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ORIGIN?

PRESERVATION?

ACCURACY?

TRUTHFULNESS

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ALL of these concepts are under relentless attack!

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Historically there have been **MANY** enemies of the scriptures,

Jews / Rome / Catholics / Muslims / Joseph Smith / the Watchtower

TODAY: Modern Atheists / Agnostics & modernist / Denominationalism

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WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE?

IT IS ALL FROM GOD!

(Not the product of man)

IT HAS BEEN PRESERVED!

(Not lost or embellished over time)

IT IS STILL ACCURATE!


(Not altered or corrupted over time)

ITS WORDS ARE TRUE!

(Not fallible or inaccurate in its claims)

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WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE?

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- **Faith** (if it is faith) is NOT blind!! (Is. 40:22-26; Heb. 11:1;6; Rom. 1:20; 10:17)
 - There is more than **sufficient evidence** to support faith in God and His word! (Rom. 1:18-21; Ps. 19:1; 94:9; 143:5; Is. 42:5; Job 12:9; 26:14; 36:24-33)

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COMMON ARGUMENTS



Subjective arguments -

- ▶ “Look what it has done for me and many others ...” (1 Pet. 1:22,23)
- ▶ “We know the Bible is true by faith ...” (Heb. 11:1)
- ▶ “The Holy Spirit has to enlighten your mind so you can believe ...” (1 Cor. 2:13)

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- **True arguments, but inadequate to convince a skeptic -**
 - ▶ “The Bible says it is the inspired word of God” (2 Tim 3:16,17; 1 Pet 1:10-12; 2 Pet 1:16-21; etc.)
 - ▶ The Bible says “it will never be destroyed” (Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:22-25; etc.)
 - ▶ This truth has merit, but to an unbeliever it is begging the question. (Gen. 1:1; Ex. 5:2)

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IRRIFUTABLE ARGUMENTS

- **The CONTENT of the Bible demands divine origin.**
 - ▶ Textual Consistency, unity and Uniqueness.
 - ▶ Predictive Prophecy and Divine Insight.
 - ▶ The undeniable Standard for Moral Standards.
 - ▶ External evidence.

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- **Cause And Effect** — (The Cosmological Argument) — The Most Reasonable Cause For The Material Universe?
- **Order of The Universe** (The Teleological Argument) — The Most Reasonable Cause For Organization?
- **Life & Its Irreducible Complexities** (The Argument From Design) — The Most Reasonable Cause of Life & its complexities?
- **Mind, Ethics, & Reason** – (Anthropological Argument) — The Most Reasonable Explanation For Consciousness?
- **Religion**, (The Spiritual Argument) — The Most Reasonable Explanation For Man's desire to Worship, Seek God, & The Bible?

