1 (700 BC) “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”

The root of the matter

Job 19:28 (circa 2000 BC) “But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the Root of the matter is found in me?”

See eye to eye

Isaiah 52:8 (700 BC) “...together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.”

Nothing new under the sun

Ecclesiastes 1:9 (950 BC) “The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.”

Wash one’s hand of the matter

Matthew 27:24 (68 AD) “When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.”

Knees knocking

Daniel 5:6 (550 BC) “Then the king’s color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together.” (ESV)

A thorn in one’s flesh (side)

2 Corinthians 12:7 (55 AD) – “And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given a thorn in the flesh...”

Give up the Ghost

Genesis 25:17 (1500 BC) - And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.

Head on a platter

Matthew 14:8 (68 AD) – “...Give me here John Baptist’s head in a charger.”

It’s better to give than receive

Acts 20:35 (75 AD) “... Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Lamb to the slaughter

Isaiah 53:7 (700 BC) “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter...”

Like mother, like daughter

Ezekiel 16:44 (580 BC) – “Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter.”

Keep your head

2 Timothy 4:5 (70 AD) “But you, keep your head in all situations,”

Stumbling block

1 Corinthians 1:23 - (55AD)- “But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness”

Salt of the earth

Matthew 5:13 KJV (68 AD) “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith, shall it be salted?...”

The truth will set you free

John 8:32 (72 AD) “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Conclusion:

God has provided overwhelming proof of His truth and ways in Scripture, through Jesus Christ and in many other compelling ways. Such large scale, consistent literary “You Can Know the Truth” is an unparalleled testimony to God’s supernatural inspiration and influence. God has revealed everything mankind must know to respond as He intends in Scripture/the Bible. The “burden of belief” now rests entirely on every individual. The good news for believers is that God’s ways and truths are timeless and unchanging. The bad news for non-believers is that God’s ways and truths are timeless and unchanging. The good news for living non-believers is that they still have time to repent and be changed by the power of God in Christ.

“When the child of God looks into the Word of God and sees the Son of God, They are changed by the power of God, into the image of God, for the glory of God.”

Warren Wiersbe (Author, Bible Teacher, Pastor)

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT THE BIBLE'S LITERARY PROOF

The New Testament is the best book ever known in the world.

- “The New Testament is the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world.”

Charles Dickens—Author; 1812-1870; English writer and social critic

The Bible is far more than just a piece of literature.

- You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to blow all civilization to pieces, turn the world upside down and bring peace to a battle-torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature

Mahatma Gandhi—Statesman; 1869 - 1948), Leader of the Indian independence movement in British-ruled India.

The Bible is the world's greatest book.

- “The existence of the Bible, as a book for the people, is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced. Every attempt to belittle it is a crime against humanity.”

Immanuel Kant—Philosopher; 1724 – 1804), German philosopher, considered a central figure of modern philosophy

England made Shakespeare, but the Bible made England.

- “England has two **books, the Bible** and Shakespeare. England made Shakespeare, but the Bible made England.”

Victor Hugo—Author; 1802-1885, French poet, novelist and dramatist; Best known for ‘Les Miserables’ 1862

The Bible is God's Word about man.

- The Bible is not man's word about God, but God's word about man.

John Barth Simmons—Author; 1930- - Novelist and short story writer

The Bible is worth all books ever printed.

- “The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed.”
- Patrick Henry**—Statesman - (1736-1799); American attorney, politician and noted orator; (Coined phrase, “Give me Liberty or Give me Death

God reveals Himself in many ways.

- “I believe in God, who can respond to prayers, to whom we can give trust and without whom life on this earth would be without meaning (a tale told by an idiot). I believe that God has revealed Himself to us in many ways and through many men and women, and that for us here in the West the clearest revelation is through Jesus and those that have followed him.”

Sir Nevill Mott --Scientist – Physicist; 1977 Nobel Prize in Physics

The Bible is the greatest of all books.

- “The Bible is the greatest of all books; to study it is the noblest of all pursuits; to understand it, the highest of all goals.”

Charles C. Ryrie--Educator, Author, Theologian; b 1925, Bible Scholar / Theologian, Writer, Published Ryrie Study Bible - sold 135 million copies

The accuracy of Scripture affirms its accuracy from the beginning.

- “Since it can be demonstrated that the text of the Old Testament was accurately transmitted for the last 2,000 years, one may reasonably suppose that it had been so transmitted from the beginning.”

Rene Paché --Author, Historian

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Sir Frederic Kenyon--Historian, Paleontologist, Director and principal librarian of the British museum; paleographer; Bible and classical scholar ““

The Bible is undeniably the accurately recorded and true Word of God.

- “The Christian can take the whole Bible in his hand and say without fear or hesitation that he holds in it the true word of God, handed down without essential loss from generation to generation throughout the centuries” (1948, p. 55).

Sir Frederic Kenyon--Historian, Paleontologist, Director and principal librarian of the British museum; paleographer; Bible and classical scholar

The abundance of early Scripture writings affirm later manuscripts.

- “Even if we had no Greek manuscripts today, by piecing together the information from these translations from a relatively early date,

we could actually reproduce the contents of the New Testament. In addition to that, even if we lost all the Greek manuscripts and the early translations, we could still reproduce the contents of the New Testament from the multiplicity of quotations in commentaries, sermons, letters, and so forth of the early church fathers (as quoted in Strobel, 1998, p. 59).”

Bruce Metzger--Educator, Theologian, Greek Scholar; (1914-2007)

The literary proof of the Bible is far greater than any other known writing

- “The evidence for our New Testament writings is ever so much greater than the evidence for many writings of classical authors, the authenticity of which no one dreams of questioning. And if the New Testament were a collection of secular writings, their authenticity would generally be regarded as beyond all doubt. It is a curious fact that historians have often been much readier to trust the New Testament records than have many theologians.”

Professor F. F. Bruce; - Educator; Professor of Biblical criticism and exegesis at the University of Manchester

The Dead Sea Scrolls’ Book of Isaiah proves the 95-percent accuracy of today’s Bible.

- “Two copies of Isaiah from cave 1 of Qumran “proved to be word for word identical with our standard Hebrew Bible in more than 95% of the text. The 5% of variation consisted chiefly of obvious slips of the pen and variations in spelling” (1974, p. 44).

Gleason Archer Jr. (1916-2004) Archaeologist, Bible Scholar, theologian, educator and author

YOU CAN KNOW THE TRUTH

The Bible yields its secrets to God-seekers.

- “One of the many divine qualities of the Bible is that it does not yield its secrets to the irreverent and the censorious.”

J. I. Packer --Theologian, Author; b1926,
Bible Scholar/Teacher/Writer, Professor of Theology