

in a fuller sense, and protect us against the charges of error by others and/or mistakes by ourselves. Interested readers will enjoy *That Lawsuit Against the Bible* (Rimmer) and *Alleged Discrepancies in the Bible* (Haley). No one has ever successfully discredited the Bible by producing mistakes and errors, although many have industriously tried to do so. There are questions and our knowledge in many things is not full. But where the Bible may be tested . . . it proves true.

Can We Prove the Bible True?

God gave us the Bible. Men served Him as writers and guardians, but the Lord is the authority and power behind the Word. The Bible claims this for itself, and this claim is supported in the study of the text. But is there any other way in which we can prove the Bible's claim to be accurate? Is there absolute proof for its divine character and composition?

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A lot depends on what one means by "proof." This term is tossed about freely by philosophers and intellectuals. If by "proof" one means something so compelling that he *must* accept it and can do nothing but accept it — then there is no way to prove the Bible. Men's hearts are turned by sin and cannot be compelled to accept propositions to which they are opposed. But if by "proof" one means an accumulation of reasonable evidence that forms an overwhelming mass of confirmation — then one can prove the Bible.

It is important to remember that we Christians cannot "make" people believe. We may present the truth and trust God's Spirit to accomplish His will. In this sense we may "prove" the Bible. But if to prove it we must silence every