

## Divine Clues: *Discovering the Bible with Both Eyes Open*

Accessible, intriguing, and perfect for the skeptical-yet-seeking reader.

*"If time itself is part of creation, could the eternal God—who exists beyond time—only be fully revealed in a way that transcends human logic and linear experience... and could that revelation be the person of Jesus Christ through the mystery of the Trinity?"*

God is not bound by time (Isaiah 57:15, 2 Peter 3:8).

The Trinity is relational, not merely rational—perfect unity in divine love (John 17:21).

Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15), stepping into time to show us the eternal.



### Christianity vs. Other Belief Systems

**Theme: Why Biblical Christianity is the Only Truth, Not Just a Religion**

Aspect	Biblical Christianity	Other Religions (e.g., Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism)	Christian-like Religions (e.g., Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Gnosticism)
Source of Truth	God's Word revealed through the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16), fulfilled in Jesus (John 1:14)	Human traditions, prophets, or mystical philosophies	Altered or extra-biblical revelations; revised Bibles or added books

<b>View of God</b>	One God in Three Persons (Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit) – eternal, relational, loving (Matt. 28:19)	Monotheistic (e.g., Allah), polytheistic (e.g., Hindu gods), or pantheistic (e.g., Buddhism's force)	Deny the Trinity or redefine God as non-eternal or created being
<b>View of Jesus Christ</b>	Eternal Son of God, fully God and fully man, died and rose again (John 1:1, Col. 2:9, 1 Cor. 15)	Viewed as prophet (Islam), guru (New Age), myth (Buddhism, etc.)	Often demoted to a created being, spirit brother, or enlightened teacher
<b>Salvation</b>	By grace through faith in Jesus alone (Eph. 2:8–9); not earned	Based on works, rituals, enlightenment, or law observance	Faith + works or church loyalty; denies grace-alone gospel
<b>Afterlife</b>	Eternal life with God or eternal separation (Heaven and Hell – John 3:16–18, Matt. 25:46)	Cyclical reincarnation, uncertain judgment, or nirvana (self-extinction)	Reinterpreted afterlife, temporary hell, or levels of heaven
<b>Foundational Evidence</b>	Eyewitness testimony of Jesus' resurrection, fulfilled prophecy, internal coherence, historical manuscripts	Little or no fulfilled prophecy, circular claims, mystical sources	Textual manipulation or unverifiable visions; no consistent prophetic witness
<b>Relationship with God</b>	Personal, intimate, covenantal – God dwells in believers by His Spirit (Rom. 8:15–16; John 14:23)	Distant deity or impersonal force; relationship not central	Legalistic or hierarchical; relationship replaced by rule-keeping or secret knowledge
<b>Power and Revelation</b>	Holy Spirit indwells believers, leads, convicts, and reveals truth (John 16:13–14; Acts 1:8)	Spiritual efforts rely on self-discipline, altered states, or ritual	Spirit interpreted through leaders, not personal revelation; often rejects the Holy Spirit's divinity
<b>Historical Verification</b>	Over 5,800 Greek NT manuscripts, archaeological confirmations, non-Christian sources	Lacks manuscript evidence or confirmed archaeology (many are myth-based or oral tradition)	Rewritten texts; contradict known history; no ancient manuscript support

<b>Unique Claim</b>	Only Christianity claims God became man to die for sin, rise from the dead, and offer eternal life freely	All religions attempt to reach God, achieve enlightenment, or earn favor	Mimics Christianity but distorts key truths, leading to deception
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### **Why This Matters:**

- **Christianity is not man reaching for God, but God reaching for man** in Jesus Christ.
- All others say, “Do” — Christianity says, “Done.”
- Jesus uniquely claims:

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”  
(John 14:6, ESV)

## **Atheist & Agnostic Views That Lead to Believing in God — and Jesus Christ**

### **1. The Fine-Tuning of the Universe**

- **Insight:** The intricate design of the cosmos points beyond random chance. Even secular physicists admit the conditions for life are astonishingly precise.
  - **Voice: Dr. Francis Collins** — Former atheist, geneticist, and leader of the Human Genome Project. Came to faith through awe at DNA and fine-tuning.
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### **2. The Moral Law Within**

- **Insight:** All cultures recognize some form of objective right and wrong. If moral law exists, where did it come from?
  - **Voice: C.S. Lewis** – Former atheist turned Christian apologist. Realized his arguments against God relied on a moral standard that required God.
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### 3. The Historical Reliability of the Gospels

- **Insight:** The more skeptics investigate early Christian history and manuscript evidence, the more solid it appears.
  - **Voice: Sir William Ramsay** – Skeptical archaeologist who set out to disprove the Bible and instead affirmed Luke's historical reliability.
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### 4. The Inadequacy of Naturalism

