

Why does the Bible still exist today?

The Bible exists in the world today primarily because God wants it to. He has a purpose, or vision, for the Bible and that purpose is four-fold:

1. To reveal Himself to us (John 1:9-18)
2. To help us understand our sinfulness (Romans 7:7)
3. To reveal the forgiveness He offers through Jesus (John 1:1-18, John 3:16)
4. To give us instructions regarding how to live godly lives (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

This vision or purpose has little to do with either a business like approach or a religious approach. The purpose of the Bible is summed up in relationship. In Genesis chapter 3 we come to understand how humanity fell from the relationship we enjoyed with God in the beginning. Since that fall and since the introduction of sin God has been working in the world to provide a way to restore that relationship. That's the purpose of the Bible and that is why it is still in the world today because God is still at work drawing people to Himself through the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit uses the Bible to draw individuals to Jesus and enlighten their minds to the truth of who Jesus is and to the truth of salvation that is found in Him alone. God says in Isaiah 55:11,

*“so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it”*

So in other words the Bible, which is God's word, will be present in this world until it has accomplished the purpose for which it was sent, which are the four points listed above. And that work will not be completely finished until the return of Jesus Christ so therefore the Bible will be here until the end of the world (Matthew 5:18, 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33).



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