



of Salem, as the Most High God. To be the most high god indicates that there must have been lesser beings also identified as gods. One of those lesser beings was Jehovah one of the subordinates of the Lord God. He is identified in scripture as YHWH, Yahweh, Ishi, Baali and Jehovah. Jehovah assumed the title of a god when he convinced Abraham to follow him. He did not become a god until he led the Hebrews into the Sinai wilderness. Gods need worshipers, temples, priests, sacrificial offerings, gifts and a land to call one's own. Jehovah had none of these things until he was able to have Moses lead the Hebrews into the Sinai wilderness. This was his first step in establishing his dynasty. Once he had the congregation under his control he had taken the first step towards his ambition, he had worshipers. Next he ordained the tribe of Levi as the priests who would wait on and serve him.

This book was born from a passion for helping God's people look into God's original plan for humankind, and for discovering God's revealed will concerning the issue of racism and prejudice. A lot of people are misguided by emotions and sensory perceptions from the things they see every day. We don't live our lives from the outside but from inside out...out of his belly shall flow... (John 7 verse 38) Many do not know that it is against God's word to show partiality. Favoring one person over another because of preconceived notions and sentiments that are not borne out of love is the fuel for racism. We have the advantage of having God's word. His word guides our actions. Armed with God's word, our Christian walk becomes more tranquil. Relating with people from every tribe, background, and race becomes a thrilling experience. It is my prayer and hope that, as you prayerfully read this book; your eyes will be open to know the truth. The Bible says you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. It is the truth of God's word that can set us free from the scourge of racism and prejudice. If you want to learn how to be antiracist, the best way to go is the Bible. Many erroneously see the Bible as just a book. They say it's, after all, written by men. Those people are very far from the truth. The Bible contains the infallible word of God. The Bible came to us from God, written by holy men as the Holy Spirit inspired them. That's according to 2nd Timothy 3 verse 16 ...All scripture is given by inspiration of God...The Bible contains a detailed manual for our life and should guide our every decision making. Just like an electronic engineer produces a gadget with a manual to aid operation, in the same way, God has not left us without a guide on how best to lead our lives. We have His word to direct us. We have his word to show us the way to go so we would not come to error. Get a copy for yourself and gift a copy to a friend or family member. Remain blessed.

This unit is partly about how Scripture came to us. Along the way, we will look at how the Bible developed from its roots in oral tradition to collections of written texts and finally to the biblical canon we now have. We will also look at how the Bible came to be translated from Hebrew and Greek into other ancient languages, such as English. We will seek to develop greater appreciation for all the work that was done by the preachers and teachers who spoke the word, the collectors and editors who expanded and organized the word, the scribes who copied, preserved, and protected the word, and the translators who translated the word. We will also seek to develop a greater appreciation for the God who inspired the word. We will also hopefully grow in our appreciation for the God who stands behind and within the word, for the Christ who fulfills it, and for the Spirit who enlivens it. All of that is going on right here and now, so this unit is also about how Scripture comes to us. Its words come to us as we make ourselves available to them by carefully and prayerfully studying them. In those words, we find ourselves drawn more and more into the life of God and into life with God. We are grateful for the great gift of our Bible, but what do we do with that great gift? Do we show our appreciation for it in the amount of attention that we give it? Do we approach it with an attitude of humility, asking God to help us understand what we need to understand, or do we come to it with an attitude of arrogance that assumes we already know what we need to know? Do we read our Bibles through the lens of Jesus, desiring that our study of the Bible will lead us to a life characterized by the kind of love he showed us and that only he can make possible in us? Yes, Scripture not only came to us; it also comes to us. Thanks be to God who made and makes it all possible—and to all the people who worked and work with God to make it all possible!

This inspirational, God-inspired book encourages all genuine believers and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ to hold fast to their faith in the Lord and His word. It emphasizes that no matter what comes against them, no matter what opposition and delays, God's promises will certainly and undoubtedly come to fulfillment. Drawing upon the lessons of the lives of Jesus, Lot, Abraham, and Joseph, the author seeks to disabuse the mind of believers and hopefuls that delays are not denials nor are they signs of God's unwillingness to keep His word. Even through darkness and uncertainties, God orchestrates all things to work in our favor. Asserting that the lack of patience, faith, diligence, and perseverance are among the many reasons why many believers miss out on God's promises, these writings encourage us to learn from those in the Bible who received promises from God and surmounted great obstacles to achieve their desired haven, thus proving God's faithfulness to His word. Citing scripture passages and offering inspirational comments, as well as key nuggets of wisdom, *And It Came to Pass* will both encourage and inspire all persons of faith to remain true to God's words and to know that His promises shall surely come to pass - if you would only have faith and...wait! Innocent Okoliko's motivational writing will show you how.

