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Talk Summary

Can The Bible Be Trusted / Is The Bible Historically Reliable?

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Did Know This About The Bible?

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Did You Know?

- ▶ The Bible is the best selling book of all times.
- ▶ A staggering 100 million copies are printed every year.
- ▶ Estimated Worldwide: Nearly 8 billion in print.

Did You Know?

- ▶ The Bible has been published in 450 different languages.
- ▶ NT-over 1,500 languages.
- ▶ Gospel of Mark-2,370+ languages.
- ▶ These figures do not account for the many digital versions.

Did You Know?

- ▶ The Bible is SUPERNATURAL.
- ▶ The Bible says that it is the message from God—a revelation telling us of Himself and His purpose for us.
- ▶ The bible itself also declares it has enduring value and relevance.
- ▶ “The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:8

4-Unique Things Separates The Bible as God's Revelation

- ▶ Consistency.
- ▶ Historical Reliability.
- ▶ Textual Superiority
- ▶ Archeological Verifiability.

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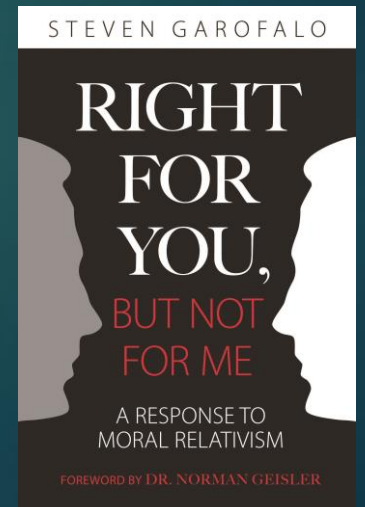
- ▶ NT alone we have over 7000 manuscripts or partial manuscript copies in Greek alone.
- ▶ Plus, 20,000 more in other languages.
- ▶ Earliest fragments go back within a few decades of the original writings.

Archeology

- ▶ There are thousands of details in the Bible that have been and will continue to be verified through archeology.
- ▶ Details in reference to specific people, places, and events have been proved accurate through modern archeological excavations and study.

Prophecy As Proof

- ▶ 27% of the Bible contains predictive prophecies- validating the NT.
- ▶ Jesus fulfilled more than 300 OT Prophecies.
- ▶ Mathematical odds of any one person fulfilling these prophecies is staggering.

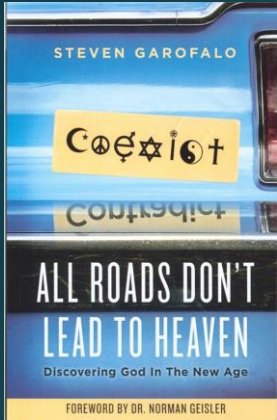


Mathematical odds

- ▶ One person fulfilling 8-prophecies: 1 in 100,000,000,000,000.
- ▶ One person fulfilling 48 prophecies: 1 in 10 to the 157th power.
- ▶ One person fulfilling 300+ prophecies: So many zeroes that it would blacken the page.
- ▶ Simply Put: ONLY JESUS!
- ▶ This is a magnificent testimony to the reliability of the Bible- the fact that the Bible is the one and only truly inspired Word of God.

What Does The Bible Itself Say About The Bible?

- ▶ “Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:20-21 NIV)



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