

The Unique Book

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Unique means one of a kind, having no like or equal, incomparable. These terms accurately describe the Bible. Consider some of the characteristics that make it unique:

- **It alone is GOD-INSPIRED.** Other books claim inspiration but fail miserably under scrutiny. Skeptics have assaulted, defamed, and attempted to destroy the Bible for centuries. It has survived them all as an impregnable fortress of truth and righteousness. The Bible tells us its source: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (2 Tim. 3:16-17), even to its very words (1 Cor. 2:13).
- **It alone informs us of the ORIGIN OF MAN and the universe.** Men have written thousands of books and proffered numerous theories concerning when and how all things began. If scientists would only follow their own laws of science, they would offer fewer absurd theories, most of which seem to be aimed more at denying an obvious First Cause than accepting facts. The Bible tells us all we can know about the beginning in its opening majestic phrase, "In the beginning God created..." (Gen. 1:1).
- **It alone tells us the true PURPOSE OF LIFE:** Theories that exclude God as our Creator also rob life of purpose and meaning. To evolutionists, we are no more than advanced amoebae or apes, a mere "accident" of "nature." Subscribing fully to the twins of evolution and atheism, Humanists, in their own words, "...can discover no divine purpose or providence for the human species." Accordingly, such folk live only for pleasure in this life. The Bible states our God-ordained purpose: "Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecc. 12:13b).
- **It alone describes our ETERNAL DESTINY:** Apart from the Bible, men are left only to hopeless speculation about even the possibility of destiny beyond the grave. The Bible reveals the existence of Heaven, a place of eternal bliss for God's people, redeemed by the blood of His Son. It also reveals the existence of Hell, a place of eternal torment for impenitent and unredeemed sinners. The destinies of all will be

sealed following the Second Coming of Christ, the great Resurrection and the Judgment (John 5:28–29; 2 Cor. 5:10; Mat. 25:31–46).

- **It alone tells us of HEAVEN AND HOW TO GET THERE:** No person can come to God, either here or in Heaven at last, except through Jesus Christ (John 14:6). The Gospel is God's power to save us from sin (Rom. 1:16). Those who believe it, confess their faith in Jesus as God's Son, repent of their sins, are baptized for remission of the sins, and thereafter faithfully serve Jesus will be saved in Heaven at last (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10; 1 Cor. 15:1–2, 58).

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