Many people today are quick to spout off bold claims that there is no way in which it can be said that the Bible really did come from God. In fact, they even imply that anyone who believes this is acting like a person who is mentally inept. However, it is the skeptic whose mental capacities need to be challenged because they refuse to look at the evidence that clearly reveals how the Bible really did come from God. Therefore, this book, *Did the Bible Really Come from God?* shares the 10 lines of solid logical evidence that proves how the Bible really did come from God and is unlike any other book on the planet. As you will see in this book, there is overwhelming evidence showing how there really is no need to question, *Did the Bible Really Come from God?* let alone cave into the false claims of the critic. Contrary to what society would say, yes, we can know for sure Christian that what we hold in our hands is indeed the Genuine Word of God!

*The Kingdom of God Come Upon You* By: Richard Charles Carlson Author Richard Charles Carlson wrote this book for you to understand why things happen in this world whether it is good or bad. He wants other people to be happy and to accept others for who they are with love. You should have no room in your heart to hate anyone. Carlson's main focus is to try to have a better understanding of what the Bible is all about from the beginning to the end. He uses scripture to show proof of his belief through faith of why people exist and our purpose. In the book, Carlson writes about the events before and after this universe was created. His main focus is on Jesus Christ and the war with Satan for people to understand good and evil and to then know good and evil by examining themselves. Carlson finds that everything in the Bible is very important, from the beginning to the end. He refers to it as "Jesus' Book." He discovers more about God's kingdom by revelations through vision, dreams, and even through other people. Carlson sees the power of God's kingdom through the peace in his heart that can only come from Jesus Christ, our Lord

and Savior. Carlson desires to bless his Father in the Highest of Heaven and gain more born-again children in His house. His Father wants all His children to have the knowledge of the wisdom of God, to join with Him in eternal life in Paradise forever. Carlson explains what kind of choice you want in life to be happy and how to rejoice forever. Within this book, Carlson keeps a humble state of mind while writing about his testimonies of confessions, to live without guilt and shame, and to continually praise the Lord Jesus Christ with a clean mind. He wants you to live your life to the Most High God Almighty and to be happy as well.

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50 Reasons Jesus Christ Is God book is based on God's invitation, "Come, let us reason together", and offers 50 reasons from the Bible that the reader can use to understand or defend this important and mentally difficult truth: Jesus Christ is God.

For two thousand years, we have been teaching and learning the prophecies and promises of God concerning His First Coming. It is time to stop "drinking milk" as infants and begin "eating meat" as mature Christians. We need to teach and learn the prophecies and promises for God's Second Coming. First, we need the "biblical" explanation for the "old blood" covenant and "the scriptural" explanation for the "new blood" covenant ("the Shadow" and "the Body") before we can understand God's eternal salvation plan for all the earth (the Light). Did you know? 1. God changed "the written law" before he changed "the natural law" in order for God's "chosen daughter" Mary to give birth to Messiah? 2. The "substitute Lamb" God provided for Isaac and the 'substitute Lamb' God provided for the offerers in the temple, was God's plan until the real Lamb of God, Jesus, came as the 'Substitute Sacrifice' for all man-kind? 3. That 'the Promise' Blessing was fulfilled at His first coming there for we are able to inherit 'the Birth-Right' Blessing at His second coming? Word of Wisdom: "God does not interfere with man's will unless man's will interferes with God's will." Bishop Norman Vincent Peale "At last God's door to his kingdom is open to all mankind." Evangelist Minister Billy Graham. "And I remembered the word of the Lord, 'John baptized with water but you shall be baptized with Holy Spirit.'" St. Peter (Acts 10:16""17). "For one mans disobedience 'many' were made sinners, so by one mans obedience 'many' will be made righteous." St. Paul (Romans 5:19""21).

