



An Apologetic of the Bible

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[Featuring the, “O, I’D SNAP!” Acrostic]

Origins



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- ❑ 783 times, prophets use phrases like: “This says the LORD,” or “then came the Word of the Lord to _____,” or “The mouth of the LORD has spoken it” under penalty of death. (i.e. Deut. 18:20). These prophets make prophecies which see 100% fulfillment as a pattern.
- ❑ 39 authors over the space of 1,500 years all essentially say, ‘It wasn’t me,’ and their individual writings fit together perfectly (i.e. canonical biblical theology, progressive revelation).
- ❑ Lots of really objective people, ever since 1st C. A.D., have recognized the Divine nature of the books that make up our Bible.
- ❑ If the Book cites or claims to be a Divine message, logically it either is or is not. If it demonstrates that its message is Divine in essence and origin, then its origin is Divine.

I - Invincibility



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- ❑ Preservation is a thing which both the Old Testament and Jesus promise.
- ❑ Historical Attempts to destroy it fail miserably, even backfire.
- ❑ The Dead Sea Scrolls prove our current Old Testament is over 99% accurate to the Old Testament of Jesus' era.
- ❑ Accuracy of the New Testament texts is scientifically verifiable through cross-study of a huge amount of extant, ancient manuscripts.
- ❑ Accuracy & historical origin of New Testament is better proved than all Greco-Roman classical works (ex. Homer, Aristotle, Plato, Philo, Josephus).

D - Descriptions



- **The Bible describes both God and the human condition in concepts superior to human ability/desire.**

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- Humanity cannot come up with the conceptions of God that the Bible provides (i.e. limitless & faultless perfections, infinitude, eternity).
- Humanity cannot or will not describe itself the way the Bible does (i.e. evil in nature).
- In simpler terms, the Bible tells us about us in ways we would never think of us... or admit on our own.

S - Story



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- ❑ It reveals a Divinely engineered and coherent timeline (past, present, future) for humanity, which most religious constructs fail to do.
- ❑ It does not focus merely on presenting spiritual maxims randomly but is unified in theme, book and canon (e.g. progress of revelation).
- ❑ It reliably accounts for civilization in a way congruous with secular history and supported by objective archaeological record.

N – Naturally Accurate



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- ❑ Examples of what the Bible Asserted 1000s of years before science
- ❑ Mankind's understanding of the Bible's scientific assertions has had to develop.
- ❑ No archaeological record or evidence of natural science contradicts the Bible. (ref. *The Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties*)
- ❑ The Bible provides a consistent reason for the design, function, fluctuations, and even destructive forces of nature and biology.

A - Atonement



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- It is not mere satire that points out the problem; it gives the answer.
- If the Bible is accurate about the human condition, then it is accurate about its remedy.
- Logically, one can't steal, borrow, or work for redemption/regeneration of a tainted essence. It must be granted.
- To be fair, forgiveness/redemption must be granted judicially (i.e. debts paid by a substitute)... not upon whim.

P – Prophecy



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- ❑ While many prophecies could be traced, consider the following prophecies of Christ.
- ❑ Failed Prophecies? Actually, no.
- ❑ Still not convinced? Consider Isaiah's prophecy of Cyrus – Is. 44:28
- ❑ Or, try out the prophecy of Josiah – 1 Kings 13:2
- ❑ The prophecies which speak of the future and have not yet been fulfilled can be presumed equally accurate