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*about*  
Faith

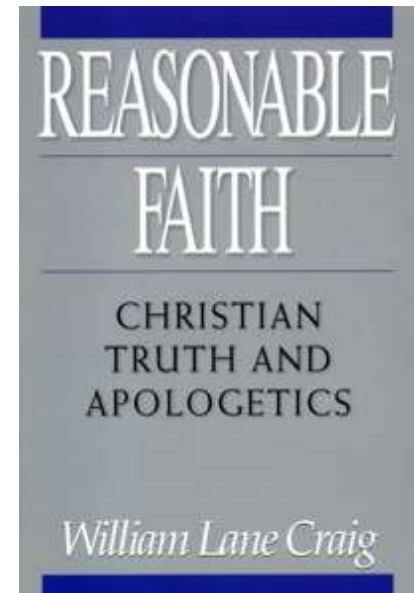
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Why

*Do Questions of Faith*

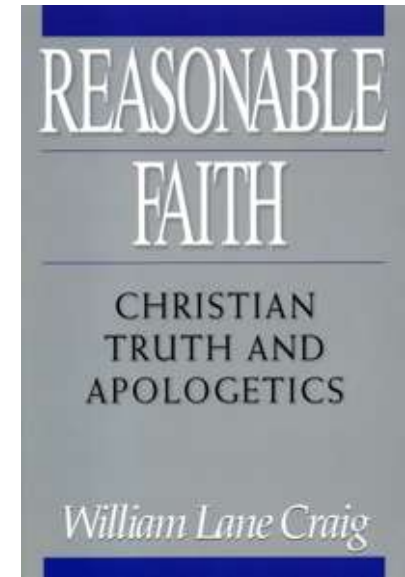
Matter?

“As man looks around him, all he sees is darkness & obscurity. Moreover, insofar as his scientific knowledge is correct, man learns that he is an infinitesimal speck lost in the immensity of time & space. His brief life is bounded on either side by eternity, his place in the universe is lost in the immeasurable infinity of space, he finds himself suspended, as it were, between the infinite microcosm within & the infinite macrocosm without. Uncertain & untethered, man founders in efforts to lead a meaningful & happy life.”



“His condition is characterized by inconstancy, boredom, & anxiety. His relations with his fellow men are warped by self-love; society is founded on mutual deceit. Man’s justice is fickle & relative, & no fixed standard of value may be found. Despite their predicament, however, most people, incredibly, refuse to seek an answer or even to think about their dilemma. Instead, they lose themselves in escape.”

- William Lane Craig in *Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth and Apologetics*



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3. We need to be Whole.

Why  
*should I*  
Believe in God?



**“Now I’ll give you something to believe. I’m just one hundred and one, five months and a day.”**

**“I can’t believe that!” said Alice.**

**“Can’t you?” the Queen said in a pitying tone. “Try again: draw a long breath, and shut your eyes.”**

**Alice laughed. “There’s no use trying,” she said: “One can’t believe impossible things.”**

**“I daresay you haven’t had much practice,” said the Queen.**

**“When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.”**

**- From Through the Looking-Glass  
by Lewis Carroll**



“No other religion, philosophy, teaching, nation, movement – whatever – has so changed the world for better as Christianity has done...Civilization itself was transformed by Jesus Christ. In the ancient world, his teachings elevated brutish standards of morality, halted infanticide, enhanced human life, emancipated women, abolished slavery, inspired charities and relief organizations, created hospitals, established orphanages and founded schools... It was Christians who invented colleges and universities, dignified labor as a divine vocation, and extended the light of civilization to barbarians on the frontiers.”

