

ONLY ONE CREATOR

MOST MAJOR RELIGIONS BELIEVE there is a God, a higher power that created all things seen and unseen. But the question is, who is He? Which religion's God is the true God? Or do they all just use different names for the same God? If you were to examine the different religions (Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, and Christianity, to name a few), how would you determine which religion's God is the Creator? Each religion's concept of God is contradictory to the others. They are not all referring to the same God, as some people like to believe. Logically, they all can be wrong, but there is no way they all can be right. So how can you determine which religion's God is the creator God?

ONLY ONE TRUTH

Consider this simple math equation: $1 + 1 = 2$. There is not a broad range of possibilities—only one answer to $1 + 1 =$ is true. All other answers can be eliminated. In the same way, all truth is narrow. If you are wearing a solid white shirt, you cannot truthfully say the color of your shirt is blue. If it is currently cold and cloudy outside your window, it cannot be true that it is also hot and sunny. Once you have the true answer, all other options can be discarded. Religious truth is the same. It is narrow and has only one right answer. If it is true that there is nothing after you die, it cannot also be true that there is eternal life after you die or that you come back in another form. It is impossible for two or more contradictory statements to be true at the same time. If one is true, then the others are false; they cannot all reflect reality. Do you honestly believe there is more than one eternal reality? If logically there is only one truth about what happens when we die, do you know what the right answer is?

WHO IS RIGHT?

Each religion's concept of God comes from its religious writings. So, wouldn't it be important to verify the credibility of these writings to determine the credibility of their views of God? When you objectively analyze the evidence, you find that one text sets itself above the crowd. The Bible, as well as other religion's texts, have been scrutinized by countless archaeologists, historians, scholars, and scientists for hundreds of years and the Bible has been found superior to the other religions writings in numerous ways. The Bible is unique for several reasons: Archaeological evidence supports the Bible. Over 25,000 archaeological finds demonstrate that the people, places, and events mentioned in the Bible are real and are accurately described. No archaeological finding has ever refuted the Bible.

HISTORICAL EVIDENCE supports the Bible. More than 24,000 ancient copies of portions of the New Testament are still in existence today. These far exceed its closest competitor, Homer's Iliad,

which has only 643 ancient copies preserved. Caesar's Gallic Wars has only 10 copies in existence, and they're dated over 1,000 years later than the original writings. By contrast, we have portions of the Bible dating back to within 35–40 years of the originals written by the apostles.

SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE supports the Bible. The Bible tells us that the earth is circular (Isaiah 40:22) and hangs in space (Job 26:7). It also describes the water cycle (Ecclesiastes 1:7; 11:3; Amos 9:6) and air currents (Ecclesiastes 1:6), and mentions many other scientific concepts—thousands of years before they were accepted by science.

In the Bible, the one who created our bodies gave us medical knowledge long before doctors “discovered” it. For example, it wasn't until the 1800s that doctors learned about microscopic diseases: but for proper hygiene, the Bible directs those with illnesses to wash in running water to remove germs (Leviticus 15:13). Male babies are to be circumcised on the eighth day—the very day the blood's coagulating ability and the body's immune system are both at their highest (Genesis 17:12). (6)

FULFILLED PROPHECY supports the Bible. The Bible is the only book in the world that contains thousands of detailed prophecies and records their precise fulfillment. The prophecies cover the rise and fall of cities and empires, the failures and successes of national leaders, as well as national calamities and other events. For example, the Bible says the Jewish temple would be rebuilt by a King Cyrus, identifying him by name hundreds of years before his birth. The most important are the hundreds of fulfilled prophecies that relate to the lineage, birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. God promised to send a Messiah to redeem mankind, and He wanted there to be no mistaking who he would be!

The only prophecies not yet fulfilled concern the last days and the second coming of Jesus. No one can tell the future like this with perfect precision, except God. The Bible is also the only religious text that keeps itself in check by asserting that it must be 100% accurate in its fulfillment of prophecy, or it is not true. How can it make such a bold claim unless God is behind it?

INTERNAL CONSISTENCY supports the Bible. The Bible is a compilation of 66 books, written in three languages by forty writers, coming from various backgrounds and continents, over a period of fifteen hundred years, yet presenting complete harmony and consistency of thought. Its amazing consistency confirms that an overseeing power must have guided it. In fact, the Bible asserts that it is written by God. Though God used men as His instruments to record His words (much as you would use a pen to write), the words are inspired by God Himself. All other religious texts were written by men who claimed to be speaking for God. Doesn't it make sense to read the only book that claims God as its author?

The test of time supports the Bible. The Bible remains an all time best-seller, selling over 150 million copies year after year. Since its first printing on the Gutenberg press, over seven billion copies of the Bible have been printed in over 1,800 languages and dialects—more than one copy for every person living on earth. No other book comes close to the Bible in total circulation. Since it is

the world's number one best-seller, it's worth checking out to see why so many consider it to be the best piece of literature ever written. I have only scratched the surface of the evidence that supports the Bible as a trustworthy text. For further details, read the extensive evidence researched by Josh McDowell in his book *New Evidence That Demands a Verdict*.

A PROVEN TEXT

The Bible has proven itself repeatedly over the generations. It's been shown to be completely credible and superior to other religious writings in its archeological, historical, scientific, and prophetic reliability. Doesn't it make sense that if you can rely on the credibility of the Bible in these areas, then you can rely on it concerning God and your eternal destiny?

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Here's a short video to watch as you consider the Creator God: [4 Reasons Why Christianity is True](#)