Where did the Bible come from? How do we know the right books are in the Bible? Does the Bible contain errors? What are the oldest copies we have of the Bible? How do we know that the Bible hasn't been changed over the years? Why are there so many translations of the Bible, and which one should I use? These are just some of the important questions about the Bible that are discussed in this book. Understanding basic facts about the origin of the Bible is essential for every Christian, but it can also be confusing and difficult. Here, two well-known scholars, authors of a more technical book, A General Introduction to the Bible, explain simply and clearly these basic facts. Inspiration, the biblical canon, major manuscripts, textual criticism, early translations, and modern versions are some of the major topics discussed. Careful explanations of important points are given throughout, as the entire field of biblical introduction is covered.

Completely updated and revised edition of the 1974 work (more than 78,000 copies sold). Helpful charts have been added, along with an index of subjects, persons, and Scripture. This book is ideally suited for Bible students, pastors, and professors. While writing for readers without previous training, the authors do not gloss over difficult and complex issues when they arise. The nature of inspiration, the extent of the canon, and the usefulness of modern versions are all clearly discussed. The authors write: "The chain of communication from God to us is strong. It has several solid links: inspiration, collection, transmission, and translations. The strength of these links provide the contemporary Christian with the moral certitude that the Spirit-inspired original text of Scripture has been providentially preserved by God so that for all practical purposes the Bible in our hands is the infallible and inerrant word of God."

A compelling view of two competing religious visions---one of "creation" and the other of "empire"---that run throughout the Bible. "A remarkable offering for those who care about the interface of power and faith with all the threats and seductions that go with it. . . As I read, I felt overwhelmed, both by the mass of data and by the cunning of interpretation. I could not put it down, and expect to continue to be instructed by it.---Walter Brueggemann "Howard-Brook undertakes what few dare anymore: an introductory primer for the whole Bible...This book invites disciples to `connect the dots', in

order to recover our ancient, anti-imperial identity, and to embrace a radical faith and practice that are personal and politica."---Ched Myers "Howard-Brook illuminates how ancient empires exercised control and manipulation of people not simply by political and military means, but also through the religion of empire. Throughout he makes clear that the core message of the God of creation is to call people out of empire, to refuse to cooperate with the forces of destruction and domination today."---Richard Horsley "Will become a classic for communities that seek first to receive the gracious gift of God's alternative future to Empire."---Jarrod McKenna "If we who sojourn in America are to be a community that can both name and resist the lure of Empire, we need a story more powerful than the story called America. Wes Howard-Brook knows than the Bible tells such a story. May its story be ours as we're set free from our imperial imaginations to dream with our Creator of a new world here and now."---Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

Journey of the BibleThe Remarkable Story of How the Bible Came from God to YouGrasonHow the Bible Came to beExploring the Narrative and MessagePaulist Press

An excellent book for anyone who is seeking to know more about the living God. The first book in a two-part series, A Shadow of Good Things to Come, is a colorful book of Jewish history , dating from the time of creation with the Ancient of Days to king David. You will learn that God had a plan to save mankind, and He implemented that plan through the Jewish nation. Told in Bible-story form, you will find answers to many questions you may have about the Bible and man's relationship with God, questions such as: • Who is the true living God? • What is the purpose of man? • What promises did God give Abraham and his descendants through Isaac? • Why and how did God choose the nation of Israel to be His people? • Why and how did God set up the law and sacrificial system? • Why is Jesus called the Son of David? "Deeper Insight" study questions are provided at the end of each chapter. "I always wondered why a loving God would bring so much death and annihilation to people in the Old Testament. Now I understand. Sin was rampant, and evil men threatened the very existence of the future seed of Abraham, through whom Christ, the Savior of mankind, would come. This is a wonderful Bible-based, simply-stated study that all Christians will enjoy." Frances Henderson "This is a good book for Christians who want to learn, in detail, about the twelve Tribes of Israel and their lineage leading to the birth of Christ. I was amazed to scripturally learn about the division of the land God gave to the Israelites. If you ever had doubts about Jesus, you won't anymore." Trudy Meriedth

Jesus came from the closed village of Galilee. He was originally a lower-class Jewish missionary. He was convicted of illegal activities and was crucified for treason. But shortly after his death, his followers began to declare that he was the incarnation of God, and later even directly declared that Jesus is God, the Lord of heaven and the world. So the question is: how did a farmer who was crucified become the creator of all things? The author of this book has been a regular Christian since he was a child. He went to church every Sunday and served as a sacrifice. But as time passed, his thinking changed.

