Evidences of Biblical Inspiration Things You Know & Others Don't

2 Timothy 3:16 Every Scripture is inspired by God

The Bible is the best-selling, most quoted, most published, most circulated, most translated, most influential book in the history of mankind. There is no close second.¹

How can we know the Bible isn't just folklore? Hasn't the Bible been tampered with over time? Isn't the Bible out of sync with modern theories? What makes the Bible different that other books like the Quran or Book of Mormon?

The Bible is what it claims to be, the divinely *inspired, authoritative, trustworthy* Word of God.

The Bible was written by men guided by God (2 Peter 1:21)

1. FULFILLED PROPHECY

(Is 46:10) I am God... declaring the end from the beginning

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300 prophecies concerning the Messiah fulfilled in Jesus.
Chances of just 8 being fulfilled in 1:100 Quadrillion.
100 quadrillion dollars stretches earth to Venus 300 times!

2. ARCHEOLOGY Lk 19:40 Stones cry out

KING DAVID: Until 1993, NO shred of evidence could be found anywhere outside the Bible that David, the king of Israel, ever existed.¹



The critics' view was that the "David stories" were nothing more than *religious & political myth*.²

Their skepticism of David collapsed overnight in 1993 when a 3000-year-old inscription was unearthed in Israel mentioning David the king of Israel. Rom 3:4 "Let God be found true & every man a liar"

2. ARCHEOLOGY Pontius Pilate:

(Luke 3:1; Acts 4:27; 1 Tim 6:13)

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In 1961, A team of archaeologists was digging in Caesarea and uncovered a limestone block that bore an inscription in Latin that mentioned "Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Judea."

And as prefect he had the authority to condemn

or pardon Jesus, just as the Gospel accounts report.

It verifies that Pilate was an historical person, that he reigned in the very position ascribed to him by the Gospels,

- **2. ARCHEOLOGY** Biblical confirmations:
- Assyrian Sennacherib's palace. (2 Chron 32:1f) **Ruins of Jericho** (Joshua 6) Hezekiah's secret tunnel (2 Kings 20:20) **Babylonian Chronicle:** says they conquered Jerusalem & took Jews captive back to Babylon (2 Kings 24; Daniel 1) **Pool of Siloam** (John 9:1–12) where Jesus sent the blind man with mud on his eyes to wash and receive healing Jacob's Well (John 4:6) Jesus met the Samaritan woman **Pool** *"Bethesda* (John 5:2) lame took up bed and walked Herod's palace (Mark 6:14–29) John Baptist murdered Synagogue in Capernaum (Mark 1:21) Where Jesus met.

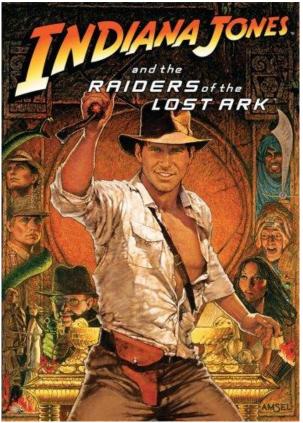
Does ARCHEOLOGY Silence the Critics?

No one discovery ultimately silences Biblical critics!

1. Archeology has a very narrow field.

Each discovery adds to the evidence but doesn't confirm *EVERYTHING* else in the entire Bible <u>unrelated</u> to it.

2. And each Critic will have their own **Service Sciences** "Presuppisitonal Commitments." Their books, their bias, their academic status, their occupation, their finances.



3. ASTRONOMY (Not Quack Astrology) A. Earth not supported! (Job 26:7) Job knew it in 2000 BC! Before 1543 Science taught 'earth is supported' by 'Atlas'; by elephants, or turtles! In 1608 Dutch, Hans Lippershey invented the telescope! In 1609 Italy's Galileo developed his own 20X telescope. And said: Poland's Copernicus is right--Sun is center! In 1687 Newton published *Principia* including *Universal* Laws of Gravitation = Earth NOT supported physically.

3. ASTRONOMY (continued) **B.** The Stars cannot be Numbered! Jer 33:22 He knew it in 650 BC! 150BC Astronomer Hipparachus of Nicea said 1,026 stars! In 150AD Astronomer Ptolemy of Alexandria: said earth is center of our system & there are 1,056 stars! In 1608AD Galileo said stars are Innumerable! Now Astronomers estimate there are 100 Billion to a trillion galaxies each with 100 billion to 10 trillion stars! Source AP/Washington times

4. LAWS OF PHYSICS *OUR UNIVERSE IS RUNNING DOWN* Ps 102:26 'Heavens & earth will wear out like a garment'

Heb 1:10-11 'Earth & heavens perish... All become old like a garment'

1850 Formulation of 2nd Law of Thermo-dynamics = Universe is running down. Energy death of Universe. It is spreading out, cooling, dying.

Our Sun is burning hydrogen at rate of 4 1/2 million tons per sec! Earth turns a little more slowly each day, every year!!!

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There's Undersea Canyons! Job 38:16 He knew it in 2000 BC!

1540 Juan de la Coste said the 'Ocean Floors are flat'

1873 Challenger found 5 1/2 mile deep Pacific canyon!

1911 Echo sounding developed, Reginald A Fessenden.

1954-64 mapped 20 under sea canyons 4 -7 miles deep! Peru-Chile Trench = 5 *miles deep*, 3,600 mi. long! Tonga Trench = 6 1/2 *miles deep*, 870 mi. long! Marianas Trench = 7 *miles deep*, 1,580 mi. long!

Believers should have honest, inquiring minds!

Prv 23:23 "Buy the Truth, & sell it not also wisdom, instruction, & understanding" (Get the <u>facts</u>!)

Prv 18:17 "First to plead his cause seems just until another comes & examines him." (Hear both sides!)



Prv 18:13 "He that answers a matter before he hears...a shame" (Get facts before make up mind!)

1 Thes 5:21 "*Examine all things carefully,* hold fast to..." (Once you have facts—hang on tightly!)

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts

always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you..

to give *an account for the hope* that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.