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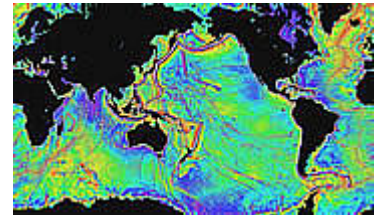
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Christianity is *not* a blind faith. It is the *only* religion that can prove itself, and a main source of that proof is the Bible. No other religion's book(s) can make the following claims... If you don't believe it, then check the footnotes for yourself. (None of the footnotes are from "Christian" sources.) Keep in mind that we only have space to give a couple of examples in each area... there are many more.

The Proof of Science

Science confirms the Bible... in other words science is often just "catching up" with what the Bible said thousands of years before. Here are just a few fairly modern examples of science catching up to what the Bible said already...

Consider the bottom of the ocean. For thousands of years no human being could know for sure what was down there... remember, there were no submarines or sonar. However, God inspired the Bible, and God knew what was on the bottom of the ocean floor even when it was technologically *impossible* for man to know. So while the science of the day taught that the ocean floor was flat, the Bible said that there were "mountains" (Jonah 2:6) and "valleys" (2 Samuel 22:16) on the bottom of the ocean. The ocean floor wasn't even mapped till the 1960's,¹ so it's only been in very recent years that scientists could discover with their own eyes that what the Bible said was true all along... that the floor of the ocean does indeed contain high mountains and deep valleys.



"Phlebotomy," or bloodletting, is the longest-running tradition in medicine. It originated in the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Greece, persisted through the Medieval, Renaissance, and Enlightenment periods, flourished in Arabic and Indian medicine, and lasted through the second Industrial Revolution.² However, the Bible states what we know to be a fact today, "For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood." (Leviticus 17:11) God, as the creator of the human body, knew that draining the blood out of your body would not heal you—even if science said it would for thousands of years. God's inspired book, the Bible, tell us that the life of the flesh is in the blood -- therefore draining your blood out it is the equivalent of draining the *life* out of your body.

Just 30 years ago if you had mold in your basement no one cared... the idea of tearing a house down because of mold would have seemed completely idiotic. However, today the news is full of stories of families that have suffered sickness, brain damage, and even the death of infants because of "toxic mold."³ And in many of those situations the only solution is to completely demolish the house.⁴ This is something the Bible stated thousands of years ago, "If the mold has spread in the house... ...it must be torn down—it's stones, timbers and all the plaster—and taken out of the town to an unclean place." (Leviticus 14:44,45)

The Proof of Historians

Secular history supports the Bible. For example, in *The Antiquities of the Jews*, book 18, chapter 3, paragraph 3 the famous historian Flavius Josephus writes:



"Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works—a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ; and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day."

In 115 AD, P. Cornelius Tacitus wrote the following passage that refers to Jesus (called "Christus," which means "The Messiah") in book 15, chapter 44 of *The Annals*:

"Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their centre and become popular. Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind. Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired."



Special proof exists for the New Testament, since Christians were strongly persecuted by both the Jews and the Roman government. If the New Testament writings were false, these two groups would have produced a great deal of evidence to stop the growth of this "sect." None exists. Further, the New Testament writings (before they were assembled into the "book" we call the New Testament) circulated during the lifetimes of thousands of people who had actually seen Jesus' miracles and other historic events. No one ever refuted the New Testament writings as "fairy tales."

¹ <http://www.unlv.edu/faculty2/dattilo/geo101/notes/Lecture21.rtf>

² <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/redgold/basics/bloodletting.html>

³ <http://gqrc.meds.cwru.edu/stachy/default.htm>

⁴ <http://www.bsu.edu/web/IEN/archives/2000/033000.htm>

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The Proof of Prophecy

One of the strongest arguments for the accuracy of the Bible is its 100% accuracy in predicting the future. These future predictions are called "prophecies." No other religion's book(s) can claim perfectly accurate predictions of the future. On the left-hand side, you will see predictions the Bible made... on the right-hand side, see some of the failed predictions of humans and false religions. The Bible is supernatural in origin... that is proof that it comes from the one and only creator God.

Prophecy From God's Word

Date of Prediction	Date of Fulfillment	Reference	Prediction	Outcome
626 BC	609 BC	Jer. 25:11-12	Babylon would rule Judah for 70 years	FULFILLED
701 BC	539 BC	Isaiah 13:19	Babylon's kingdom would be overthrown, permanently	FULFILLED
614 BC	612 BC	Nahum 3:19	Nineveh, the capital Assyria, would be destroyed permanently	FULFILLED
8 th c. BC	1 st c. AD	Mic. 5:2	The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem	FULFILLED
8 th c. BC	1 st c. AD	Ps. 22:16, Zech. 12:10	The Messiah's hands and feet would be nailed	FULFILLED
11 th c. BC	1 st c. AD	Ps. 22:17	The Messiah's bones would not be broken	FULFILLED
750 BC	1948	Amos 9:14-15, Isa. 66:7-8, Ezek. 34:13	The Jews would come together as a nation again and return to their homeland	FULFILLED
30 AD	Being fulfilled at this moment	Luke 21:33	Jesus the Messiah prophesies that His words will never be lost	FULFILLED
67 AD	?	Heb. 9:27	God says that you will die once and then face His judgment	YOUR FUTURE

A Sampling of "Prophecy" that originated with humans and false religions...

Date of Prediction	Supposed Date of Fulfillment	Predictor	Prediction	Outcome
1835	1891	Joseph Smith, Founder of Mormonism	Jesus would come back within 56 years of the prediction ⁵	FAILED
1889	1951	Charles Russell, Founder of Jehovah's Witnesses	Peace on earth ⁶	FAILED
622	1453	Mohammed, Founder of Islam	The Dajjal (Antichrist) would appear within 7 months after the Muslims took over Constantinople. ⁷	FAILED
1955	1956	Jean Dixon, Famous "Psychic"	World War III would begin ⁸	FAILED
1958	1998	Edgar Cayce, Famous "Psychic"	The western part of the US would break off, and Japan would go into the sea ⁹	FAILED

The Proof of Textual Evidence

Both the Old and New Testaments are strongly supported by manuscript evidence (the evidence of early hand written copies). The famous Dead Sea Scrolls are one example of the Old Testament evidence. These documents came from the "library" of a settlement founded at Qumran before 150 B.C. and abandoned about 68 A.D. Some of the manuscript copies were made during that period, and some were written earlier (third century BC) and brought to the settlement. Ignoring spelling-oriented (orthographic) changes and similar small differences, the Dead Sea Scrolls match the Hebrew text behind today's Old Testament, in spite of the passage of over 2,000 years (where one would expect errors to creep in). Over 20,000 known manuscripts document the New Testament text. This makes the New Testament the most reliable document of antiquity (a document written before the printing press). These manuscripts vary in size from a part of a page to an entire Bible (Old and New Testaments). The earliest New Testament manuscripts date from the second century (100-199) AD. These manuscript copies were written in different languages by people of different nationalities, cultures, and backgrounds. In spite of all those differences between them, the New Testament texts all agree.

⁵ *History of the Church*, Vol. 2, page 182

⁶ *Studies in the Scriptures*, Vol. 2, page 101

⁷ *Sunan Abu Dawud*, Book 37, Number 4281-4283

⁸ *The Gift of Prophecy – The Phenomenal Jeane Dixon*, by Ruth Montgomery (Bantam Books 1965)

⁹ Jess Stern, 1967, p. 37