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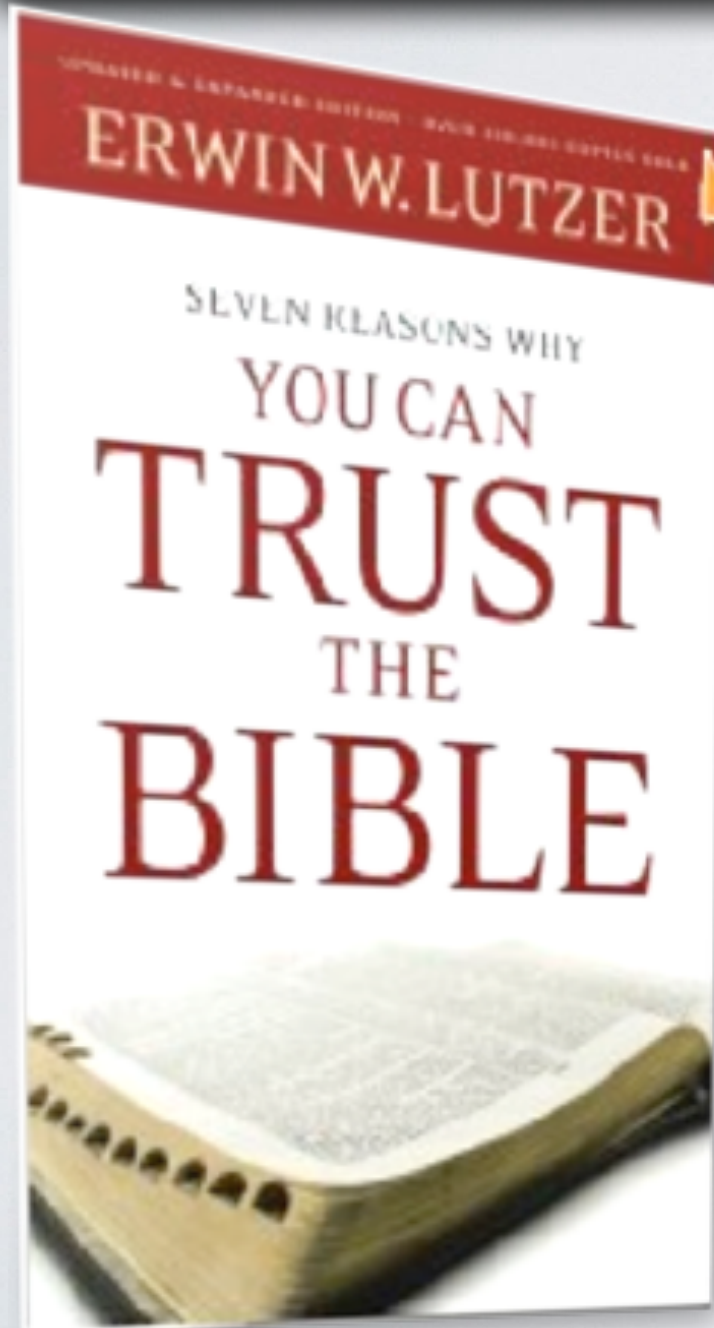
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● If God is, and He is able to create the universe, would He not have the power to reveal Himself, and His will for His creation, and then preserve that revelation?

- ▶ **POWER & WILL** - Isaiah 45:18; Rom 1:18-20; 16:26; Acts 17:23-31
- ▶ **DESIRE & CLAIM** - He has revealed what He wants us to know - Deut. 29:29; 1 Cor. 2:10; Eph. 3:5; Titus 2:11,12; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; 2 Pet 1:3
- ▶ **TRUSTWORTHINESS** — Promised to preserve His word - Luke 21:33; 1 Peter 1:22-25

