



DISCOVERING GOD

THROUGH THE BIBLE #1 - BEGINNINGS

The Bible was written over a period of 1,500 to 1,600 years by at least 40 different authors living on 3 different continents writing in at least 4 different languages. (For perspective, the *last* book of the Old Testament was written over one-thousand years *before* the Qur'an.)

Its writers include such diverse occupations as, kings, generals, soldiers, politicians, prophets, priests, herdsman, fishermen, even a half-Gentile, half-Jewish medical doctor.

Almost never did these individuals have a copy of each others writings for comparison.

They wrote while surrounded by wisdom of the day identifying deities as the sky, sun, moon, wind, stars, animals or exotic humans. (Even in isolated cases where the culture promoted a form of monotheism such as that of Egypt during the reign of Akhenaton, the deity was always expressed as the sun, sky, moon or, some manifestation of the king, himself.)

The Biblical writers discussed dozens of extremely controversial *topics* such as politics, religion, philosophy, prophesy (future events), the nature of GOD, angels, heaven, hell, and what occurs after we die.

Yet, despite this *enormous diversity* that would under any circumstance result in varying opinions, the Bible as a whole is totally and completely consistent in thought and message.

This in itself is truly amazing when you consider how difficult it is to get any two people (let alone 40 living in such heavily influenced and diverse cultures and times), to agree on something as controversial as GOD, man, nature, religion etc..

NOTE: Some challenge this fact by pointing to *doctrinal* differences between Christian denominations. This is a totally fallacious argument. For example Christians may doctrinally disagree as to how the GOD of the Bible interacts inside time from outside time. No one reading the Bible can find even *one instance* where the interpreter describes a GOD within and / or limited by time as is the case with all other religious writings of the Biblical period.

If you take just a moment to reflect on this fact you will see how extraordinary this truly is.

Non-Biblical deities are always created from the personality or image of animals or, men and / or, limited by and placed within *both* time and space. The GOD of Genesis is unique to all other gods presented by all other religious texts of the period.

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