



QUESTION: *If God exists and He is powerful and good, then why doesn't He do something to stop all the awful things in our world from*

happening?

ANSWER: COME BACK NEXT WEEK!

QUESTION: *Why should I trust the Bible to tell me the truth?*

ANSWER: BECAUSE OF THE CUMULATIVE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE BIBLE AS BEING RELIABLE.

A. The Bible claims to be true revelation from God.

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...*

B. The Bible meets the criteria of reliable history.

- *Are there any written accounts of what happened?*
- *Were the accounts written or authorized by eyewitnesses?*
- *Is each account internally consistent?*
- *If there are several accounts can they reasonably be harmonized?*
- *Were the accounts written fairly soon after the events they record?*
- *Do we have the original autographs? If not, do we have good copies?*
- *Is there any external corroboration? Secondary sources?*
- *Is there any archaeological evidence to support the accounts?*

C. Bible writers clearly reported the life, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus as historical events.

D. Bible writers record multiple instances of Jesus claiming that He would be killed and then rise from the dead.

Luke 9:22 *And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."*

E. Bible writers record that Jesus held an extremely high view of the reliability of scripture.

John 10:35 *...Scripture cannot be broken ...*

QUESTION: *Isn't it enough to just try and be a good person? Isn't that the main message of the Bible anyway?*

ANSWER: (1) IT DEPENDS (2) NO

Romans 3:10 *As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God.*

Romans 3:23 *... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

QUESTION: *Aren't all major religions basically the same? Aren't there many ways to God?*

ANSWER: NO

QUESTION: *How can Christians say that Jesus is the only way to God and eternal life? Isn't that view narrow-minded and intolerant?*

ANSWER: CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THIS BECAUSE JESUS HIMSELF SAID IT, AND WE TRUST HIM TO TELL US THE TRUTH. HE DECLARED THAT THE PATH TO GOD IS INDEED NARROW.

John 14:6 *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Matthew 7:13 *"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

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