

- a. A single protein: It's a building block of life and thousands are needed to make a single cell. The probability of **one** coming into existence by random chance is 10^{191} (10 followed by 191 zeros).
- b. A single cell: The probability of **one** coming into existence by random chance is $10^{40,000}$ (10 followed by 40,000 zeros).¹
- c. Cells in one human body: About 30 to 37 trillion!²

Honest science says that life coming into existence by random chance is impossible, yet *evolutionists continue to make that claim*.

4. **Intelligent Design (ID) Scientists**: They approach the topic of our existence without any preconceived ideas *about evolution or creation*, they simply follow the evidence, *which points to the need for an intelligent designer* (for more on ID, see these DVD's: The Privileged Planet; Expelled).
5. **The Bible Explains Our Existence**:
 - a. **Genesis 1:1** "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (See *Gen. chap. 1 and 2* for the details.)
 - b. **Isaiah 42:5** "Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it..."
 - c. ^{NIV} **Hebrews 11:3** "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command..."

¹ The info in sections a & b are from the DVD: "4 Power Questions to Ask an Evolutionist", AIG, 2008.

Creation and evolution cannot both be true.
Which one is on the side of honest science?

4: The Four Gospel Accounts

The New Testament contains four accounts of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. The accounts are similar, *but **not** identical*. Does that make them *less reliable* or *more reliable*?

1. **Example – The Charge Against Jesus**: It was ♦*written by Pilate* and ♦*attached to Jesus' cross*. These were translated from the Greek; each is *slightly different*:
 - a. **Matthew 27:37** "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."
 - b. **Mark 15:26** "The King of the Jews."
 - c. **Luke 23:38** "This is the King of the Jews."
 - d. **John 19:19** "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."
2. **A Legal Perspective**: Craig Parton, a trial lawyer, gives us a legal perspective on the reliability of the four gospel accounts:³
 - a. Truthfulness: "...testimony is generally presumed to be truthful unless... successfully attacked on cross-examination" (79).
 - b. The testimony itself: What is better: **four people** ♦saying the *same* words OR ♦saying *similar* words? "...the presence of four different *but not inconsistent* versions of events is one of the strongest evidentiary factors in favor of the integrity of the Gospel writers" (81).
 - c. History: "...the New Testament Gospels... impregnate their writing

² <https://www.healthline.com/health/number-of-cells-in-body>

with repeated, and detailed, historical references" (82). (See *Luke 2:1, 3:1-3*.)

- d. Archaeology: "...discoveries of archaeology... have consistently supported the biblical accounts" (83).
- e. The Holy Spirit: Jesus said to His disciples: "...the Holy Spirit... will... bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (John 14:26).

5: The Bible Itself

The prophets and apostles were the writers, **but GOD is the author!** What did He say?

1. **Psalms 119:160**: "The sum [head, top, chief] of Your word is truth..."
2. **Proverbs 30:5**: "Every word of God [is tested and] proves true..."
3. **John 17:17**: Jesus prayed to His Father: "...your word is truth."
4. **2 Timothy 3:16**: "All Scripture is breathed out by God..."
5. **2 Peter 1:21**: "...men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

Conclusion

Now, *convinced that the Bible IS God's Word of Truth*, let us ♦study it, ♦understand it, ♦believe it, ♦live it, and ♦share it! *Pastor G*

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³ Craig A. Parton, The Defense Never Rests (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2003), 75-77.

The Bible Is True!



Check Out the Evidence!

Introduction

Dear Friend: In today's world of ♦false information and ♦cruel deception, the Bible remains the **GREAT BEACON OF TRUTH** to:

- Explain ♦our origin, ♦the fall into sin, and ♦God's promise to save us (OT)!
- Show us ♦who Jesus is, ♦what He did, and ♦why He is the one way to heaven (NT)!

Since many in today's world are skeptical about the Bible, this brochure will give you *amazing evidence* to help you understand that *the Bible is completely true and reliable!*

1: Prophecy in General

Can anyone really predict the future?

1. **Some Prediction Basics**: Guessing and prophesying (*accurately predicting future events*) are much different: guessing can be right; prophesying is always right!
 - a. The LORD told us how to identify a false prophet: "...when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word [he spoke] does **not** come to pass... that is a word that the LORD has **not** spoken..." (Deut. 18:22).⁴

⁴ Bible references are from the ESV – English Standard Version, unless marked otherwise.

- b. How prophecy works: God said: “I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning...” (Isaiah 46:9-10). God knows the future; then He moved men to write down what would happen: “...men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21).

