

## IS THE BIBLE LEGIT? MAARP

Have you ever been challenged by someone asking how you can be certain that the Bible is the actual Word of God? It is a very common question. Many Christians struggle to answer that question, but sometimes a memorable acronym can help you answer this question when asked.	Additional Thoughts:
<b>First:</b> Watch the <i>Is the Bible Legit? I MAARP</i> video featuring Dr. Bobby Brewer, author and pastor.	
Dive Deeper	
As shared in the video Is the Bible Legit? I MAARP, Dr. Bobby Brewer came up with an easy-to-remember acronym—MAARP—that will help you explain why the Bible truly is the authentic Word of God. On the count of three, say it like Pastor Bobby said it! "M-A-A-R-P!"	
Now let's break down MAARP.	
M	
What does the 'M' in MAARP stand for?	
What are two characteristics of the Bible that the 'M' in MAARP refers to?	
Who composed the initial Scriptures? What proof is there that the Scriptures were not written down in a haphazard manner?	
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How would you answer someone who says, "There are so many copies of the Bible in many translations that the Bible can't have the same message anymore"?	Additional Thoughts:
A	
What does the first 'A' in MAARP stand for?	
How does the existence of the places and people in the Bible lend	
itself to proving the Bible is reliable?	
When you read the Bible and encounter a place or people group that you have read about in a history book or seen in a documentary, how	
does that make you feel about the legitimacy of the Bible?	
Having specific examples in mind when sharing about the authenticity of the Bible will further act as proof. Pastor Bobby gives two examples—the Hittites and Pontius Pilot. The Hittites are mentioned	
over 50 times in the Bible. Use the Internet to search this phrase: "evidence that the Hittites actually existed." What did you discover?	

A	Additional Thoughts:
What does the second 'A' in MAARP stand for?	
Who were the authors of the Old Testament? Who was qualified to be an author of the New Testament?	
Why can't you or I write a book to be added to the Bible?	
R	
What does the 'R' in MAARP stand for?	
What purpose does including what Pastor Brewer calls "embarrassing events," such as David's adultery and Peter's denial of Jesus, serve in the Bible?	
What have you learned about how God feels about your own sin when you read about the people in the Bible who fall into embarrassing sin?	

P	Additional Thoughts:
What does the 'P' in MAARP stand for?	
How did the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 destroy the critics' argument that the Bible can't be the same from 2,000 years ago	
since it was rewritten so many times?	
What are some examples that Pastor Brewer gives of prophecies in the Bible?	
Reading the Bible daily will both better prepare you to answer	
questions that others might pose as well as strengthen your relationship with God. Will you commit to starting your day by reading	
at least one chapter?	
Recap	
1. MAARP is the acronym to explain why the Bible is true and not like any other book.	
Manuscript Evidence relates to both the quality and quantity of the	
<ul> <li>manuscripts that make up the Bible.</li> <li>Archaeology indicates that the places and peoples in the Bible really</li> </ul>	
do exist.	
Authors refer to those people who were qualified to write the Bible.      Deal relates to the inclusion of both emberracing as well as bareis.	
<ul> <li><u>Real</u> relates to the inclusion of both embarrassing as well as heroic events in the Bible.</li> </ul>	
Prophetic refers to documented prophecies recorded in the Bible.	
2. Read the Bible daily.	

3. God reveals Himself through:	Additional Thoughts:
<ul> <li>Creation – The Bible tells us the heavens declare the handiwork of God.</li> <li>Jesus – Jesus is God</li> <li>The written word – the Bible</li> </ul> 4. Make it a daily habit to read at least one chapter in the Bible before you do anything else.	
Live It Out	
<ul> <li>Study the components of MAARP, so you can explain to others why the Bible is the authentic Word of God and how it can be true after so many years, copies, and versions.</li> <li>Develop a habit of reading the Bible daily as a priority.</li> <li>Become familiar with some of the many prophecies in the Bible.</li> </ul>	
Salvation through Jesus	
If you don't know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, we encourage you to visit www.anchorpointmedia.org/the-truth. There you will discover the truth of who Jesus is and how you can have a relationship with Him	

## About Dr. Bobby Brewer [1964-2024]

In 2022, Dr. Bobby Brewer helped plant The Chapel at Reigning Grace Ranch in Rio Verde, Arizona, and led as Senior Pastor until his passing in mid-2024. During his thirty years of serving in ministry, he served on the pastoral staff of several evangelical churches in the Greater Phoenix area. He co-hosted a Christian radio show for fifteen years and authored a variety of books, including Postmodernism: What You Should Know & Do About It, Help! I'm Really Single: A Survival Guide for Today's Christian Single, UFOs: 12 Things Everyone Should Know, and he co-authored A Commentary of Ecclesiastes for the Common Reader with Dr. Darryl DelHousaye.

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