

Bible basher and brainwashed are two aspersions often cast upon Christians. This is understandable given the sudden change and single mindedness some new Christians display.

Still, no one can deny the Bible itself is an extraordinary book. Here are some facts that make the Bible remarkable and unique.

- The Bible is the most read and best selling book of all time with between 5 to 7 billion copies printed.
- The Bible was written over the course of 1500 years.
- The Bible was written by at least 35 different human authors.
- The Bible was the first book ever printed in the western world.
- The Bible is the most translated book in the world.
- 97% of the world's population have some portion of the Bible translated into their language.

For Christians, however, the remarkable quality of the Bible goes far beyond the facts of its unique production and enduring popularity. More than just a book of content to change our minds - or as some may see it, brainwash us, Christians over the millenia have experienced the Bible changing our hearts. From 5th century Augustine to tattoo artist and former occultist Kat Von D, reading the Bible is a transformative experience.

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12

As we read the Bible we read of God's power and love, we feel convicted of our sin and meet the one and only saviour, Jesus, who can wash our hearts clean.

Have you taken time to read the most extraordinary book ever written? Don't rely on others' opinions about this world-changing heart-washing book. Read it for yourself.

## **Prayer**

Dear God,

Help me to read the Bible and be changed by it. Amen.