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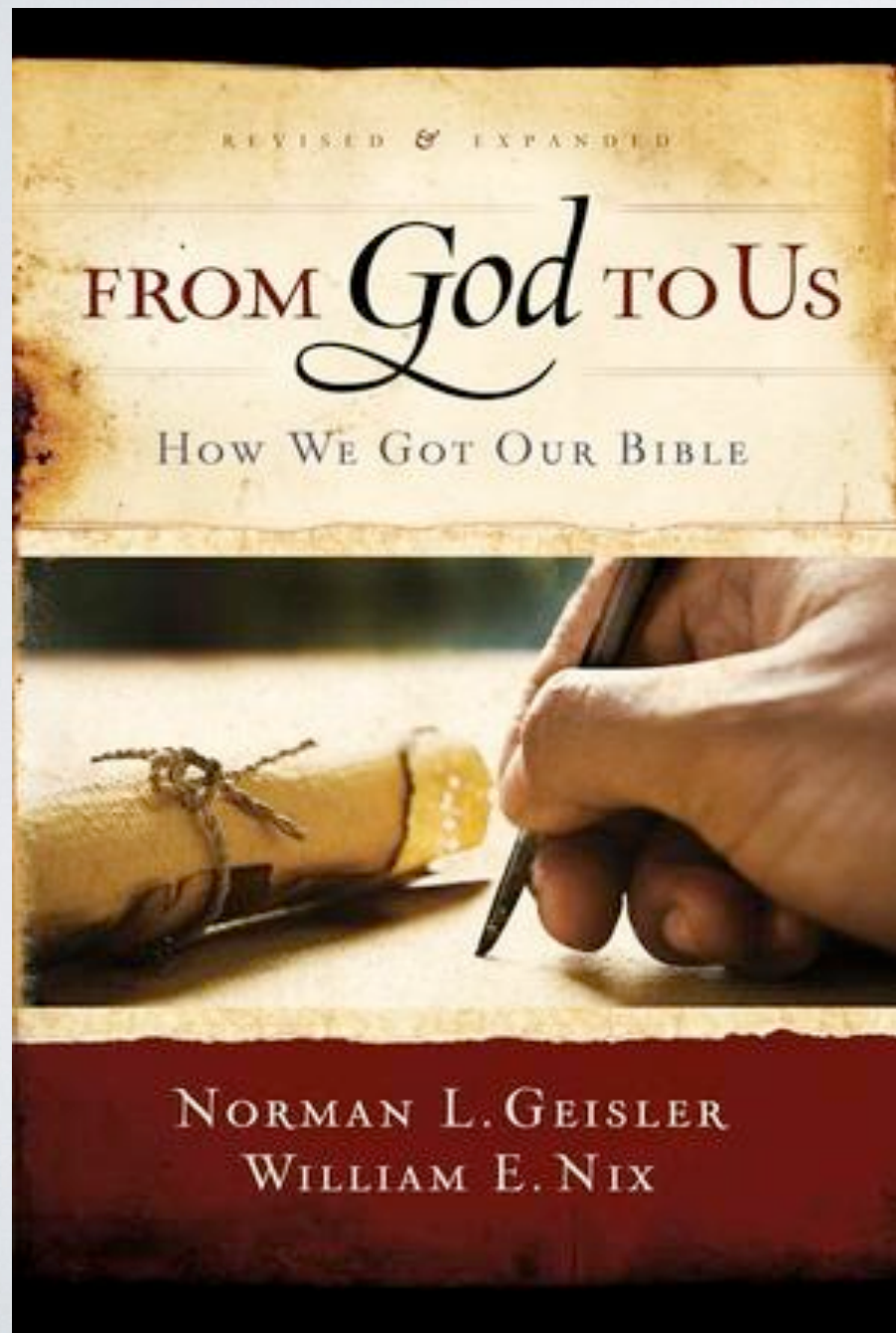
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- **Cause And Effect** — The Most Reasonable Cause For The Bible.
- **Order of The Scripture** — The Most Reasonable Explanation For the Organization & Unity of the Bible.
- **Complexity of its Contents** - The Most Reasonable Cause for the Depth & Fulness of its content.
- **Mind, Ethics, & Reason** – Most Reasonable Explanation For Its Moral & Practical Content.

