Why Should I Trust The Bible?

We live in a generation that has scoffed at the idea of any absolute standard of authority. Those who point to the Bible as containing the answers to the most crucial issues of life are pushed aside as ignorant or naive. If these thoughts are yours, please consider the following points:

- 1. To determine if the Bible is from God or man is an issue that can be tested and the truth known. I appeal to you to at least read the Bible with an open mind and then test what you read. This is the appeal of Jesus Christ himself (John 8:32; 7:17).
- 2. Take the time to consider the historical and archeological accuracy of the Bible. History tells us of many recent scholars, such as Sir William Ramsey, who because of their archeological studies of the Bible lands came to respect the Bible as one of the most accurate sources of ancient history. This tells us that the Bible is no myth but rather was written by men in the times claimed and written in a careful manner.
- 3. Consider the identity of Jesus Christ who is He? The appeal of the apostles in the book of Acts is that they witnessed Jesus as one who was raised from the dead (Acts 2:32: 3:14-15; 5:30-32; 10:39-42; 13:27-31). Is this testimony valid? What was the motive of men like the Apostle Paul in making such an abrupt change from persecutor to preacher? History bears testimony that all these witnesses, save one, died a martyr's death for this truth (1 Cor 15:30-32). Did they die for a lie?
- 4. Finally, consider the powerful evidence of fulfilled prophecy. In the death of Christ there are several detailed accounts of His death hundreds of years before the event (Psalms 22, Isaiah 53). How can this be?

Why not begin your examination of the Bible today?

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