

The Essentials

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Psalms 119:101-107; Isaiah 46:9-10; Luke 24:44-47

**What Criteria Would You Look For To Test
The Claims That Something Is The Word Of God?**

I. The questions that many have

- A. What's so unique about the Bible?
- B. Why do so many believe it?
- C. Does it claim to be inspired, authoritative?

II. The uniqueness of the Bible

- A. An integrative messaging system whose origin came outside of time
- B. Unique features
 - 1. Written by 40 authors
 - 2. Over 1,600 years
 - 3. 3 languages
 - 4. Various styles
 - 5. Differing professions
 - 6. 3 continents
 - 7. Different locationsAll pointing to 1 person, Jesus Messiah

III. Ways of discerning whether the Bible is the Word of God

- A. It would be accurate with scientific data & discoveries
 - 1. Brief review
 - a. Universe had a beginning

- b. Fine tuned universe
 - c. Mathematical probability points to intelligent design
 - d. Discovery of DNA
 - 2. Biblical scientific revelations before science discovered the reason
 - a. Life in the blood - Leviticus 17:11
 - b. Sanitation practice - Deuteronomy 23:12-13
 - c. Germs/washing - Numbers 19:11-12
 - d. Ship building
 - i. 30 x 5 x 3
 - e. Quarantine - Leviticus 13:46
 - f. Food regulations
 - g. Ocean currents - Psalm 8:8
- B. Historically accurate as evidence by corroboration data (Archeology)
 - 1. Walls of Jericho discovered
 - 2. Pilate Stone
 - 3. Hezekiah's Tunnel
 - 4. Tel Dan Stele - House of David
 - 5. Cyrus Cylinder
 - 6. Silver amulets
 - 7. Solomon's Temple
- C. Prophetically predict the future
 - 1. The person of Jesus
 - 2. Prophecy fulfilled in our generation
- D. Practical insight that lasts through the ages that give instruction for life
 - 1. The need for love
 - 2. Parenting advice
 - 3. The reason for marriage

4. The power & boundaries for human intimacy
 5. The management of finances
 6. The need for forgiveness in relationships
 7. How to find purpose in life
- E. Bible describes why things are the way they are
1. Sin in the world
 2. Sin in our lives
 3. Spiritual forces of darkness
 4. The reality of shame & guilt
 5. The need for redemption
 6. The need for worship & prayer
- F. Bible mentions accuracy
1. Dead Sea Scrolls
 2. Ryland Fragment
- G. Answers humanity's questions
1. Who am I?
 2. Why am I here?
 3. How did I get here?
 4. Where am I going?
- H. Points to the 1 person who brings it all together
1. Jesus
- I. Eternal future
- J. How it all comes together

IV. The Bible is His story to you

- A. That you may know
- B. That you may have
- C. That you can enjoy

**That's The Essential Of Knowing
The Word Of God**