Is the language of the Bible too confusing? Do you have a hard time understanding the stories? Do you feel like it's all over your head? If so, then let Sharon Burton help you understand. In her retelling of important and much-loved Bible stories, Sharon makes the Bible simple and easy to understand. She uses familiar language and practical illustrations to engage younger readers. Sharon not only clarifies the story but also emphasizes the importance that each story holds for readers. The history of events, the people enacting them, and the meaning behind it all is outlined in a way that readers of all ages will find accessible. You will find a new appreciation for the Bible and a new enthusiasm for God. Let the Children Come to Me provides a simple but moving interpretation of important Biblical stories that are relevant to our lives today.

Knowing the Word of God is foundational to our faith. So, when questions arise trying to stir doubts in our hearts about God's Word, there is room for our faith to be shaken. Yet God is faithful to defend His Word! Through the centuries it can be seen how the Word has been kept.

We must not submit our self to the angst that produces discord. The understanding of truth and peace is possible. Achieving that understanding was not so much of a problem for us when we were children; and, we can return to that state, again. What; you thought your childhood would go away, and the peace thereof would end? Not in the kingdom of God and of His Son. This, we will discover, from the beginning, moving toward the end (for, as of this writing, we have not reached that point, yet). This is our search: to understand and appreciate the products of God, on behalf of mankind, and beyond. To do this, we will start, From the Beginning. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. (Hebrews 11:8-10) This book is for those who want to be true to the spirit of the Christ and want to use the Bible as a guide to their spiritual growth rather than as a literal instruction manual for evaluating and judging external behavior – especially the behavior of others. Spiritual growth pays little attention to controlling external behavior. Spirituality is always an inside job and is always gentle, kind, understanding and accepting – of others and of self. The fruit of this book is the presentation of biblical facts, which are sewn together in the recognition that the Kingdom of God is available right now for you: Having experiences where others see God in you; Gifting your life with experiences of seeing God in all others; and Experiencing Spirit's daily guidance as you live your life. Clear spiritual thinking requires an understanding of what the Bible is – and isn't.

God Chooses Renee Bankson Kennedy in her weakness and foolishness, and for being despised and base to say... ? It is time for the end of the evil age. ? We must recognize Omnipotent God and know Him. ? The truth of the Gospel can save all who believe. ? Jesus Christ is the Truth, the Life and the way. ? The Carpenter Jesus built the Church soon. ? Look up for the Coming of Christ Jesus today. The Bible is God's inspired Word to instruct all in righteous living. Seeking

after such a life in Scripture will introduce you to a Great God in three persons: it is not impossible to see the father, the Son, and the Holy Teacher in three persons as one Great God who calls His name: "I AM". You see, what you may need today, "I AM" can supply that. You are not alone. That crystal sea before His throne can supply Almighty God All He needs to know about you- not the mortal with a crystal ball, but the immortal and all powerful One who reigns over this Universe will tell you your future and what you can do today to prepare yourself for the things which are yet to come in your life. God bless you with His wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. When Renee Bankson Kennedy took her own scriptural Journey through the Bible she became deeply involved in the most fascinating and thrilling answer to everything she did not know. The result she shares in this extraordinary and reassuring book that underscores for all today that in this most critical time there is a future and a hope in Christ Jesus.

Much is said in the Christian Bible about when the present age will dissolve into a time when only peace and good will prevail throughout the world. This is particularly true of the Book of Revelation at the end of the Bible, one of the most mysterious and hotly-debated books of the Bible, which has been seen variously as another illustration of mankind's perennial insecurity and fear of annihilation or disaster, a pre-scientific catalogue of catastrophes common to much ancient apocalyptic literature, a prophecy of doom, a metaphor for how ultimately evil will fail and good will prevail, or a serious and literal account of how God will destroy all that is wrong in this world to bring in His New World Order. This book seeks to find the deeper reality of what these scriptures are telling us. Is this really God addressing mankind and if so what is He really telling us, why should He do so and how this is intimately relevant to us?

