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I. If as a Christian I so accept I need to offer reasons.

II. May I tell you some.

A. 1st it claims to be just that.

2 Pet. 1:20-21 "Knowing this 1st that no prophecy
2 Tim. 3:16-17 "And that from a child

Jn. 14:26 "Comforter HS - teach all - remember all

1 Cor. 2:11-13 "For what man knoweth the things of a

1. Not that inspired - go your own way.
2. Not dictation theory.

B. The History of Bible proves it to be word of God.

1 Pet. 1:25 "But the word of the Lord endured forever

1. As long as we have Bible we will have the church
2. Roman gov. tried to destroy it.
   a.) Diocletian - death penalty to have one.
   b.) Constantine asked for copy - immediately got 50.
   c.) Roman church of Middle Ages death penalty to put in Eng.

(1) John Wycliff 1st translation 1382 - later (18 yrs.) dug him up, burned, ashes in river.
(2) Wm. Tyndale - 1st Bible printer 1536 put to death.
(3) KJV - 1611 - 1st time civil gov. authorized a translation.


4. No autographed MMS.
a.) Cicero - 50 copies.
b.) Virgil 10
c.) NT 5000

5. Serious doubt on only 1000 words & not 1 major doctrine at stake.
6. Better text than 200 AD.

C. Bible is unique - nothing like it.
   1. Jn. 6:68 "To whom shall we go."
   2. Scholars amazed at genius of Israel.
   3. Mohamadan won't allow criticism of Koran - can't stand the light.
   4. Where else like Matt. 7:12 "Do unto".
   5. Best teaching of any literature in world.
   7. Where such unity - 1 voice of many writers of many centuries. Yet like symphony - work of 1 mind.
   8. Read funnies - go over them daily repeatedly??

D. Pragmatic - it works.
   1. Makes you better everything.
   2. God knows what's in us & tells us how to live.
   3. Hard names - but it's people God deals c.
      (a) Balaam.
      (b) Bathsheba (daughter of 7).
      (c) Judas.
      (d) Anninias - both in money & fear of personal work.

E. Evidence of Archaeology.
   1. Proves it's historically reliable.
      (a) Joseph - Butler - were grapes in Egypt.
      (b) Customs of Abraham.
(c) Nuzi tablets—terephims.
(d) Hittites—liked in Turkey.
(e) Sodom.
(f) Sargon Isa. 20.
(g) "Every turn of the spade proves the reliability of the Scrp."

F. Evidence of Prophecy.
1. Calls things that are not as tho they are.
   a.) Ezek. 26—nets—Type—580 BC.
       Nebucadaza destroyed.
       Alex the Great took ruins of old city to build causeway and march to Island.
   b.) Isa. 44 700 BC said Cyrus 538 would return Jews—(150 yr. later—named him).
       Cyrus didn't read it then do it!
   c.) Prophecy of Jesus.
       Gen. 3:15
       Isa. 7:14
       Isa. 53
       Micah 5:2 Bethleheme
       Ps. 16:10 Resurrection
       "One of whom Moses spoke."

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