- Dr. Paul Maier, Historian  
Western Michigan University



# *1 Corinthians 15:1-8*

**1 Corinthians 15:1** Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, **2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. **3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried,

# *1 Corinthians 15:1-8*

and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,  
**5** and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; **7** then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; **8** and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

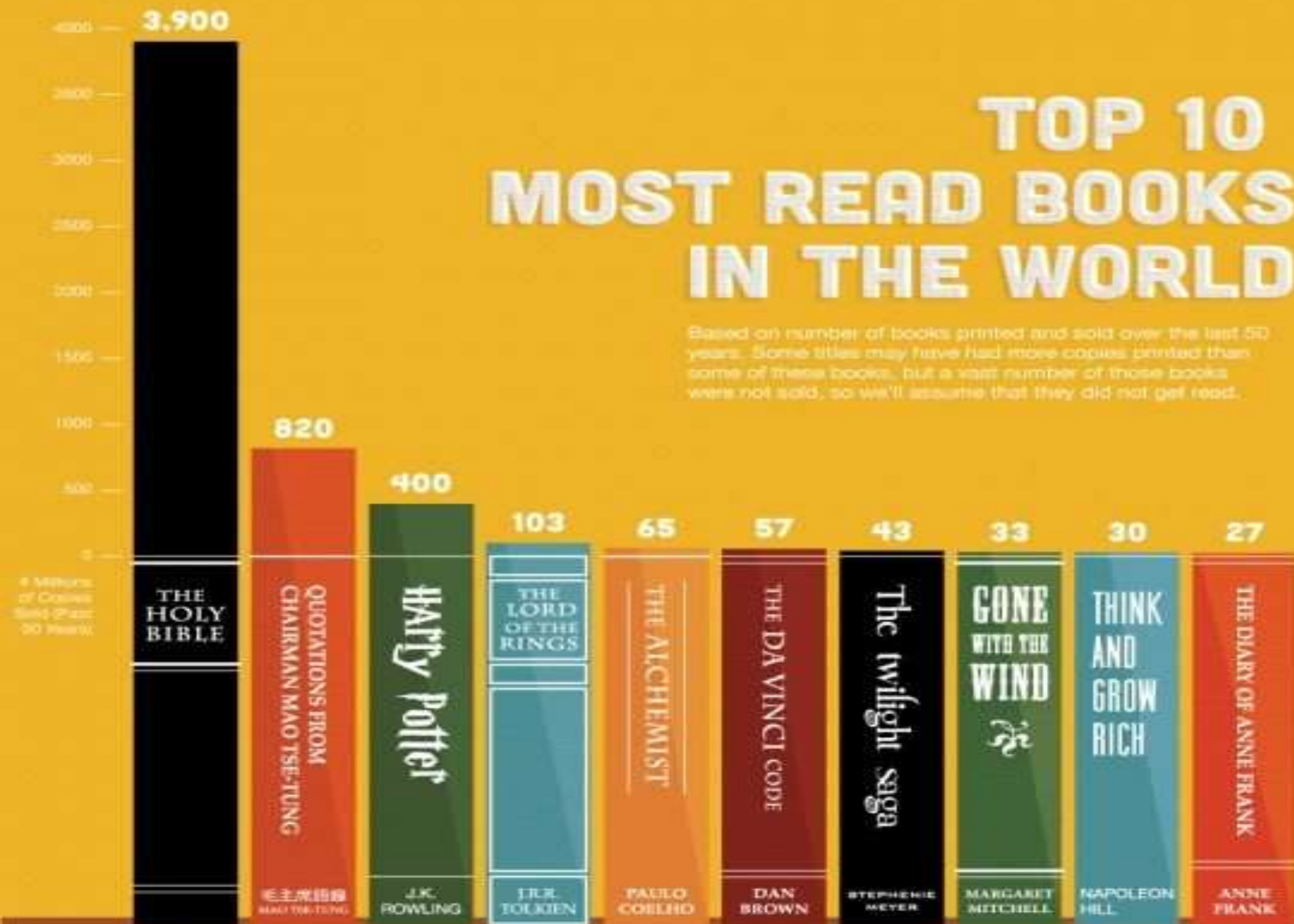
Why

*should I*

Believe in the Bible?

# TOP 10 MOST READ BOOKS IN THE WORLD

Based on number of books printed and sold over the last 50 years. Some titles may have had more copies printed than some of these books, but a vast number of those books were not sold, so we'll assume that they did not get read.



# Why Believe the Bible?

1. It is a unified book.

# *The Unity of the Bible*

- It was written over a 1500 year time span.
- It has over 40 authors – kings, fishermen, poets, etc.
- It was written in different places and times.
- It was written on 3 continents, in 3 languages.
- It deals with hundreds of controversial subjects...

