



WHY I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN

The Bible Can't Be Trusted

2 Peter 1:16-21 (HCSB)

For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, a voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory: This is My beloved Son. I take delight in Him! ¹⁸ And we heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic word strongly confirmed. You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all, you should know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Reasons why I trust the Bible as God's Word:

1. The attack has been too long.

- Ninety percent of the “errors” in the Bible are spelling variants.

2. The circulation of the New Testament was too early.

- Research shows that all of the New Testament was written and in circulation before the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.
(Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

3. The science is too compelling.

Manuscript evidence:

- Writings of Plato and Aristotle: 12 copies, the earliest manuscript we have is 1,200 years after the original was written.
- We have over 20,000 copies of the New Testament and the earliest copy we have is less than 100 years after the originals were written.

Prophecy: (II Peter 1:21)

- Over 3,000 fulfilled prophecies are found in scripture; you can make a case just from prophecy alone on the inspiration of scripture.
- Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies in his birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection.

Archeology:

- There have been over 25,000 archeological discoveries that have validated the accuracy of scripture in what it reports.

4. The authors had too much to lose.

Luke 1:1-4

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

5. Stories of transformation too numerous to tell.