

Why Is The Bible Different From Other Books?

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God's Word is separated from all other literary works because it comes forth out of the mouth of God.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The entire Bible is given by inspiration of God! The word inspiration is translated from the Greek word "theopneustos."

This compound Greek word literally means "God breathed." This is why we call the Bible the Word of God. God inspired men to write His words.

Since the Bible comes from the mouth of God, it has abilities that other books don't have.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where to I sent it.
(Isa. 55:10-11)

The Word of God is compared to rain. Rain brings life to earth; it causes plants to grow, trees to bear fruit, and grass to be lush and green.

In the same way the Word of God brings life to people. It causes us to prosper and be blessed in every area of our lives as we hear it and meditate on it.

What Makes The Bible Such A Powerful Book?

The Bible is powerful because it came forth from the mouth of God. That's why we call it the Word of God. Notice what this Scripture declares:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
(2 Tim. 3:16-17)

I like the phrase "God-breathed"! That means that the Bible came out of God's mouth. He used men to write it, but it's His Word and not man's.

God took control of men and caused them to write down His words to mankind (2 Peter 1:21). As a result the Bible isn't like any other book. Notice what Jesus, who was God the Son, said about the Word of God:

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life (John 6:63).

Jesus is the Word of God In 1:1

The Bible contains the Word of God, which is spirit and has life. The word life in the above text is the Greek word "Zoe," which means "the God kind of life or life that comes from God."

The Bible is full of the Word of God which is a spiritual substance having God's life in it. This is why the Bible is such a powerful book. This powerful substance—the life of God—has the supernatural ability to teach and equip the Christian.

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Also read: Luke 6:47-49, Jeremiah 23:29, Psalm 119:105, Psalm 119 All about the Word.
Heb 4:12



WHY IS THE BIBLE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER RELIGIOUS BOOKS?

by Avery Foley on May 15, 2017

Many religions have books that claim to contain truth about their god (or gods). What makes the Bible different from other religious books?

The Bible never tries to defend itself as the truth from God. It simply says that it is (**PSALMS 119:160; PROVERBS 30:5; JOHN 17:17**). The Bible consistently says that God doesn't lie (**TITUS 1:2**) and that the Bible is from God (**2 TIMOTHY 3:16**). We know God's Word is true because it came from God who is the very standard of truth. Without God, who is the truth, truth can't exist.

1 Peter 1:23 born of an imperishable seed

2 Peter 1:19-21 the prophetic word.

So how do we know other religious writings aren't from God? Well, they say things that go against what we read in the Bible, so we know they can't be true. For example, the Koran (the Muslim holy book) says that God has no son (Sura 4:171, 23:91), but the Bible says Jesus is God's only begotten son (**JOHN 3:16**). And the Book of Mormon (a religious writing of the Mormon religion) says that children aren't sinners (Moroni 8:8), but the Bible says we all are sinners—even children (**PSALM 51:5; ROMANS 3:23**). Because the Bible is our foundation for truth, we know anything that contradicts (goes against) the Bible isn't true.

The Bible is the truth by which we test claims from other religions. As an example of the truth of God's Word, the Bible is also the only book that contains hundreds of fulfilled prophecies (predictions about the future that came true). No other religious book can make this claim. Because God (and only God) knows and controls the future, all of His prophecies are correct.

Psalms 119:105 a lamp to my feet.

Most important, only the Bible offers the free gift of salvation. We don't earn salvation from our sins—it is a free gift from God (**EPHESIANS 2:8**). In every other religion and religious book, people must work to earn salvation or a reward. The Bible's message is totally unique!

HOW IS THE BIBLE OUTSTANDING AND DIFFERENT FROM OTHER BOOKS?

2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is inspired by God." According to this verse, what makes the Bible outstanding and different from other books? The Bible is a book that has been inspired by God. God inspired the Bible's writers; he breathed into them, what they wrote. No other book has been inspired by God.

John 17:17 states, "Your word is truth." And Numbers 23:29 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie." God speaks only the truth. He does not lie. The Bible is God's Word. Everything it says, then, is the truth. This means that everything it says about miracles, historical events, and the names of people and places are true. All of it is accurate and trustworthy.