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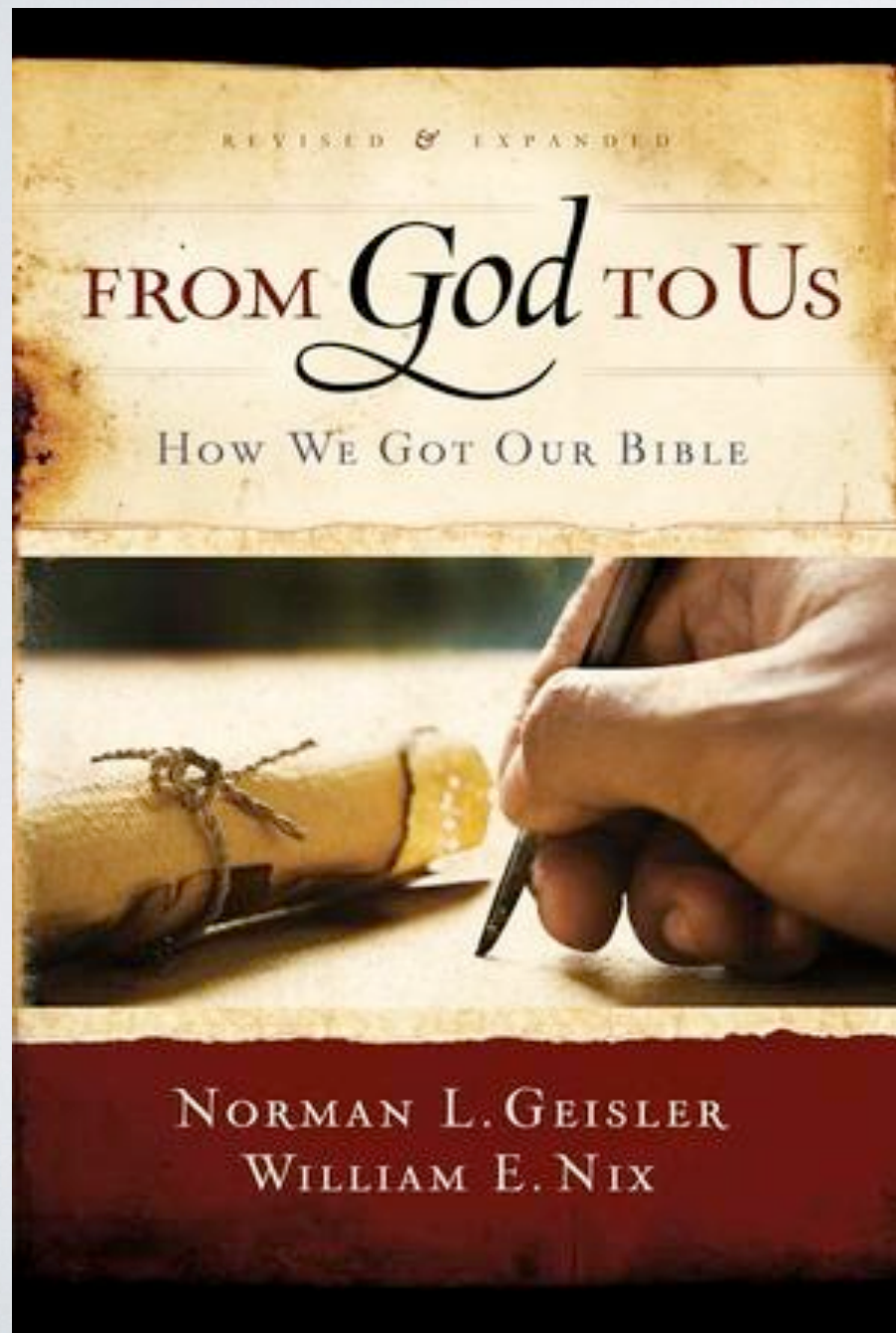
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- **Fulfillment of prophecy** (2 Chron. 36:22; Ezra 1:1; Daniel 2:44; Mt 27:35)
- **Unexplainable statements** if not divinely inspired (Job 26:7-10; 36:27-29; Isa. 40:22; Eccl. 1:6,7; Jer. 33:22; Ps. 147,4,5)
- Men testified of **miraculous confirmation** during the time of revelation – John 20:30,31; Heb. 2:3,4
- **Preservation** – despite all of the enemies of the scriptures, (Jews, Governments of men, Atheist & Agnostics, etc.) – (Luke 21:33)

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● **Harmonious In Thought!**

