

## **Josh McDowell's -- Bible: Fact, Fiction or Fallacy (Part 1)**

1. History: knowledge of the past based upon testimony.
2. Is your testimony reliable?
3. What is history?
4. Define history as knowledge of the past, based upon testimony:
  - a.) Written testimony
  - b.) Oral testimony
  - c.) Physical evidence
5. Is it true?
6. Can you trust the Bible?
7. Does truth change?
8. Truth doesn't change. Your perspective of truth is what changed.
9. Methods for dating manuscripts:
  - a.) Type of material
  - b.) The size of the letter and form
  - c.) Punctuation
  - d.) Text division
  - e.) Ornamentation
  - f.) Color of ink
10. Bibliographical Test: Asks questions about the manuscript
11. Autographa - a document in the writer's own handwriting
12. Historiography: the principles of determining the authenticity of a document.

13. Manuscript: hand-written copy

14. Is what I have, what was written down or has it been changed?

15. Was what was written down true?

16. How far are the copies removed from the original?

17. How many manuscripts do you have?

18. The new testament manuscript is a 99.5% pure text.

“The ability to tell the truth rests, in part, upon the witness’s nearness to the event.”  
– Dr. Louis Gottschalk

John 1:1’...we have heard...we have seen...our hands have touched”