

# Scripture: It is Divine!

*...or “why trust the Bible?”*



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**“Forget the modern novelists...; the Bible is the biggest-selling book every year.” ... If cumulative sales of the Bible were frankly reflected in bestseller lists, it would be a rare week when anything else would achieve (even a mention).”**

**Fact One**

**The Bible Tells One Story**

**“The Bible has an organic coherence that is simply stunning. Books written centuries apart seemed to have been designed for the express purpose of supplementing and illuminating each other... Truly, the inner unity of the Bible is miraculous: a sign and wonder challenging the unbelief of our skeptical age.” (Packer, *Unfolding Mystery*, pages 8-9)**



## Fact Two

**The Bible Is Without  
Error!**

## Fact Three

**The Bible Contains  
Fulfilled Prophecy!**

**“Steven C. Roy has compiled a list of 4,017 biblical prophecies, of which 2,323 relate to free human decisions. Scripture does not view such prophecies as God’s opinion of “what will most likely occur” (as open theism would claim) but as God’s firm declarations of what will certainly occur.”**

**(Grudem, SE, 230)**

**“There are ‘128 prophecies about what God will do in and through nature; 1,893 prophecies about what God will do in and to and through human beings; 1,474 prophecies about what believers will do or have happen to them (without God explicitly being said to do these things); and 522 prophecies about what unbelievers will do or have happen to them.’” (Quoted in Grudem, SE, p. 230, quoting from Steven Roy, How Much Does God Foreknow?)**

**“There are 191 predictions in the OT about the coming of Christ, including his ancestry, the city in which he would be born, that he would be born of a virgin, precisely the time in history when he would die, and so on.” (Stroebel, 131)**



## **Objection 1**

**Jesus Just Fulfilled  
These Prophecies By  
Accident!**

**“ This is a staggering statistic that’s equal to the number of miniscule atoms in a trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, billion universe the size of our universe.” (Strobel, CFC, 247)**

**“If you calculate the probability of any one person fulfilling, sheerly by chance, all of the Old Testament Messianic prophecies that Jesus fulfilled, it would be as astronomical as winning the lottery every day for a century. Even if Jesus deliberately tried to fulfill the prophecies, no mere man could have the power to arrange the time, place, events, and circumstances of His birth or events after His death.” (Reflections on the Existence of God, Simmons, 223-224)**

**Acts 3:18 (ESV) — 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.**

## **Objection 2**

**The Prophecies  
Were Written After  
The Fact!**

## **Objection 3**

**Jesus Fulfilled Them  
On Purpose!**

## Fact Four

**The Bible Is Confirmed  
By Science**



## Fact Five

**The Bible Is Confirmed  
By Archaeology**

## **Fact Six**

**The Bible Has Power To  
Change Lives!**

**“I believe the Bible is true because it gives me the experience that it claims it will give me. For example, the Bible says that God will forgive my sins. I believe that. I accepted God’s forgiveness and it happened. How do I know? I have a sense of freedom from guilt.” (MacArthur, Why Believe the Bible, 32)**

## Application:

**“We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to a high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scripture, and the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole, (which is to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God; yet, notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth, and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit, bearing witness by and with the word in our hearts.”**

**Psalm 1 (ESV)** — **1** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; **2** but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. **3** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. **4** The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. **5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; **6** for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Psalm 16:11 (ESV)** — **11** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.