Introduction: Is it intellectually feasible to believe the Bible really is God’s Word?

Five crucial questions about the Bible:

1. Is the Bible the word of men or the very words of God?

2. Is the Bible full of myths, legends, and fairytales, or is it historically reliable?

3. Is ALL of the Bible true and trustworthy or only portions of it?

4. Can a Bible that has been translated so many times, for so many hundreds of years, really be accurate?

5. What makes the Bible so different from all other religious writings and their claims to truth?
7 Reasons why I believe in the Bible:

1. **ARCHEOLOGY** – The Bible is a ________ _________ document.
   - There are over 25,000 specific places in the Old Testament alone that are verified in history.
   - Historical people, places, and events can be verified.

2. **REVELATION** – The Bible claims to ________ _________ the very words and mind of God.
   - “All Scripture is God breathed…” 2 Timothy 3:16
   - 3,000 inferences of divine authority: “Thus says the Lord...”

3. **ORIGIN** – The Bible is unique. Its ________ , _________ , and _________ , argue for a supernatural authorship.
   - 40 authors, 3 languages, 1,500 years
   - Central theme is Jesus Christ
   - 2 billion publications since AD 1455
   - Who would write such an honest (even unfavorable) account of themselves? (i.e. Moses, David, Paul)
4. **JESUS** – believed the Old Testament to be the very ____________
   ______ _______ and predicted the New Testament to be likewise.
   
   - Not just concepts or generalities  
     Matthew 5:17-18
   - Jesus’ view of the resurrection is based on the
     tense of a verb  
     Matthew 22:29-32
   - Jesus’ view of Abraham, Noah, Jonah, Adam & Eve

5. **PROPHECY** – sets the Bible apart from all ____________ ________.
   
   - “*Remember the former things… I am God, there is no other*…”  
     Isaiah 46:9-10
   - Over 300 fulfilled prophecies of Jesus as Messiah:
     
     - Jesus would be born of a woman  
       Genesis 3:15
     - Jesus would be born of a virgin  
       Isaiah 7:14
     - Crucifixion described  
       Psalm 22

6. **TRANSMISSION** – The Bible’s ____________ and __________________
   throughout the centuries is nothing short of miraculous.
   
   - Meticulous work of the copyists and scribes
   - Proximity of Manuscripts
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- Over 24,000 New Testament manuscripts
- Dead Sea Scrolls

7. IMPACT – The Bible’s _______ to transform lives is overwhelming.

- Chip’s experience of transformation from the Word of God
- Romans 12:2
- Psalm 119:9,11
- Jeremiah 15:16

God’s Word is ______________________. God’s Word is ______________________.

What you hold in your hand can stand up to scrutiny anywhere, at any time. The Bible is powerful; as you apply it, the Spirit of God takes the written Word, makes it the Living Word and uses it to transform your life.

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