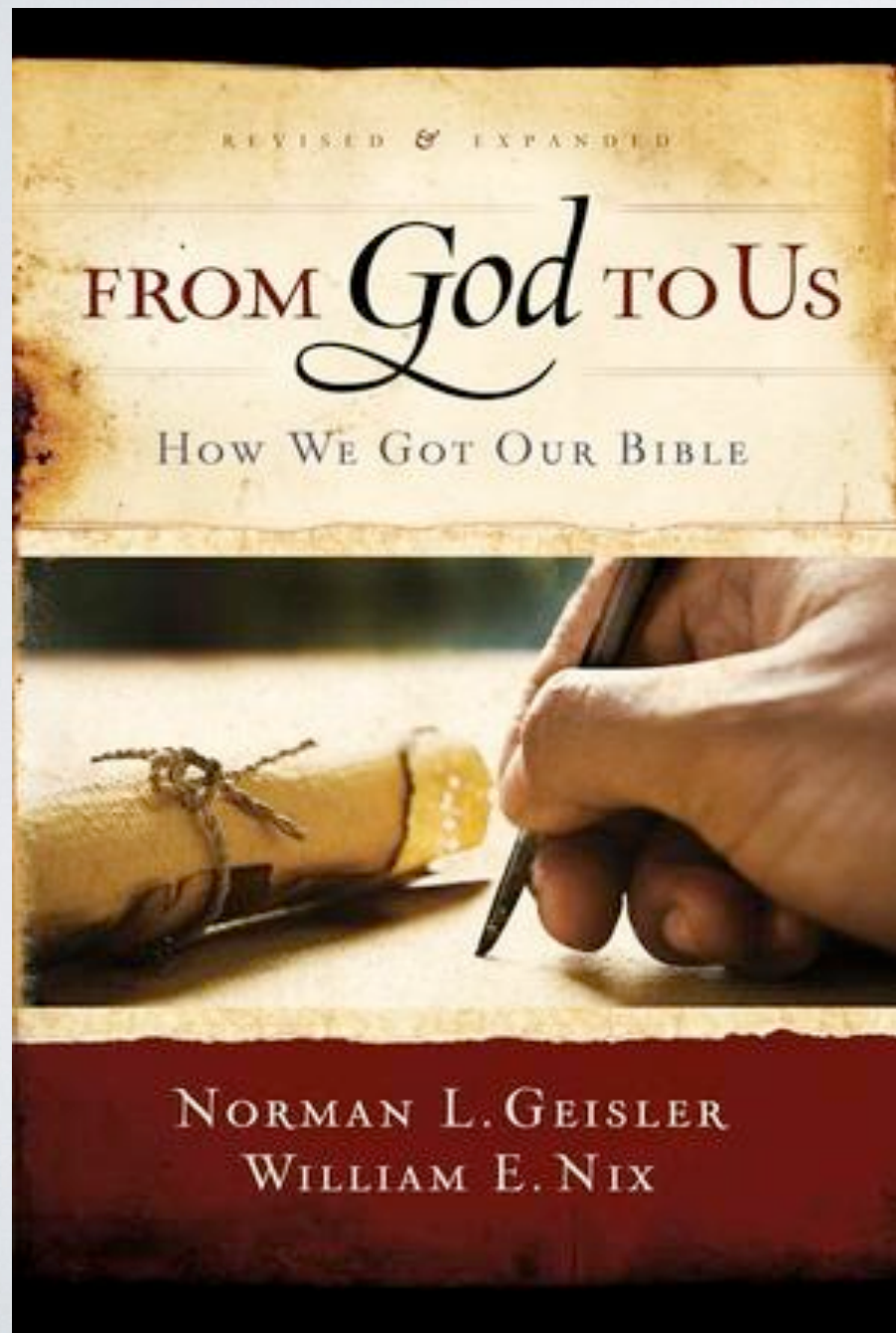
- ▶ 66 different books –
- ▶ Written by 40 different men –
- ▶ Three different languages
- ▶ Written over 1600 year span

● **YET - One Harmonious Thought!**

- ▶ Christ is coming! –
- ▶ Christ has come! –
- ▶ Christ is coming again!