How is the Bible still as applicable in the 21st century as it was when it was first penned? How did so many authors, with different backgrounds and over thousands of years, write something so perfectly fitting with one another? Lance Lambert breaks down these, and many other questions in this first volume of his series teaching through the Bible. He lays a firm foundation for going on to study the Word of the living God. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

What Jesus said about the word of God -- The Old Testament: Should we take it literally? -- The authority of the New Testament -- How the Bible came into being -- Understanding the Bible in daily life.

Believers need to understand that the God is the Standard for everything including the definition and meaning of words as revealed in the Bible especially in the New Testament Scriptures. There are many translated words from the original text of the New Testament such as love ("agape"), to love("agapao"), good("agathos" or "kalos"), righteous)("dikaios"), evil("poneros" or "kakos"), faith("pistis"), truth("aletheia"), etc., that cannot be correctly understood when the meanings are taken from world dictionaries nor from experts in Hebrew and Greek languages. For example, the biblical meaning of love("agape") is that The God is love(1 John 5:8,16). Mankind are NOT love! Accordingly, only One, the God is able to love("agapao"), no mankind is able to love("agapao"). This is the bible definition of love("agape") and to love("agapao"). This Book 26 reveals the biblical meaning of the translated words truth and the truth. Truth in the original Greek text is "aletheia." A typical world or mankind definition of truth is: truthfulness; constancy; actuality; accuracy or adjustment; an established fact; known facts; knowledge(Chambers Twentieth Century dictionary. New Edition, by M. Macdonald 1972), According to the world dictionary any one can speak the truth, while the biblical definition of "aletheia" or truth is that "the word of the God is truth." And that "Jesus Christ is the truth." This means any mankind who speaks accurately of what actually happens is only speaking a fact, but is not speaking "truth" because only the word of the God is "truth." Paul in Romans 3:4 revealed that the God came into being or exists as "true"("alethes") but every mankind a "falsifier"("pseustes"). This means that no mankind came/comes into being as "true" and therefore whatever any mankind speak cannot be "truth"("aletheia") unless mankind speak "the word of the God" or mankind are led by the God through His Son, Jesus Christ by His Spirit to speak His word. The biblical definitions of "truth"("aletheia") and "the truth"("ho aletheia") are given in John 17:17 and John 14:6. "Truth" and "the truth" are also linked to the God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and also to holy, holiness, righteous, righteousness, love and faith and the gospel of salvation. In fact only when true believers are made holy in "the truth" of the God will they be able to enter into the kingdom of the God or to receive everlasting life. This Book translates every scripture in the New Testament Greek Received Text concerning "truth" ("aletheia") and "the truth"("ho aletheia") and its importance to the salvation of every true believer. With Christianity under attack in contemporary Western culture and the validity of the Bible repeatedly challenged, The Word: The History of the Bible and How it Came to Us offers a fresh and fascinating history of the Book of Books - which billions of believers through the ages have embraced as the Word of God. With the same compelling narrative writing and in-depth research that has earned him acclaim for his works on the Holocaust, the Civil War, the faith of America's founders, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the American Revolution, and other historical topics, award-winning author and historian Rod Gragg now focuses on the history of the Bible. And he does so with the practiced craft of a historian and the respect of a believer who adheres to the complete and absolute inspiration of Scripture. The Word provides a sweeping panorama of biblical revelation, preservation and transmission--and the background story of those who devoted their lives - and sometimes suffered death - to translate and transmit the Word of God. In the process, this highly readable narrative likewise follows the history of Christianity and unfolds its unforgettable story with a writing style aimed at the general reader and a level of scholarship that will appeal to history-lovers and serious students of the Bible. A truly unique history of the world's most popular book, The Word is perfectly suited "for such a time as this."

The Tough Questions series faces head-on the difficult and challenging questions seekers ask about the Christian faith. This third book focuses on where the Bible came from and if it should be trusted as God's word. 6 SESSIONS.

The Holy Bible, which is the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God, was under attack for many centuries now. The very first attack by Satan on the Word of God was when he came in the form of serpent and asked Eve a cunning question saying "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Satan has been raising questions in the minds of innocent people from that day onward until this day

and will continue to ask such questions till the end of the world. This book deals with how God's inspired Word came to us in written form. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:1-3) If someone points to the fact that there are no originals now, and what we have are copies of copies, then Hebrews 1:1-3 should tell us that if God's Word which He spoke to the prophets was written down, and that which was transmitted from Him to the subsequent writers chosen by Him was true and believable, then the scribes who collected fragments, vellum or parchments, or papyri and worked them diligently for many years putting together should be believed. Even though there were errors in compiling the text from the fragments into Codices, and then to the Printable Bible that we have today, the central theme that "God is love" and He sent His only Son into this world that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life, never changed.

