

THE BIBLE IS A GREAT READ

When I've had discussions with people about religion, many proposed that no one can prove that:

God exists.

Jesus lived.

The contents of the bible are true.

The New Testament of the Bible was written from the year 40AD onwards by some of the Apostles and St. Paul. The Apostles actually knew Jesus, what he said and did.

We know that the New Testament contains the truth because of the way that many of the disciples of Jesus died. Many of them, and every Apostle, were martyred except John, and he was exiled to the isle of Patmos. They were all executed because they would not deny Jesus.

If they had any doubts about Jesus and that he was the Son of God, they would surely have said so and not suffered terrible deaths, but they didn't. They preferred not to deny Jesus and die, knowing that their immortal spiritual soul would live with God in heaven for all eternity. The question here is, why were they so sure about their beliefs?

The Apostles were ordinary men and as sceptical as any other human being. Jesus knew this and didn't go about shouting, "Hello, I'm the Son of God." If he had done it, the reply he would have got would probably have been something like, "Yes, and I'm Moses."

He told people and showed them what they should do to save their immortal souls. He performed miracles to get people to listen, such as walking on water, controlling the weather, and healing all kinds of sicknesses.

These actions caused the people and his disciples to wonder who he was. They knew that he was special from the miracles he performed and the way he preached.

Knowing how sceptical his Apostles must be, he made one specific claim that would prove he was the Son of God. He said he would be put to death and interred, but after three days, he would rise from the dead.

If it happened, this would indeed prove he was the Son of God because no ordinary human being can come back to life after dying, but they were still very sceptical, even when he did appear to them three days after his death.

The Apostle Thomas was not present at this first appearance and told the ones who were that for proof, he needed to see himself the holes in the hands and feet of Jesus caused by the nails during his crucifixion.

Jesus did appear again, and Thomas was present; Jesus showed him the holes in his hands and feet and the hole in his side caused by a Roman soldier's spear thrust and told Thomas to put his fingers in them. Thomas saw the holes and replied, "My lord and my God."

All the disciples and Apostles now knew, without any doubts, that Jesus was indeed the Son of God because of the wounds made during his crucifixion. This is why they had no problem facing death rather than denying it.

As for Jesus having lived, the Roman empire was built on conquest and slavery, so his teachings of love and compassion were anathema to their ideology. Christianity had to be obliterated. This is why the major historians of that time, who were always writing about Rome's conquests and achievements, hardly ever mentioned Jesus. Rome's attempts to destroy Christianity failed, but why?

It was because Christianity promised something far more precious than anything Rome could offer: eternal life for a person's eternal spiritual soul with God in heaven after death. It took around 400 years, but Christianity eventually became the religion of Rome.

The contents of the Bible are true, and you can find out for yourself that all major historians agree that Jesus did exist. These two facts are true, so logically, there must be a God.

Never doubt that God exists.

Never doubt that Jesus exists.

Never doubt the truth of the Bible.