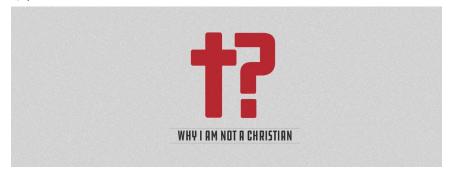
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## The Bible Can't Be Trusted

### 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. <sup>17</sup> 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! <sup>18</sup> And we heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with Him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> First of all, you should know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> 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:

# I. 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 <u>written</u> 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 <u>20,000</u> copies of the New Testament and the earliest copy we have is less than <u>100</u> 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 <u>25,000</u> 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, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

#### 5. Stories of transformation too numerous to tell.

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