Does the Bible contain errors?

Can we rely on the Bible's authenticity and accuracy? Moses, the writer of the first five books *(Genesis-Deuteronomy)*, lived about 1400 years before Christ. Jesus' Apostle, John wrote his gospel, his epistles, and *Revelation (*the last Bible book)*,* about 1900 years ago. With the possible exception of a tiny scrap of John's gospel, the Bible's original writings have been lost. Only handwritten copies of copies exist. None is flawless. Few handwritten documents are.

These facts muddle trust in the Bible's accuracy. Before the invention of printing presses, circa 1437 AD, folks duplicated manuscripts by making handwritten copies. They are lengthy. Many English translations of the Bible exceed 1000 pages. You understand the difficulty of writing flawless letters.

Here's why I consider the Bible trustworthy. Suppose you send me an important letter that you handwrote. I want other people to read what you have to say. I encourage ten friends to make copies of your precious letter and circulate them.

In time your original letter becomes frayed from use. Not to worry. By then numerous copies of your letter exist. None is error-free, but your letter is reproducible with great accuracy. Since few people make the same copying errors, your letter could be restored by comparing several copies. Scholars examine and compare numerous documents in order to bring us reliable texts and trusted translations. The Bible is well-attested.

The best way to test the Bible's veracity is to know and obey the person it reveals, Jesus the Son of God. Have you tried him yet? He taught us the only way to please God: **"In him was life, and that life was the light of men,"** *John* **1:4.**