

Proof Upon Proof

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As we seek to teach others, the first thing that must be done is to ensure them that the Bible is indeed the Word of God.

The Bible is not just a good book, but God-given, inspired, God-breathed, word for word. Over the years, one of the ways I have used to come to this agreement is to look at fulfilled prophecies and scientific foreknowledge.

With the internet being such a handy tool, one site provides 354 Old Testament prophecies and New Testament references of fulfillment related to the birth, life, and work of Christ. Naturally, there are many prophecies related to His death and resurrection. In addition, another site offers 101 facts of scientific foreknowledge, provable facts that we have grown up with all our lives. But these facts were recorded in the Bible hundreds or even thousands of years before the facts were indeed known and accepted.

So how do I use this information? First I explain the idea of the simple 1 in 2 system of probability. That is the simple progression- 2,4,8,16,32,64,128,256,512,1024,2048,4096.

Now as you continue to read study the facts from the scripture by the time you have looked at only 20 items the number is one in a million.

As you continue to study note the progression:

Million (1,000,000) 20 items

Billion (1,000,000,000) 30 items

Trillion (1,000,000,000,000) 40 items

Quadrillion (1,000,000,000,000,000) 50 items

Remember this progression is using just a simple 1 in 2 system. The Bible contains the information, and you and the one you are studying with are just reading what is there. I do believe the honest heart will have to admit that it can't be luck with such an overwhelming number of facts. You could look at a total of 454 points in scripture, and the number would be astronomical.

Of course, now that the truthfulness and reliability of the Bible have been established and accepted, you can now share with your student God's plan of forgiveness through Christ.

Make no mistake unless the Bible is accepted in total as the Word of God, it is just words on paper. Let me also note that as a child of God, His Word is our guide in our daily walk with Him.

This thought is expressed by Peter in, 2 Peter 1:2-4, "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

When you have questions, look to His Word. You will find the answers to set and keep you on the right path. Always!