

*What makes the Bible more valid than the Quran? Both books proclaim to be the Word of God. Is there any proof that the Bible is actually the Word of God, other than information found in the Bible itself? Information found in the Bible itself does not count, one cannot prove the veracity of a source with the source itself. If I were to write a book about a teapot floating around the Galaxy, I could not offer my book as proof of that teapot.*

The bible is the standard for teaching theology (Mt 4:4, 7, 10). The apostle Peter wrote: If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God (1 Pe 4:11). The bible is God's inspired word (2 Ti 3:16). It is the standard of truth (Ps 119:160).

Other so-called holy books contain historical inaccuracies and demonstrable errors. The bible is the only book in all of history that has not been discredited though many have tried. The bible is of divine origin (Mt 24:35). It is Christ-centered (Lk 24:27; 2 Co 13:3).

False religions (Jas 1:26) seek to undermine or dismiss altogether the person and mission of Jesus Christ. False teachers (2 Pet. 2:1 ) distort the divine nature of Jesus (Jn 1:1). The baby in the manger was 100% God and 100% man (Heb 1:3). The deity of Jesus was: affirmed in the Old Testament (Ps 2:7), confirmed by Christ (Jn 8:58) and proclaimed by apostles (Col 1:15–19). Christians worship the true and living God not a stone cold idol (1 Thess 1:9). Jesus was the one who walked out of the tomb as foretold in the psalms (Ps 16:10, 11; Ac 13:34, 35), presented in prophecy (Is 53:10–12; 1 Co 15:4), announced by Christ (Mk 9:9, 10; Jn 2:19–22) and proclaimed by the apostles (Ac 2:32, 3:15). Cults and 'isms deny this.

Jesus warned of his own followers--men who would come in his name but who would not be of him. The apostle Paul wrote: And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works (2 Co 11:14–15).

Jesus said: Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many (Mt 24:4–5). No other religious leader warned of his own followers.

Because Jesus rose from the dead (1 Cor 15:12–56) one should take heed of his teaching. He did not say that all religions are equally valid. Rather, he said that he alone is: the way, the truth and the life (Jn 14:6). He affirmed the truth of the scriptures (Mt 19:4, 5; 22:31, 32, 43; Mk 12:26; Lk 20:37).

A thorough study of scripture will prove to anyone that God's word is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb 4:11–12).

"The fact that forty different authors from several different countries, sharing almost no mutual acquaintance, wrote sixty-six books in three different languages over the course of two thousand years, yet produced essentially one book with one clear message is strong evidence that God was behind the writings of Scripture. Though some books were historical, others prophetic, some devotional, and still others ethical, yet the writers created one unified text. Its shared thoughts about God, man, sin, eternal punishment, and the mode of salvation are all strong proofs that the book is a revelation from God (*1001 Surprising Things You Should Know About God*, MacGregor, Prys, Wallace pg. 230)."

Extra-biblical sources such as the Sumerian tablets also confirm biblical accounts of history. The bible is the best history book. It is *His Story*. "The cults try to twist it. The liberals water it down. The humanists ignore it. So-called Christians claim they love it but don't study it. Some people have enough dust on their Bible to write with their finger 'damnation' (Adrian Rogers)."