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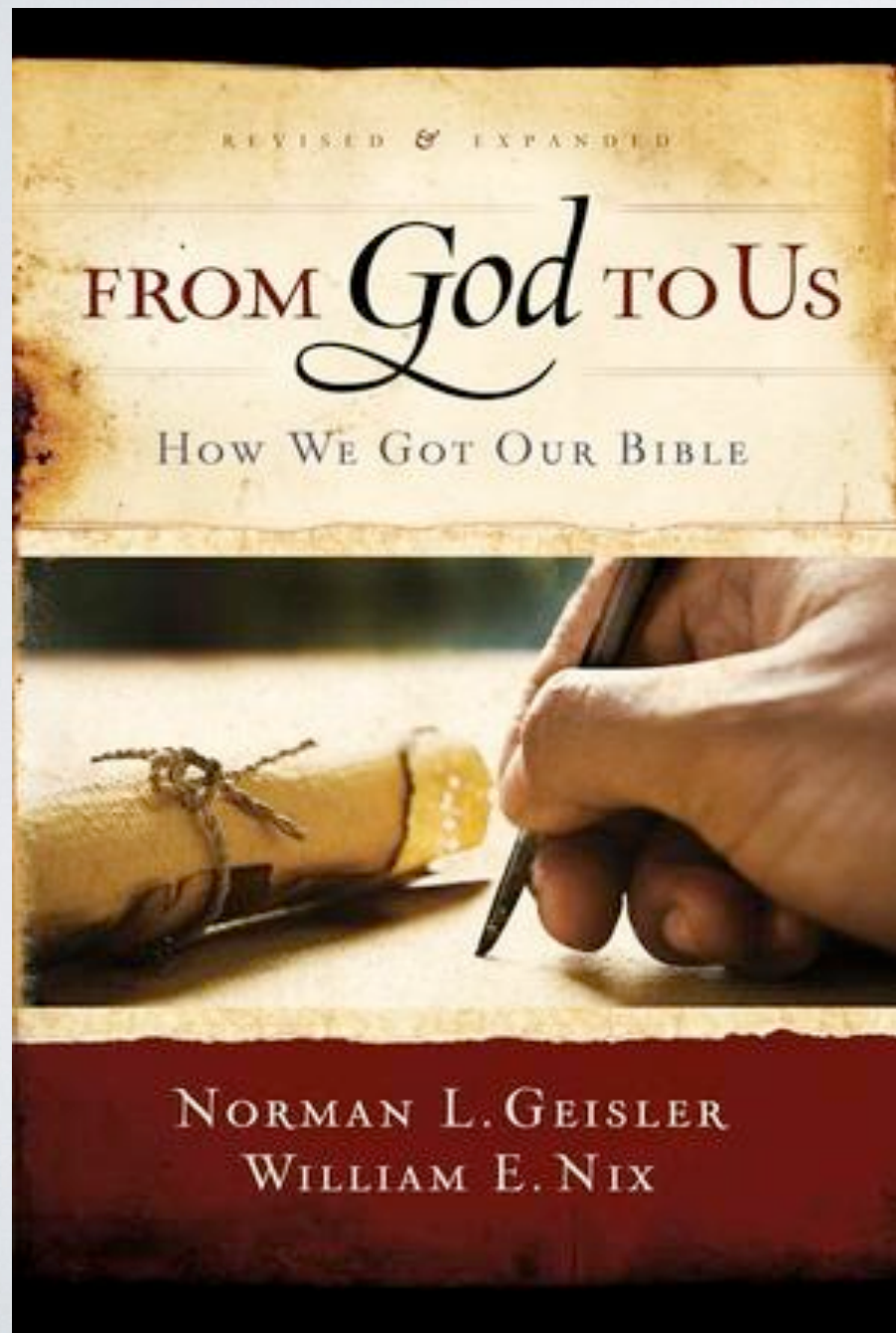


Answers Every Human Question & Need!

- ▶ Where did we come from? (Gen. 1:1; Acts 17:24,28,29; etc.)
- ▶ Why are we here? (Ecc. 12:13)
- ▶ How should we live? (Eccle. 12:13,14; Titus 2:11,12)
- ▶ How should we treat others? (Matt. 22:39; Gal. 5:14; Ja. 2:8)
- ▶ What about religion (John 4:24)
- ▶ What about life after death? (Ecc. 3:11; 12:14; Acts 17:26-31)

