

The Bible Is Unique #2 (Compare Bible to Other Literature)

The Bible is unique, which means, different from all others – no like or equal. And the way you can really appreciate that is seeing it in a comparison with other literature.

When I was a seminary student, I was at the home of a friend of mine, Dick Day. One evening when I was there came a knock at the door. When we opened door, there was a young man who was selling the *Great Books of the Western World* series. So we invited him in, cleared off the dining room table, and he laid out the entire sheet of paper with the backs of the *Great Books of the Western World*.

He took about a half an hour telling us about the Great book series; and I spent about a half an hour telling him about the Greatest Book. When I finished, I challenged him to do a comparison: to take all these books before him – not over a period of 1500 years, but just 10 years, not 40+ authors but just 10 authors, not written on 3 different continents but 1 continent, not in 3 different languages but 1 language, not from all different walks of life but every author from 1 walk of life, on 1 single controversial subject. Now the Bible writes on hundreds of controversial subjects so I said, on 1 controversial subject. I ask, “Would they agree?”

And I remember, he looked at me and looked at the *Great Books of the Western World*, looked back at me, and he said, “No.” I said, “What would you have?” And he said, “A conglomeration.” I said, “That is right.”

Two days later he came back; and I had the privilege of sharing Christ with him and leading him into a personal relationship with God through Christ.

The Bible is unique. Now, be careful – that does not mean that it is true. What it does mean is that any intelligent person seeking the truth would consider a book that has these qualifications.

Summary:

Compared to the Great Books of the Western World series, the Bible is unique for many reasons including the 1,500 years over which it was written; the 40 different authors compared to just 10 in the Great books series; on 3 continents not just 1; in 3 languages not just one and the authors came from all different walks of life and on hundreds of controversial subject. The common theme is most unique even though the authors of the Bible came from various walks of

life, places, and time periods. Josh was able to share Christ with a salesman for the Great Books series and he led him into a personal relationship with God through Jesus. Any intelligent person seeking truth would consider studying the Bible.

Questions:

1. How does the Bible differ from the Great Books of the Western World series?
2. Why would someone seeking truth consider the Bible?
3. Have you considered the truth and the uniqueness of the Bible?
4. What do you find unique about the Bible for your life?