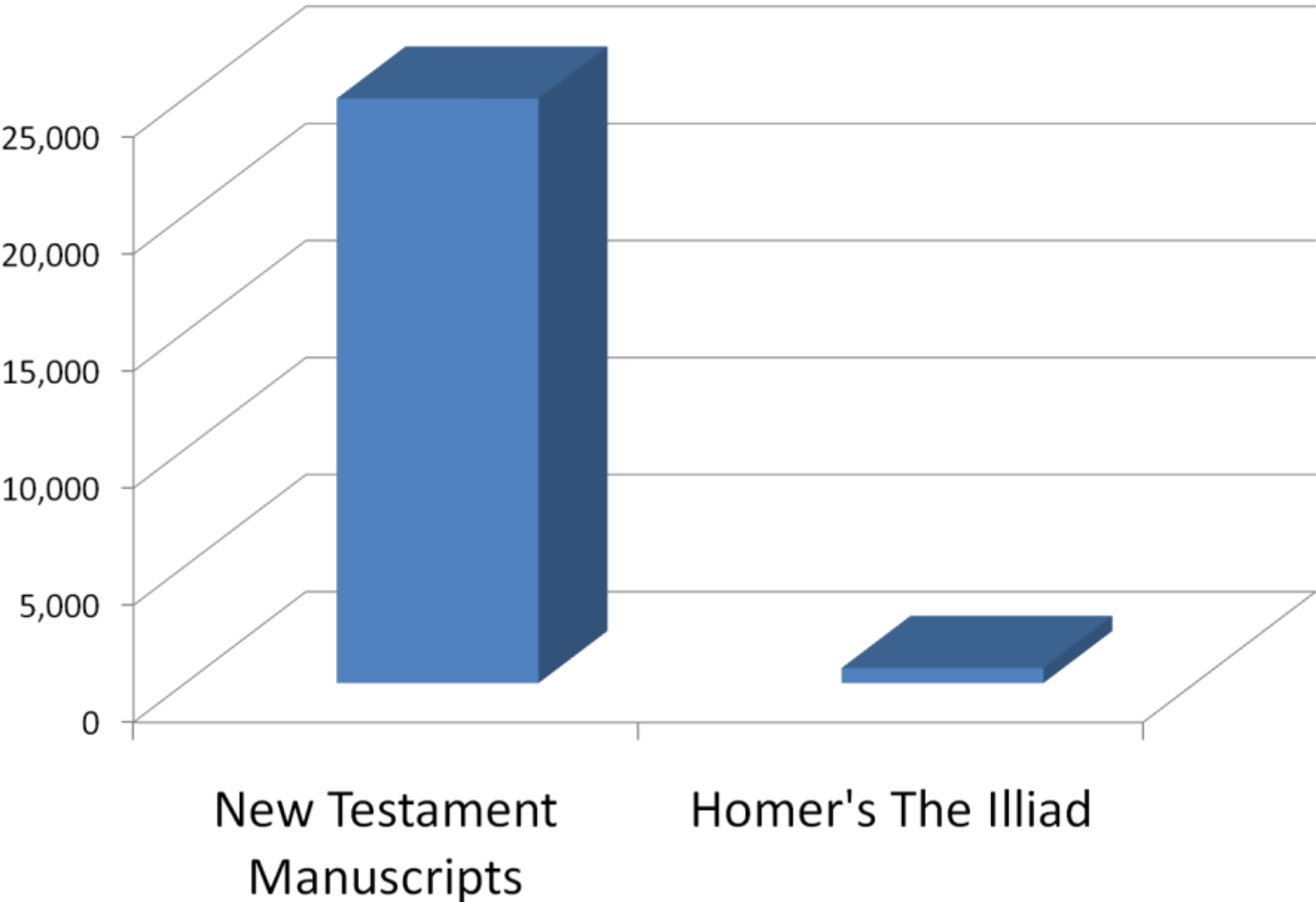
*...and it maintains its unity!*



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# Number of Manuscripts Discovered



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