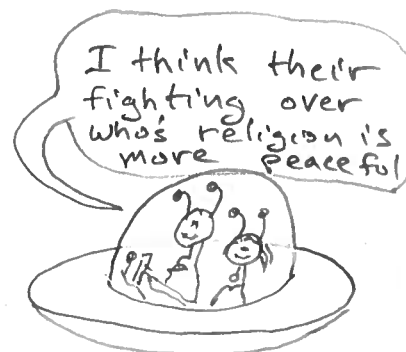
Since God speaks only the truth and does not lie, and since the Bible is his Word, the Bible is without mistakes, errors, or contradictions. As Jesus said in John 10:35, "The Scripture cannot be broken."

Yes, there are copyists' errors. In hand-copying the verses of the Bible mistakes were made, so that words were misspelled for example. But those errors can generally be explained, and not one such error affects any teaching of the Bible. See "Resolving Apparent Contradictions In The Bible" on Christian Inconnect for more information.

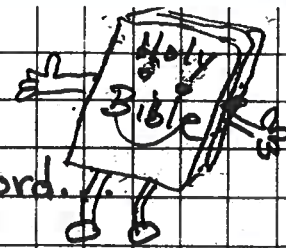
The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:15, "From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus." What does this verse tell you?

And the Bible is a completed book. Revelation 22:18 makes this clear where the glorified Lord Jesus says, "I myself testify to all who hear the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book." The Bible is a completed book. So no new scriptural revelations have come from God since its completion or will be forthcoming in the future. The Bible has told us everything we need to know for our faith and salvation.

So when you are holding your Bible in your hand, realize you are holding an outstanding book that is different from all other books. It is inspired by God, truthful, without errors and contradictions, and teaches you everything you need to know for your faith, life, and salvation.



What is the living Word?



John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word.

According to Hebrews 4:12, "the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

The God who is alive works in this world through His living Word in conjunction with the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 6:17).



Roman Gladius

~ 2 ft long, double-edge short sword

The description of the Bible as "living" means that it has a vital power inherent to itself. The written Word of God accomplishes God's purposes (Isaiah 55:11); the preaching of the Holy Scriptures brings about God's desired effects. The Bible is unlike other books, whatever emotional or social effects they may produce, in that it brings about lasting, supernatural change within a person.

Jesus likened the Word of God to seed in His parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1-23). Seed, like the Bible, is not dead, but living, and it has the ability to bring forth more life abundantly. Seeds produce a

The living Word is active in the lives of those who receive it. According to the psalmist, the person who meditates on and delights in the Word will be "like a tree planted by streams of water,

We see the living Word of God in action in the pages of the Bible. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached the Word of God, and his audience "were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'" (Acts 2:37). Three thousand people were saved that day (verse 41). Later, as the apostles continued to preach, the number in the church grew to five thousand, because "many of those who had heard the word believed" (Acts 4:4, ESV). God's Word, living and active, does not return to Him void.



Without the Cross and our risen Savior Jesus Christ, our faith is of no use.

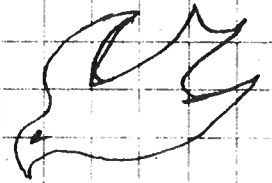
The Apostle Paul put all in perspective in 1 Corinthians 2:2 "I know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

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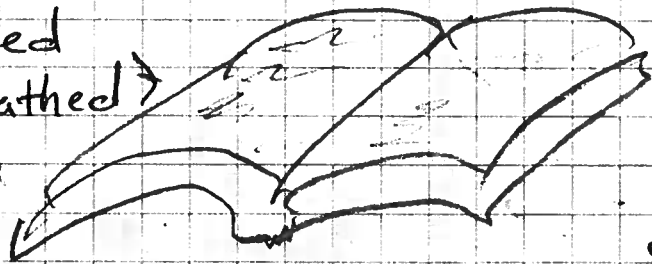
II Peter 1:21 No prophecy came by the will of man, but men spoke as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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II Timothy 3:16 All scripture is "inspired" by the Holy Spirit and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness.

Inspired
(God Breathed)



A Biblical Worldview

the Holy Scriptures gives us God's view of life -

- Where we come from
- Why we are here
- How to live well
- Where we are going.

the Gospel of John reveals Jesus as the Logos (the Word of God) John 1:1

In Genesis God spoke the Universe into existence

In Gen 2:7 God breathes life into Adam

The Bible is historically accurate

Hebrews 4:12 says the Word of God is alive and active, it reveals our thoughts and intent of our hearts. Rev 19:13

Psalms 119:104 thy Word is a lamp unto my feet & a light unto my path.