

The 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are to be accepted as the Word of God, and no others.

They are in the bible because their inspiration is self evident; they are; Internally consistent; True; Non-contradictory.

- There is no dispute about the 27 books of the New Testament.

The books of the Apocrypha, accepted by the Roman Catholic Church, form no part of the bible, and are to be treated as having no more authority than any other human writings, because:

1. The Scriptures of our Lord's Day were a known collection, and our Lord and His Apostles approved these as the Word of God (Mark 14:49; Luke 24:44; John 5:39).
2. The Lord and his Apostles never quoted from the Apocrypha, nor were its books ever accepted by the church, or even finally by the Roman Catholic's until the 16th century.
3. None of the books of the Apocrypha claims inspiration, and several disclaim it.

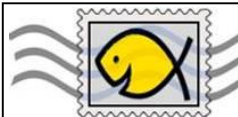
YES - THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD!

Therefore,

The respect given to God's Word must not be given to any other book.

Become a careful student of the Scriptures. Devote yourself to knowing who God is by what He has said.

WRITE OUT TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE (2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17)



**THIS, THE SCRIPTURES
TEACH AND THIS WE
BELIEVE ABOUT...**

THE BIBLE



**GOD HAS SPOKEN IN A BOOK, BUT NOT IN ALL
BOOKS.**

ONLY THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD!

THE BIBLE

Psalm 19:1-9; 119; 2 Timothy 3:12-4:5

☛ **GOD HAS SPOKEN...**

The whole universe speaks of God (Ps 19:1-4; Rom 1:20) so that every man and woman knows that God exists. (Rom 1:18-32, 2:14-15)

1. What does the universe reveal about God?

Even so, the universe does not tell us how to get right with God, or how to know Him.

Therefore,

Because of His great love, God has made a way for us to know Him through words spoken by Him and written in a book over many years.



☛ **...IN A BOOK**

2. How can we know for certain that the Bible is God's Word?

The Bible is God's Word because it says it is, not because anyone says it is

Not everyone can see this, because not everyone has "eyes to see." (1 Cor 2:14; Eph 4:18)

The bible IS what it IS, whether I see it or not!

Some of the other reasons we can trust the bible are:

- The Bible prophecies have come true
- Although there are 66 books, they all teach the same things
- It has withstood all attacks



3. How does someone come to believe God's Word? (Rom 10:17)

Therefore,

You do not have to explain all the reasons why the bible is true. Just declare what's in it!

Since God has spoken to us through words (Christ) in a book, that book (the Bible) becomes the authority (Col 2:3) by which we test,

- **What is Real (Metaphysics)**

God is real. He is Self-sufficient. His creation is dependant upon a completely autonomous, all sustaining God.

- **What is True (Epistemology)**

God is true. God knows Himself and all that He has created perfectly. God's Knowledge is infinite and therefore dependable as truth. Man is finite and apart from the knowledge God reveals to him, man knows nothing.

- **What is Good (Ethics)**

God is good. Therefore, we cannot define good without reference to God.



☛ **...BUT NOT IN ALL BOOKS.**

If God has not spoken in any other book, then it also means that the Bible is the sole standard by which we measure the validity (truth) of all other World views.