Dear Muslim friend, do you believe the words and teachings of your holy Qur'an? Or have you unknowingly rejected the testimony of the Qur'an about Jesus (or Isa) and about the prior revelations that God sent to bear witness to him? If you trust the Qur'an and have an open and prayerful heart, you may be surprised at what it says about the prophet Jesus. The Testimony of the Qur'an The Qur'an declares many wonderful things about the prophet Jesus. Three surahs (or chapters) are named after references to him, and he is spoken of in fifteen surahs (ninety-three verses) altogether, more than any other person in the entire Qur'an. The Qur'an teaches that Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead (3:49; 5:113), was born of the virgin Mary (3:45-47; 23:50; 19:16-22), brought the gospel to the Jewish people (3:49-51; 13:38), and was an apostle and prophet of God (3:49; 6:85-90). In the Qur'an, Jesus alone is supported by the Holy Spirit (2:87, 253). Jesus alone is called "the Word of God" (3:45; 4:171) and "the Messiah" ("Christ," 3:45; 4:157, 172, etc). Yet the Qur'an is not the only testimony to Jesus. Nor is it the primary one. The Qur'an repeatedly states that God sent prior revelations to the Jews and the Christians: The Torah (Taurat), the Psalms (Zabur), and the Gospel (Injil). Have you ever read what these prophetic words say about Jesus? The Qur'an's Testimony to God's Prior Revelations But you may wonder if the Jewish and Christian Scriptures are really trustworthy revelations from God. Perhaps you have been told that they have been corrupted or lost. What does the Qur'an say about this? God Sent Other Scriptures Prior to the Qur'an In numerous places the Qur'an testifies that God gave the Jews and the Christians revelations in the past: "He sent down the Law (of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a guide to mankind" (3:3-4); "Say, 'We believe in the revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you'" (29:46; cf. 6:89; 2:136; 5:46-47; 7:157). These Revelations Existed During Muhammad's Time In other passages the Qur'an is clear that these Scriptures existed during Muhammad's lifetime: "Say 'O People of the Book! Ye have no ground to stand upon unless ye stand fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord'" (5:68; cf. 4:136; 10:94 3:93; 5:46, 59, 68-69). It would be impossible for Christians and Jews (the People of the Book) to "stand fast" by these revelations unless they were still in their possession at that time. Many ancient copies exist of both the Torah and the Gospel that are dated centuries before Muhammad. These are entirely consistent with the books known in the Bible as the Old and New Testament. The Qur'an Was Sent to Confirm & Guard These Scriptures Other verses claim that the Qur'an was sent to "confirm" the scriptures that God had sent beforehand: "This is a Book which We have sent down, bringing blessings, and confirming (the revelations) which came before it" (6:92, emphasis added; cf., 2:40-41, 89, 91; 3:3). The Qur'an also claims it "guards" these scriptures (5:51). If, however, the Bible had become so thoroughly corrupted that it was no longer capable of guiding the people, as many Muslims now assert, how could the Qur'an be said to "confirm" and "guard" it? God's Revelations Can Never Be Changed by Men According to the Qur'an it is impossible for anyone to change or corrupt God's revelations: "There is none that can alter the words (and decrees) of God" (6:34; cf. 6:115); "No change can there be in the words of God" (10:64; cf. 18:27). In fact there is not a single verse in the entire Qur'an stating that the former Scriptures have ever been changed by men or abolished by God. True followers of Jesus believe that God is able to protect his word from all attacks and slanders. All people, including Muslims, are commanded to believe and obey these unchangeable revelations. Jesus said: "Until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished...Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Matthew 5:18; 24:35). God's Revelation of Jesus Christ What then do the Scriptures say about Jesus? The Old Testament prophets tell of God's ancient plan to bless all nations through Abraham's descendant, the coming "Messiah." The Injil testifies that Jesus is this Messiah and that he was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead according to the prophets. Jesus declared, "Everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled" (Luke 24:44). Jesus did many awesome miracles of healing and deliverance, even raising the dead to life. His greatest sign was his own resurrection from the dead. What was Jesus' testimony about himself in these Scriptures? Jesus said clearly: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord" (John 10:11, 18). Jesus repeatedly told his disciples that he came to die as the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world (cf., Mark 8:31; 10:45; John 2:18-22; 5:24). He laid down his life on the cross, and three days later he took it up again when he rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb. After ascending to heaven he appeared in a vision to his disciples and reaffirmed his limitless authority: "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades" (Revelation 1:17-18). Who is Jesus? The prophets proclaimed the days of the Messiah's coming. They bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name (Acts 3:24;10:43). When Jesus' great forerunner, the prophet Yahya (John the Baptist), introduced Jesus to the people of Israel, he said: "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1:7-8). He pointed to Jesus and said: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Jesus once asked his disciples who people thought he was (Matthew 16:13). They told him that many thought he was "one of the prophets." After various answers were given he asked them: "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). The apostle Simon (Peter) immediately replied: "You are the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Jesus did not rebuke Peter for his answer. Instead, he praised him: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-[son of] Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 16:17). Please understand that when the Scriptures call Jesus the "Son of God," they do not imply God had relations with a woman whose offspring was physically God's "son". God forbid! No, they mean that the Word of God, who was in the beginning with God, took human nature and became a man (John 1:1-3, 14). By the power of the Spirit of God the eternal Word was born of a virgin, as foretold by the prophets. Mary asked the angel Gabriel how this could be; he answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). What about you? Do you believe the prophets? Do you believe that Jesus was telling the truth about himself when he claimed to be the Son of God who came to take away the sins of the world, a claim he proved by his resurrection from the dead? Why did God send us these revelations? Jesus' disciple John gives us the answer: "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). If you truly desire to know God's will, read the prophets! Read the gospel of Jesus the Messiah! Experience Jesus' promise for yourself: "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me... Whoever comes to me I will never cast out" (John 14:1; 6:37). \*All Qur'anic citations are from A. Yusuf Ali's The Holy Qur'an.