- **Insight:** Materialism cannot account for reason, consciousness, or the soul. If we trust our minds to reason, something transcendent must anchor them.
  - **Voice: Rosalind Picard** – MIT professor and inventor in AI. Realized that intellect, emotions, and ethics couldn't be reduced to circuitry or biology.
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### 5. Existential Longing for Meaning, Love, and Eternity

- **Insight:** Every human longs for eternal love, meaning beyond death, and justice beyond this world. These longings often hint at the reality they crave.
  - **Voice: Andrew Klavan** – Former agnostic Jew, novelist, and cultural commentator. Came to faith in Jesus Christ after confronting despair and seeking lasting truth.
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### 6. Personal Encounters That Defy Logic

- **Insight:** Many come to believe not just by reasoning, but through supernatural moments—dreams, inner transformation, or answered prayers.
  - **Voice: Lee Strobel** – Investigative journalist and atheist. After trying to disprove Christianity to stop his wife’s faith, he became convinced by the evidence—and an encounter with Christ.
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## 7. Rational Examination of the Resurrection

- **Insight:** If Jesus truly rose from the dead, then Christianity is true. The empty tomb, eyewitness accounts, and martyrdom of disciples demand attention.
- **Voice: J. Warner Wallace** – Cold-case homicide detective and atheist. Applied forensic tools to the resurrection accounts and found them historically credible—and life-changing.

### 1. Is the Bible really the Word of God?

#### Short Answer:

Yes—the Bible uniquely claims divine authorship (2 Timothy 3:16) and consistently demonstrates it through fulfilled prophecy, unified message across 40+ authors, and its transformative power. Theologically, it aligns with the character of a relational, communicative God. Scientifically, no other ancient document has such manuscript integrity and cultural influence.

#### Further Reading:

- *Wesley Huff – “Is the Bible Reliable?” (YouTube & articles)*
  - *John Lennox – “Can Science Explain Everything?”*
  - *C.S. Lewis – “Mere Christianity”*
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### 2. Hasn’t the Bible been changed or corrupted over time?

#### Short Answer:

No—the Bible we read today is over 99% textually pure. Historically, the Dead Sea Scrolls and over 5,800

Greek New Testament manuscripts confirm its preservation. Science uses textual criticism to verify consistency across time.

**Further Reading:**

- *Daniel Wallace – “Revisiting the Corruption of the New Testament”*
  - *Wesley Huff – “How the Bible Was Transmitted”*
  - *Josh McDowell – “Evidence That Demands a Verdict”*
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### **3. Why are there so many contradictions in the Bible?**

**Short Answer:**

Most “contradictions” are misunderstandings of context, genre, or translation nuances. Apparent inconsistencies often show different perspectives, not errors. Just as four eyewitnesses can describe the same event differently, the Gospels do this with divine harmony.

**Further Reading:**

- *John Lennox – “Gunning for God”*
  - *Norman Geisler – “The Big Book of Bible Difficulties”*
  - *Wesley Huff – “Are There Contradictions in the Bible?” (talk)*
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### **4. Why does the Bible seem so violent or judgmental?**

**Short Answer:**

The Bible records, not always endorses, human sin and divine justice. God’s justice and mercy are both evident—especially in Jesus, who absorbs judgment to offer peace. Morally, God confronts evil rather than ignoring it.

**Further Reading:**

- *Paul Copan – “Is God a Moral Monster?”*

- *John Lennox – “Against the Flow”*
  - *C.S. Lewis – “The Problem of Pain”*
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## 5. Why should I follow a book that’s so old and outdated?

### Short Answer:

Though ancient, the Bible speaks eternal truths about human nature, purpose, suffering, love, and redemption. Modern psychology, history, and even quantum physics now echo themes found in Scripture. Its spiritual relevance grows, not fades, over time.

### Further Reading:

- *C.S. Lewis – “The Abolition of Man”*
  - *Francis Schaeffer – “How Should We Then Live?”*
  - *John Lennox – “Seven Days That Divide the World”*
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## 6. Who decided what books go into the Bible—and why?

### Short Answer:

The Bible wasn’t invented by councils; it was recognized by them. The Old and New Testaments were affirmed based on apostolic authority, consistency with God’s revealed nature, and widespread use by early believers. The Ethiopian Bible includes additional texts respected in that tradition.