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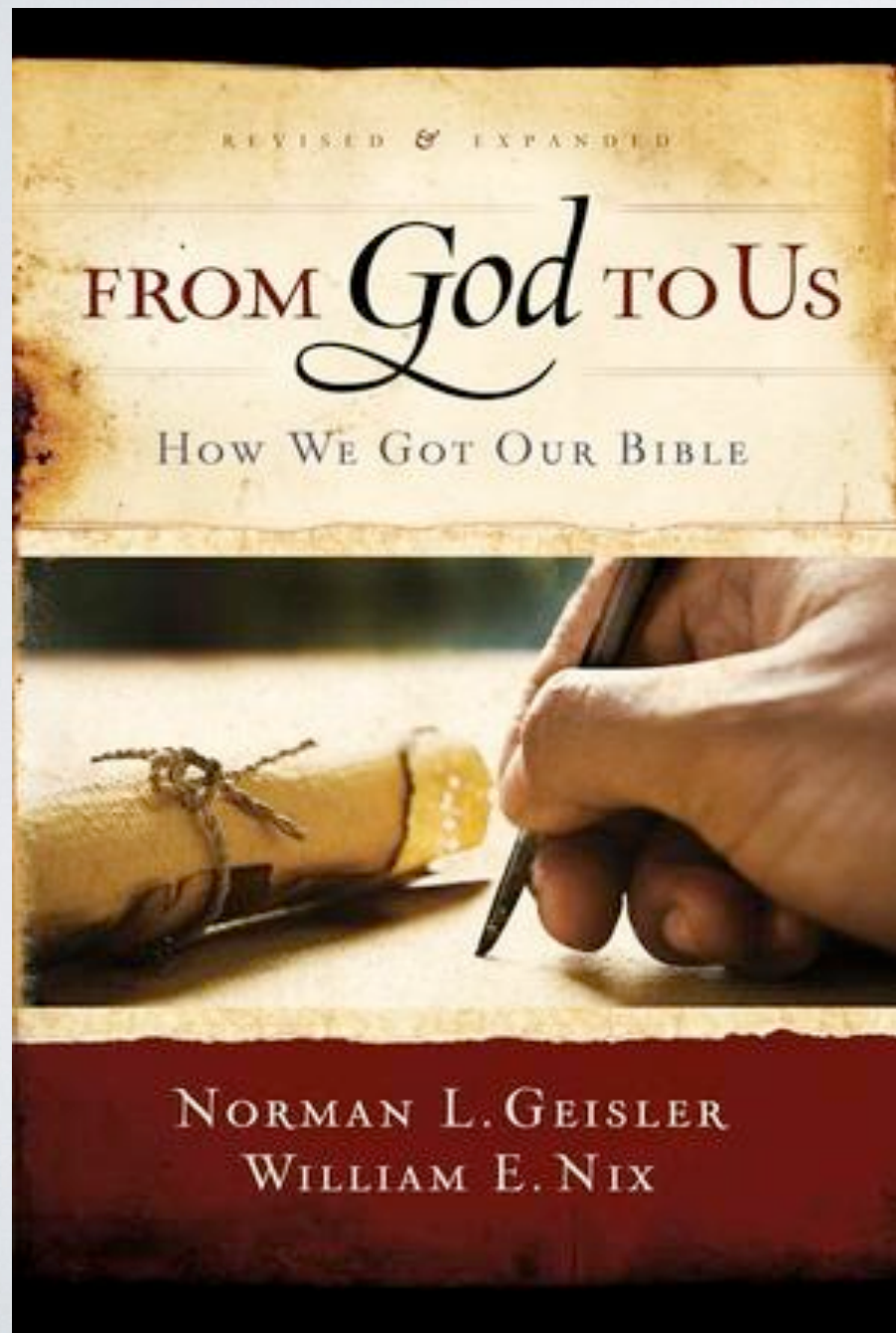


● The Claim it Makes

- ▶ "Thus says the Lord" occurs 418 times in the NASB, 413 in the KJV
- ▶ "God said" occurs 46 times in both the NASB and the KJV
- ▶ God spoke through prophets - 1 Kings 14:18; 1 Pet 1:10-12; 2 Pet 1:16-21
- ▶ The Spirit of the Lord spoke - 2 Sam 23:2; 1 Kings 22:24; 2 Chron 20:14,15
- ▶ All scripture inspired - 2 Tim 3:16

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- ▶ The logical implication of the statements within the Bible is that it claims to be from God.
- ▶ The statements are either inspired by God or they are not. If they are not, then it is a lie, and should be easily exposed.
- ▶ If the Bible is from God then it cannot be disproven and ought to be accepted and believed by all.



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**The Bible
Can NOT
be the
product of
man alone!**

The background of the image shows a person in a dark suit and white shirt holding a tablet. In the foreground, an open Bible is visible, showing its pages. The text is overlaid on this background.

The BIBLE:

REVEALED / CONFIRMED / PRESERVED

It's so majestically deep that scholars could swim and never touch the bottom. Yet so wonderfully shallow that a little child can comprehend its most basic fundamental truths!

The BIBLE IS THE WORD of GOD.

Know it. Believe it. OBEY IT.



Is It REASONABLE To
Believe That The Bible
Is Really From God?

**Do You
Believe The
Bible?**

- 🌀 2 Tim 3:16,17
- 🌀 Rom. 10:17
- 🌀 Acts 17:30
- 🌀 Rom. 10:9
- 🌀 Acts 2:38
- 🌀 John 12:48
- 🌀 2 Thes 1:7-9



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Psalm 19:7–11 (NKJV)

⁷ The law of the Lord *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord *is* sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord *are* true *and* righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.