

Can Science Explain Everything?

Following the evidence wherever it leads

The Bible is...

A: A collection of stories to live by

B: The Word of God

**C: Flawed from centuries of translations, edits and
revisions**

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Science, noun:

The intellectual and practical activity encompassing the objective, systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.

Scientism, noun:

Is a matter of putting too high a value on a natural science in comparison with the other branches of learning or culture.

“I sigh inwardly, and prepare myself for a long conversation in which I try to untangle the many assumptions, misunderstandings and half-truths that have been absorbed **uncritically from the cultural soup we swim in.”**

- Dr. John Lennox

**Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.
- Acts 17:11 (NIV)**

Do YOU trust the Bible?

A: Absolutely!

B: Sometimes?

C: Nope

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**16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for
teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in
righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be
thoroughly equipped for every good work
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)**

“The Bible did not arrive by fax from heaven. The Bible is the product of man, my dear. Not of God. The Bible did not fall magically from the clouds. Man created it as a historical record of tumultuous times, and it has evolved through countless translations, additions, and revisions. History has never had a definitive version of the book.”

- Dan Brown, The Da Vinci Code

“Not only do we not have the originals, we don't have the first copies of the originals. We don't even have copies of the copies of the originals, or copies of the copies of the copies of the originals. What we have are copies made later—much later. In most instances, they are copies made many centuries later. And these copies all differ from one another, in many thousands of places. As we will see later in this book, these copies differ from one another in so many places that we don't even know how many differences there are.”

- Bart Ehrman, Misquoting Jesus

The Numbers*

***Conservative and Rounded**

140,000 Greek Words in the New Testament

400,000 Textual Variants

Why so many variants!?

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5,800+ Greek Manuscripts

10,000+ Latin manuscripts (starting 2nd century)

5,000-10,000 manuscripts from other languages like Coptic and Syraic (starting 3rd century)

Estimated 10 million pages of texts!

1,000,000+ scripture quotations from early church fathers that could reproduce the NT several times over

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Some context...

- Average ancient Greek work has less than 20 copies in existence.**
- The range of distance between the author and the earliest copy is usually between 700-1,500 years.**
- Average surviving work has about a 4 foot tall stack of books.**

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Dates of NT MSS

- within 125 years we have 43% of all Bible verses

We are getting closer!

1611 - 7 manuscripts - earliest was 11 century

Today - 5800+ manuscripts - earliest is 2nd century

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But what about the 400,000 variants!

99.75% mean absolutely nothing because Greek is weird

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**0.25% of textual variants are meaningful and viable
(Meaning they have a good chance of being authentic)**

“No essential Christian belief is jeopardized by any viable variant.” - Dr. Daniel B. Wallace

Following the evidence showed...

**that the Bible is by far the most accurate
book of antiquity ever written.**

But is it the Word of God?

Do you want to talk to someone?

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