2. **Many Have Tried and Failed:**

- a. Joseph Smith (*founder of the Mormons*) predicted in 1832 that the New Jerusalem [*Rev. 21:2*] would be built in... the state of Missouri..., but the Mormons were driven out... in **1833**.⁵
- b. William Miller (*founder of the Seventh-Day Adventists*) predicted that Christ would return in **1843**...⁶
- c. Charles Russell (*founder of the Jehovah’s Witnesses*) predicted that the world would end in **1914**.
- d. Hal Lindsey (*an author*) predicted... the end of the world in **1988**.
- e. Harold Camping (*a Christian radio broadcaster and evangelist*) predicted the end of the world in **1994 & 2011**.⁷

3. **Only God Has Succeeded:** Dr. Kennedy summarized Biblical prophecies: They “deal with almost every nation and scores of cities with which Israel had some dealings. It cannot be said that these prophecies were written after the events for many of the events took place hundreds or even thousands of years after the prophecy was made. Nor can it be said that they are vague..., because they are highly specific in their details. Nor can

it be said that they were lucky guesses because there are over 2,000 of them which have infallibly come to pass. Nor can it be said that these were things were likely to take place because they were indeed extremely unlikely events.”⁸

4. **Two Examples:**

- a. The flood: God said to Noah: “I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth...” (Gen. 6:17). Then it happened: “Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.... Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark” (Gen. 7:22-23).
- b. Cannibalism: God said through Moses: “...you shall eat... the flesh of your sons and daughters...” (Deut. 28:53). Then, *700 years later*, it happened☺: “The hands of compassionate women have boiled their own children; they became their food...” (Lam. 4:10).

Who knows the future? Only God!

2: Prophecy about Jesus

Some examples of prophecy and fulfillment:

1. **Jesus – will be Born in Bethlehem:**
 - a. Prophecy: **Micah 5:2** “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah [*near Jerusalem*], ...from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel...”
 - b. Fulfillment: **Matthew 2:1** “...Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea...”
2. **Jesus – will Do Miracles:**
 - a. Prophecy: **Isaiah 35:5-6** “...the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the

ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer...”

- b. Fulfillment: **Matthew 11:4-5** “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk... and the deaf hear...”
3. **Jesus – will be Nailed to a Cross:**
 - a. Prophecy: **Psalm 22:16** “...they have pierced my hands and feet...”
 - b. Fulfillment: **John 19:18** “There they crucified [*pierced*] him... [*with nails*]”
4. **Jesus – will Pray for Sinners:**
 - a. Prophecy: **Isaiah 53:12** “...he... makes intercession for the transgressors.”
 - b. Fulfillment: **Luke 23:34** “...Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them [*the soldiers*], for they know not what they do.’”
5. **Jesus – will be Mocked:**
 - a. Prophecy: **Psalm 22:7** “All who see me mock me...”
 - b. Fulfillment: **Matthew 27:41** “...the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him...”
6. **Jesus – will Suffer for Others:**
 - a. Prophecy: **Isaiah 53:5** “...he was wounded for our transgressions... crushed for our iniquities...”
 - b. Fulfillment: **1 Peter 2:24** “...He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross...”
7. **Jesus – will be Forsaken by God:**
 - a. Prophecy: **Psalm 22:1** “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
 - b. Fulfillment: **Matthew 27:46** “...Jesus cried out... ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’”

8. **Jesus – will be Raised to Life:**
 - a. Prophecy: **Psalm 16:10** “...you will not abandon my soul to Sheol [*hades*]...”
 - b. Fulfillment: **Luke 24:6** “He [**JESUS**] is not here, but has risen...”

The Unlikelihood of Fulfillment: “A mathematician... had his graduate students calculate... the odds... of any one person fulfilling just eight... prophecies. They found the chance was 1 in 100 quadrillion [*100 followed by 15 zeros*]!”⁹ **Jesus fulfilled not just 8, BUT OVER 300 PROPHECIES!**

The Fulfilled Prophecy Confirms the Bible!

3: Evolution Versus Creation

Let us demand evidence and answers!

1. **The HUGE Difference:**
 - a. Evolutionists: The universe came into being by random chance over a period of billions of years.
 - b. The Bible: God created all things from nothing in six ordinary days about six thousand years ago.
2. **The Basis of Each:**
 - a. Evolutionists: They say evolution is factual, *but they have little evidence*.
 - b. The Bible: God has given us the account of what He did, *and there is much evidence around the world*.
3. **Evolutionists Disagree with Science:** Scientists agree that something with a probability of 10⁵⁰ (*10 followed by 50 zeros*) will **never** occur. With that in mind, consider what evolutionists believe:

⁵ <http://carm.org/false-prophecies-of-joseph-smith>

⁶ b, c, d: The Lutheran Study Bible (CPH, 2009), 307.

⁷ <http://www.bible.ca/pre-date-setters.htm>

⁸ Evangelism Explosion, 89.

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<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=2008022225513AACUm3I>