### Further Reading:

- *Michael Kruger – “Canon Revisited”*
  - *Wesley Huff – “Why Trust the Bible Canon?”*
  - *Bruce Metzger – “The Canon of the New Testament”*
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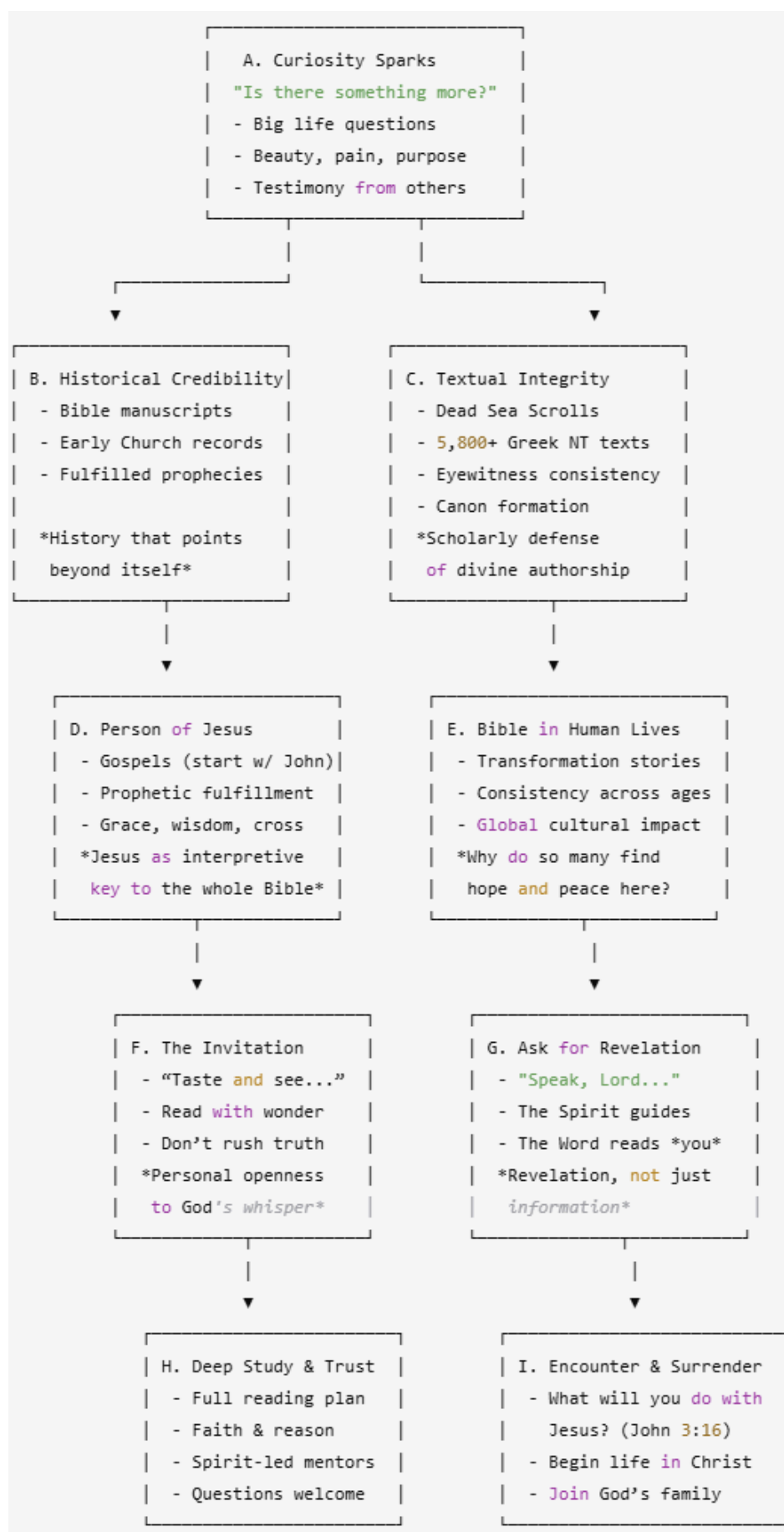
## 7. What does it mean to be “saved,” and why do I need saving?

### Short Answer:

To be saved means being restored to right relationship with God. All have sinned (Romans 3:23), and Jesus took our place to offer life, not just rules. It’s not about being “good enough”—it’s about grace freely given. Salvation is freedom, not restriction.

### Further Reading:

- C.S. Lewis – *“The Great Divorce”*
- John Stott – *“The Cross of Christ”*
- Billy Graham – *“Peace with God”*



"What if love, not logic alone, is the highest form of truth—and the Trinity is a reflection of eternal, relational love?"

"Could it be that Jesus—God entering into time—is the only way eternity and humanity could meet?"

"If our sense of time is limited, how would an infinite, timeless God communicate with us except by stepping into our world?"

"Might the Trinity explain how God is both beyond us (Father), among us (Son), and within us (Spirit)—all at once, in perfect unity?"

"Is it possible that reason alone can take us to the edge of understanding, but only revelation can show us what's on the other side?"

We warmly invite you to use this guide as a starting point on your journey toward discovering who Jesus Christ truly is—the One who offers hope, love, and eternal life beyond all religions.

**Pick up a Bible**—any translation that feels approachable to you—and begin reading with an open heart. Let curiosity lead you, and don't worry if some things feel mysterious at first. God reveals Himself uniquely to every seeker in His perfect timing.

If you want to dive deeper, share your thoughts, or hear stories from others walking this path, please visit:

<https://storysharing.life>

There, you'll find community, encouragement, and resources to help you grow in understanding and faith.

We walk this journey together—with love, humility, and hope.