

The Nature of the Bible Is "Truth"

Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true. . . But you are near O LORD, and all your commandments are true.

Ps. 119: 142,151

Our Biblical Apologetic is Presuppositional

1. There is a God who has spoken

2. An unregenerate person is incapable of comprehending spiritual truth because of the extent of their depravity, even upon the mind (1 Cor. 2, & 2 Cor. 4)

Historical Reliability

 The Bible was written over a span of two thousand years of ancient history. It has provided a record of events, personalities, places and dates that have been used in the study of ancient history and has been found to be a reliable source document

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 It may be stated categorically that no archeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference. Scores of findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries. Nelson Glueck

Prophetic Character

 The Bible has a prophetic character because of the sovereign purpose, knowledge and will of God. Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other, I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, "My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish My good pleasure." Isa. 46:9-10

Prophetic Character

- Isa. 45:1; Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed.
- Messianic Prophecy: There are more than 300 Old Testament prophecies concerning Messiah that were fulfilled in one person Jesus Christ

Coherency in Revelation

• The Revelation of God: The Bible presents a coherent revelation of God over a span of 1500 years by 40 authors with a variety of cultural and temporal backgrounds. This coherency is even seen in the truth of a Triune God and how the character of God necessitates a difficult doctrine.

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 An Objective Morality: The Bible presents an objective standard for moral behavior that can be applied in all cultures in all times. Many of these standards even ran counter-culturally in the times they were written. Central to this moral standard is the grounding of human dignity in the creation of humanity in the image of God that gives us the two central marks of moral righteousness; Love God, Love your neighbor

Preservation of the Bible

 Preservation of the text: "No matter how the numbers are updated or changed for classics, the New Testament still has more attestation, better attestation, and better early attestation.
James Prothro in "Myths and Mistakes" ed. Hixson and Gurry

Preservation of the Bible

 Despite efforts throughout its history to eradicate the Scriptures from human history the Bible remains the single most influential book in human history. It transforms individual lives and societies. It truly has been reliable in giving the wisdom that leads to salvation; the knowledge of the true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent