

Dear Jaspreet,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You stated that you are a Sikh and do not believe in the Bible. You specifically mentioned the story of Adam in God's Garden and thought it was a fairytale. Nonetheless, you wondered where the Garden was located and what happened to it? You also wondered how the Bible could be true since Jesus Christ did not write it.

We do not know exactly where the Garden of Eden was located, nor do we know if God destroyed or preserved it. What we know is that the Tigris and Euphrates were two rivers that surrounded the Garden. Therefore, the Garden was located in what is now modern day Iraq.

"A river watering the garden flowed from Eden, and from there it divided. It had four headstreams. The name of the first is the Pishon. It winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there. The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates." (Genesis 2:10-14)

There have been a few modern-day searches for the Garden of Eden, with no substantial proof found.

Your second question dealt with whether the Bible is true or not.

The Bible was written by about 40 different human writers who lived over a period of about 1500 years (50 generations). For example, every time we see the words, "This is the book of \_\_\_\_\_," it refers to the written account of a particular person such as Noah, (Genesis, chapters 5-9). We know that Moses compiled these accounts from the actual Babylonian and Egyptian tablets because we can see the Babylonian terms in the first eleven accounts and the Egyptian terms in the last account that pertains to Joseph.

Some of the most positive proof that the Bible is the word of God is found in the Book of Daniel. Daniel contains prophecies that are so explicit and precise and match the result of history so carefully that critics cannot dispute their meaning. Biblical scholars concur that Daniel's reference to the "mighty king" (Daniel 11:3) refers to Alexander the Great. Since Daniel lived 200 years before Alexander, critics are forced to either acknowledge Daniel's divine inspiration and, thereby, also acknowledge the divine inspiration of the other prophets, or say that whoever wrote the book, wrote it after the events transpired and, thereby, conclude that the book is a fraud. But, there is unalterable evidence that the Book of Daniel is legitimate. Daniel 9:24-27 predicts the coming of Messiah (Jesus) and records by number of years when Messiah will come, live and die. This fulfillment can be dated from the decree to restore Jerusalem to the death of Messiah, 490 years later. This prophecy was not a vague prophecy of the future, but one that was specific and dated.

Astronomers are also amazed at how accurate the Bible account appears to be. We will cite an example from the Book of Job, written more than 3000 years ago. In Job 38:31-32, God asks Job to consider the constellations of stars he observes. "Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Can you guide Arcturus with his sons?" Astronomers in the 20th century have discovered that the three stars that compose the band of Orion are actually traveling in three different directions away from each other, so that the bands are being dissolved. How would anyone except God know this 3000 years ago? By contrast, the seven stars of the Pleiades are actually 250 stars all traveling in the same direction. This is exactly what God said. Can you keep them bound together so that they remain as a family of stars? Arcturus, one of the greatest stars in the universe is a runaway whose speed of flight is 257 miles per second. Charles Burckhalter of the Chabot Observatory said its "high velocity places Arcturus in that very small class of stars that apparently are a law unto themselves." When the text in Job was brought to Mr. Burckhalter's attention he further stated, "The study of the Book of Job and its comparison with the latest scientific discoveries has brought me to the matured conviction that the Bible is an inspired book and was written by the One who made the stars."

Do we believe in the authenticity of the Bible and that it is the inspired word of God? Yes, we certainly do. We have given you only a few of many examples that prove to us that the accounts in the Bible are not fairytales but actually happened. These accounts are recorded for our edification, to inspire us, and to show us that God has a plan of redemption for every person who ever lived. We hope we have answered your question.

Sincerely,  
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