

**Isostasy** - This particular science is used to describe the balance of the earth.  
Reference: **Isaiah 40:12**, God "*has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand... weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance.*"

**Godesy** - This particular science determines the shape, area, and curvature of the earth.

**Pindar** said the earth stood on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Greek mythology said **Atlas** carried the earth on his \_\_\_\_\_.  
Another ancient legend said the earth rested on an \_\_\_\_\_ back.  
Reference: **Job 26:7b**, God "... *hangs the earth on nothing.*"

**Anaomenes** said the earth was shaped like a \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lucippers** said the earth was shaped like a \_\_\_\_\_

The common thought during the Middle Ages was that the earth was flat.  
Reference: **Isaiah 40:22**, "*It is He (God) who sits above the circle of the earth...*"

Reference: **Luke 17:30-34**  
**verse thirty**, "*Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man (Jesus) is revealed.*"  
**verse thirty-one**, "*In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.*"  
**verse thirty-four**, "*I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left.*"

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**Cleansing**

Reference: **Leviticus 15:13** (see screen)  
More Reference: **Numbers 19:18** and **Psalms 51:7**

**Circumcision**

Reference: **Genesis 17:12, 21:14; Leviticus 12:3; Luke 2:21**

**Quarantine**

Reference: **Leviticus 13:46** (see screen)

**Blood's importance**

Reference: **Leviticus 17:11** (see screen)

**CAN THE BIBLE BE TRUSTED? Part I**

Reference: **miscellaneous Scripture**

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Definition: Christian **apologetics** is a theological discipline that presents reasoned bases for evangelical Christianity \_\_\_\_\_ itself against objections.

Reference: **I Peter 3:15**, "*...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness (gentleness) and fear (reverence).*"

The word translated as "defense" is the Greek term "*apologia*", from which we get the word \_\_\_\_\_.

It is a legal term that refers to a verbal defense of what someone is convinced is true.

Definition: Christian **polemics** is a theological discipline that presents reasoned bases for \_\_\_\_\_ non-Christian positions and practices from both inside and outside the church.

Reference: **II Corinthians 10:4-5**

**verse four**, "*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*"  
**verse five**, "*casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*"

Christian apologetics is a more \_\_\_\_\_ argument. Christian polemics is a more \_\_\_\_\_ argument. Both are needed.

**Question:** How would someone substantiate the authenticity of Scripture?

There are two different resources that together demonstrate the authenticity of Scripture:

- \_\_\_\_\_ evidence i.e. evidence or proof that exists \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible
- \_\_\_\_\_ evidence i.e. evidence or proof that exists \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible itself

Three words are critical to this discussion. The Bible is:

- \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: **II Timothy 3:16**, "All Scripture is given by **inspiration of God**,..."  
Inspiration is the Greek word *theopneustos* and means "to \_\_\_\_\_".

Reference: **II Peter 1:20-21** (see screen)

Principle of **dual ownership**:

Reference: **Acts 1:16** (see screen)

**"Scripture is not only man's words, but also, and equally God's words, spoken through man's lips or written with man's pen"**

**J.I. Packer**

Conservative evangelicals hold to the verbal plenary inspiration of Scripture.

**Verbal** means "\_\_\_\_\_"  
**Plenary** means "full, complete and \_\_\_\_\_"  
**Inspiration** means "God \_\_\_\_\_"

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Reference: **II Samuel 7:28a**, "And now, O Lord God, You are God, and **Your words are true**..."  
Reference: **Numbers 23:19**, "God is not a man, that **He should lie**..."  
Scripture is infallible means it is not a \_\_\_\_\_ document.
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Reference: **Psalm 12:6**, "**The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.**"  
  
Reference: **Psalm 119:160a**, "**The entirety of Your word is truth**..."  
The fact Scripture is inerrant means that it doesn't contain \_\_\_\_\_.

Four internal evidences that Scripture is inspired, infallible and inerrant:

**ONE** is \_\_\_\_\_  
Five different scientific disciplines that Scripture comments on:

- \_\_\_\_\_

Hydrology is the science that studies the waters on the earth.  
Reference: **Psalm 135:7**, "He (God) causes **the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He (God) makes lightning for the rain**..."

References: **Job 26:8, 28:10, 36:27-28, 38:22; Isaiah 55:10-11; Ecclesiastes 1:7**

Reference: **Psalm 8:8**, "... the fish of the sea that pass through **the paths of the seas.**"

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Wind circulation:  
Reference: **Ecclesiastes 1:6**, "The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north; **the wind whirls about continually**, and comes again on its circuit."

Air pressure:

Reference: **Job 28:25**, "To establish a weight for the wind..."

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Scripture teaches that the actual number of stars is incalculable.  
  
Footnote: One million seconds represents 11.57 \_\_\_\_\_. One billion seconds represents 31.69 \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hipparchus** said there are \_\_\_\_\_ stars in the universe.  
**Ptolemy** said there are \_\_\_\_\_ stars. **Kepler** said there are \_\_\_\_\_ stars.

Reference: **Jeremiah 33:22**, "As the **host of heaven** (stars) **cannot be numbered.**"

Using gigantic telescopes that are now available, astronomers have estimated there are about 10 to the 25<sup>th</sup> power number of stars in the known universe and that is the number 10 \_\_\_\_\_.

In the early 1800s, institutions such as Yale University were teaching that the moon is larger than the sun.  
Reference: **Genesis 1:16**, God "**made two great lights: the greater light** (i.e. the sun) **to rule the day, and the lesser light** (i.e. the moon) **to rule the night.**"

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There are different related geological disciplines.