



Genesis 1:1 *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

### **The Bible Part One: The Makeup of the Bible**

Ten words! That’s all God needed to make you choose. Did he do it? Did God make the heavens and the Earth? The universe too? An atheist stops there. There are about 783,137 words in the Bible. Yet, it only took God ten to make you choose. The atheist says they believe in nothing. Yet, put them in space and they believe in air. Something that is sorely missing in space: yet they believe. Ask them to jump out of the airlock and I bet they don’t. Why? They fear death. Why fear anything at all if life is meaningless? Nothing is as it appears to be.

We hold a great deal of presumptions and theories. Yet, we do so without a shred of proof. I was told that there are around five documents that might prove Napoleon existed. There is an argument stating that Socrates (the Greek philosopher) created Plato. I always thought Plato existed yet, there are no writings by him. Just Socrates citing Plato. There are those who also feel that Shakespeare never existed. Mark Twain wittingly said *“Shakespeare did not write Shakespeare, instead these works were written by another person called Shakespeare.”* The Bible has three specific gospels written by presumably three separate authors Matthew, Mark, and Luke called the synoptic gospels. Yet, there is not a shred of proof that any of these three men did write them. Yet, they exist.

Here lays the problem. As an archeologists or scientist, we require proof. We require facts and known laws. I listen to a well knows physics man on YouTube. He claims that the laws

of physics don't apply outside of the Big Bang Theory. Why did he say that? It's because within our universe are known laws. There are certain chemicals that exist. All that we are is based on things like carbon and hydrogen. Life and matter have qualities at the lowest levels. On the other side of the Big bang is the impossible. Somehow a single particle existed. Somehow it exploded. Physics can't quantify how or why. Yet, here we are. What does an atheist believe is on the other side of the Big Bang?

Before me is a book called the Bible. It has existed in its latest form (in and around) the 5<sup>th</sup> century. The Jewish Torah (first five books of the Old Testament) have been estimated to be far older than that. This book has been written in Greek, Hebrew, Babylonian Greek, and more. People have described the Bible using Jewish words like Pentateuch, Torah, (first five books) and Tanakh (Old testament). The Septuagint (Babylonia Greek) is another common version of the Old Testament. We also have various letters and historical accounts that make up the Bible as a whole. There are 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books. This is a slight understatement to say that (The Bible) was not written last year. It's extremely old and complicated in its construction.

Who wrote it? Well now that is a good question. There is a ton of argument on who wrote what book in the Bible. It appears that about forty authors wrote the Bible in a wide range of time periods dating way back into the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C. to around the 8<sup>th</sup> Century A.D. Yet, the arguments rage over when each book was written and by whom. Typically, Paul is said to have written Hebrews. However, there is longstanding debate on that. Who wrote Genesis? Tradition gives that to Moses. Yet, did he write his own death in Deuteronomy? The Bible is deemed unbelievable because nobody can say for certain who is the authors. Who wrote down Genesis 1:1. Who was there?

It would be easy to say that because of the uncertainty, the Bible cannot be true. There are too many mysteries within and surrounding it. How can word of mouth transfer be authentic? How can uncertain authors be authentic? Our current manuscripts are on particle scrolls. Many pieces are very old, missing and broken. Yet, there are thousands of pieces. Enough to put it all together. On top of it all that are different types of Bibles. What version is the right version? Was the transfer from Old Hebrew to Babylonian Greek to English correct? What makes the Bible true or false?

I'm not trying to debunk the Bible. What I am saying is that it would be foolish to ignore the troubles within the construction of the Bible. The troubles found within dates, times, and archeological evidence. I want the Bible to stand on its own and fight for itself. The atheist says that you can't prove the Bible because of these uncertainties. There is no God, authors, evidence, and reason to believe it. Yet, for about four thousand years some form of the Bible has pointed to God. Pointed out that God created us. Honestly, if you can't get past the first verse then the rest of it is meaningless. Could we say that time before the Big Bang is meaningless because we have no facts or witnesses?

If you're willing to hear me out, I have an interesting view on why I believe in the Bible. I actually think the Big Bang Theory might be true. The science is not bad. Yet, the theories are unproven. That's why they are called theories and not facts. Clearly, we have the Bible that is surrounded with its own Big Bang theory. Who wrote it? Is it from God? Yet, standing together are theories about the Bible and the origin of the universe. Could our visible universe hold enough facts to make the Bible and God viable? Check out next week for my reasons why I believe the Bible is the real deal.