Have you ever wondered where the Universe came from? Did it come from a big bang billions of years ago or did an Intelligence far beyond our own create it? If the Universe was created then why was it created and what's its purpose? What's man's purpose, where did we come from, did we evolve from primordial ooze, or were we created in the likeness of that same intelligence? Did this intelligence, this God, always exist? Where did he come from, how did he come into existence? Why would this God, this spirit, have the likeness of a man with arms, legs, and feet? Answers to these questions have eluded mankind since the dawn of time. Many theories have attempted to answer them but there are always flaws. Questions still remain. Questions such as, where did the matter and energy of this big bang come from, how could it just happen to be there? I believe that hidden deep in the pages of the Bible lay the answers to all of these questions, and for thousands of years no one has realized it nor been able to put it all together. However, after seven years of research I believe that this book can answer all of the above questions without leaving any loose ends. I believe that contained within the pages of this book lay the answers to all of mankind's deepest questions. Answers to questions such as, where did God come from, why was the Universe created, what is mankind's purpose, and the age-old question, which came first, the chicken or the egg? This little book can also tell you where we as a civilization are headed and what our ultimate fate will be, all from the Bible.

From the beginning of time Satan has attempted to make us question God's Holy Word. Part of Satan's plan is to prevent us from believing in the accuracy, inerrancy, truth and inspired nature of God's Word. It's easier to look at The Bible as a story book or piece of literature rather than know the Word of God is true. Thus many people think of the Bible as a story book or a book of historical literature - therefore whether it is true or not is immaterial. Many people say they believe in some parts and not others. We know that the Bible is the true, inspired and inerrant, accurate Word of God, if part is true, all is true. If it is all true we must face the truth about our moral character. Thus, through independent research and with the goal of Scripture proving Scripture rather than relying on what man says about Scripture, this book gradually came together exploring such topics as: · What God Says · Statistical Proof · Historical and Archeological Evidence · Prophecy And finally a look at how the various versions of The Bible came about and a candid discussion of how accurate or inaccurate they are. Let Dr. West-Stellick lead you on an exciting journey that lays the foundation and then covers 3,500 years of writing, translations, discoveries and more. Authentic, Inspired, Inerrant and True will bring you to the fact based conclusion - The Bible is God's Word to us.

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