Proof #3 - The Bible is very unique in what it says about human beings.

There is no other book that says what the Bible says about man. The Bible does not sugar coat the condition of man. The Bible does not say man is basically good and doing the best he can. The Bible says all men are sinners and heading to condemnation (Rom. 3:23; John 3:18).

The Bible exposes man and his sin and it says that men's works, even the best of works, are nothing but filthy rags in the sight of God (Rom. 3:10-12; Is. 64:6). The Bible does not flatter man, in fact, it tells unflattering truth about man.

When men fail they tend to say, "well we all make mistakes." God says men sin and make choices to sin and transgress from their mother's womb (Ps. 51:5; Is. 53:6). What man would write about himself the fact that I am a sinner who cannot measure up to the righteousness of God by my works or religion? What man would, in and of himself, write, "I deserve to be in hell because I have sinned against God?"

When you read the Bible, it is obvious that it is not man-centered; it is God-centered. The information in the Bible is not data men could even conceive. What man would come up with an idea of the Trinity? What man would come up with the idea of a salvation by Grace, not works concept? What man would actually be able to discuss what happens to man after death? Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer said, "The Bible is not such a book as man would write if he could or could write if he would" (*Systematic Theology*, Vol. 1, p. 22).

Proof #4 - The Bible contains knowledge of subjects far beyond man's knowledge.

The Bible is a very unusual book that addresses many different subjects far beyond the normal book. Such subjects as God, Angels, Satan, Demons, Science, Astronomy, Creation, Animals, Humans, Heaven and Hell, just to mention a few, are all subjects developed in the Bible. When the Bible speaks on these subjects, it speaks with authority and accuracy. True science based on true facts has never contradicted the Bible and shows the Bible is unparalleled in knowledge.

1) Isaiah 40:22 - Here is a statement about the circular design of the world.

Now how could Isaiah, who is writing 700 years B.C., possibly know this? There are no satellites or space stations that can look down on earth and take a picture. Even during the days of Christopher Columbus (A.D. 1451-1506), scientists believed the world was flat. This knowledge found in the Bible is far beyond that of normal man.

2) <u>Job 26:7</u> - Here is a statement about the <u>suspension</u> of the world.

This is a remarkable statement that the earth is not held up by anything. The statement is that God is the One who sustains the earth in its gravitational status and nothing holds it up. Now how could a book written thousands of years ago possibly know this?

As Roy Zuck observed, these statements "are amazingly in accord with facts not known or agreed on by scientists till a few hundred years ago" (*Job*, p. 749).

3) <u>Leviticus 13:45-46</u> - Here is medical information concerning the need for <u>isolation</u>.

This data concerned what was called the "law of leprosy." This law presented a medical concept of that fact that certain diseases demand isolation of the patient. In the 14th century, the black death (bubonic plague) killed 75 million people in Europe. At the time that was one quarter to one half of Europe's entire population. According to some historians, this plague was partially stopped when the idea of applying this principle of Leviticus was discovered.

4) Deuteronomy 23:12-14 - Here is communal and personal data concerning sanitation.

God reveals that sewage is to be buried underground. It is a known fact that one of the causes of the black death and a leading cause of intestinal diseases, typhoid fever and cholera in Europe, was a failure to develop a proper system of sanitation.

One medical doctor wrote this about this text: "How could this recommendation, which was given to Moses, possibly offer ideas of sanitation advanced 3,500 years ahead of him? The most logical explanation is that the Bible is what it claims to be: the inspired Word of God" (S. I. McMillen, M.D., *None of These Diseases*, p. 15).

We would naturally expect God's Word to contain information and knowledge far beyond that of any other book on a variety of subjects. The knowledge of the Bible is accurate, amazing and true.

Dr. Chafer said, "So far as human knowledge goes, the Bible deals as freely with things unknown as it does with the known. ...Like a telescope, the Bible reaches beyond the stars and penetrates the heights of heaven and the depths of hell. Like a microscope, it discovers the minutest details of God's plan and purpose as well as hidden secrets of the human heart" (*Systematic Theology*, Vol. 1, p. 27).

<u>Proof #5</u> - The Bible contains the highest level of <u>ethics</u> from cover to cover.

There has never been a higher code of ethics or morality written that equals the Bible.

1) Exodus 20:1-17 - Here is the famous ethical code called the Ten Commandments.

Here is a simple code of ethics that promotes not stealing, killing, committing adultery or lying. These commandments not only exhort people to the highest standard of ethics, but they also expose people and their sin and shows all their desperate need of Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:19-20). No other code ever written can compare to this. It presents God's character and at the same time condemns man's character. This is an amazing ethical code.