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A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

# REVIEW



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**#6 – The Lion, The Witch, and the  
Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis...85 million**

6. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (85 million)



English actress Barbara Kellerman as the White Queen in a TV adaptation of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, 1988  
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**#5 – And Then There Were None**  
by Agatha Christie....100 million

### 5. And Then There Were None (100 million)



María Rohm, Oliver Reed (1938 - 1999), Alberto de Mendoza and Elke Sommer star in the 1974 Agatha Christie film 'Ten Little Indians' (also known as 'And Then There Were None')

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**#4 – Dream of the Red Chamber**  
(Chinese fiction, 18th C.)....100 million

### 4. Dream of the Red Chamber (100 million)



Students wearing traditional costumes take part in a re-enactment of a scene from the famous story "the Dream of the Red Chamber" at a temple fair in Beijing on February 10, 2008

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**#3 – The Little Prince** by  
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry....100 million

### 3. The Little Prince (100 million)



The Little Prince (Le Petit Prince), 1942-1943. Private Collection. Artist Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de (1900-1944)  
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**#2 – Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s  
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## 2. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (120 million)



British author J.K. Rowling, creator of the Harry Potter fantasy series, points to the place on her forehead where her title character has a scar while reading "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" during the Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House April 5, 2010 in Washington, DC

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#1 – **The Hobbit** by  
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John Ronald Reuel Tolkien ( 1892 - 1973) the South African-born philologist and author of 'The Hobbit' and 'The Lord Of The Rings'



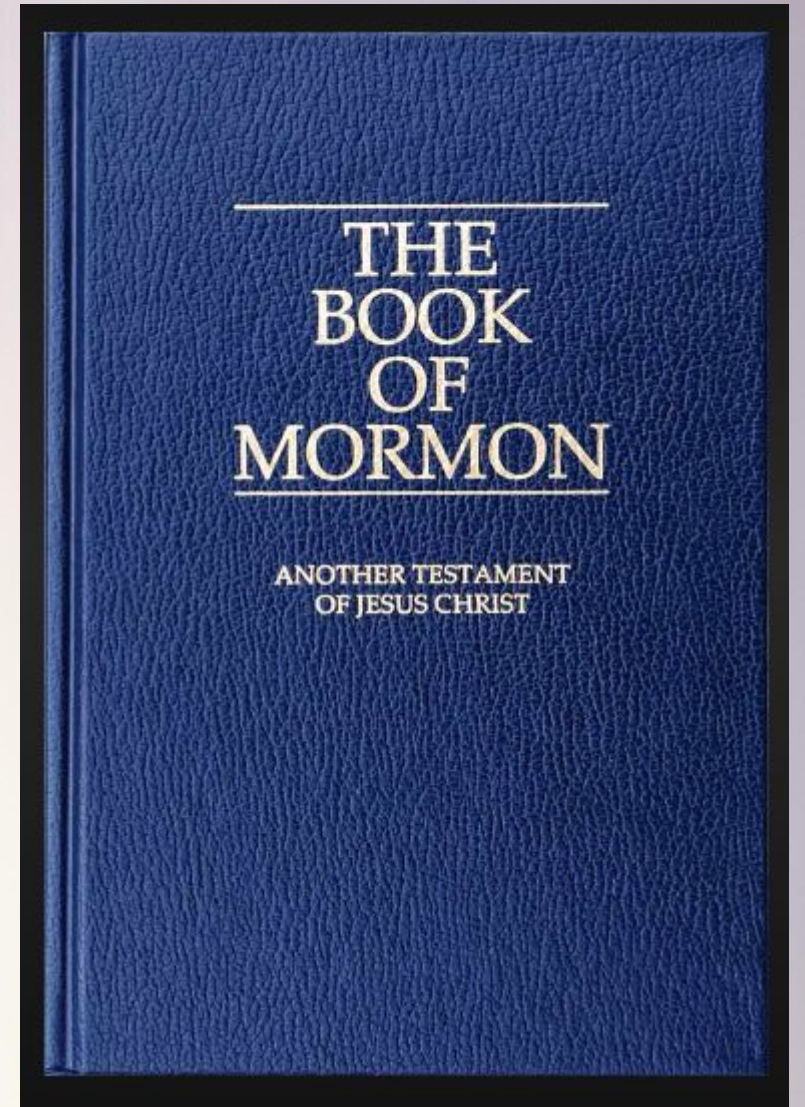
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**The Book of Mormon....190 million**



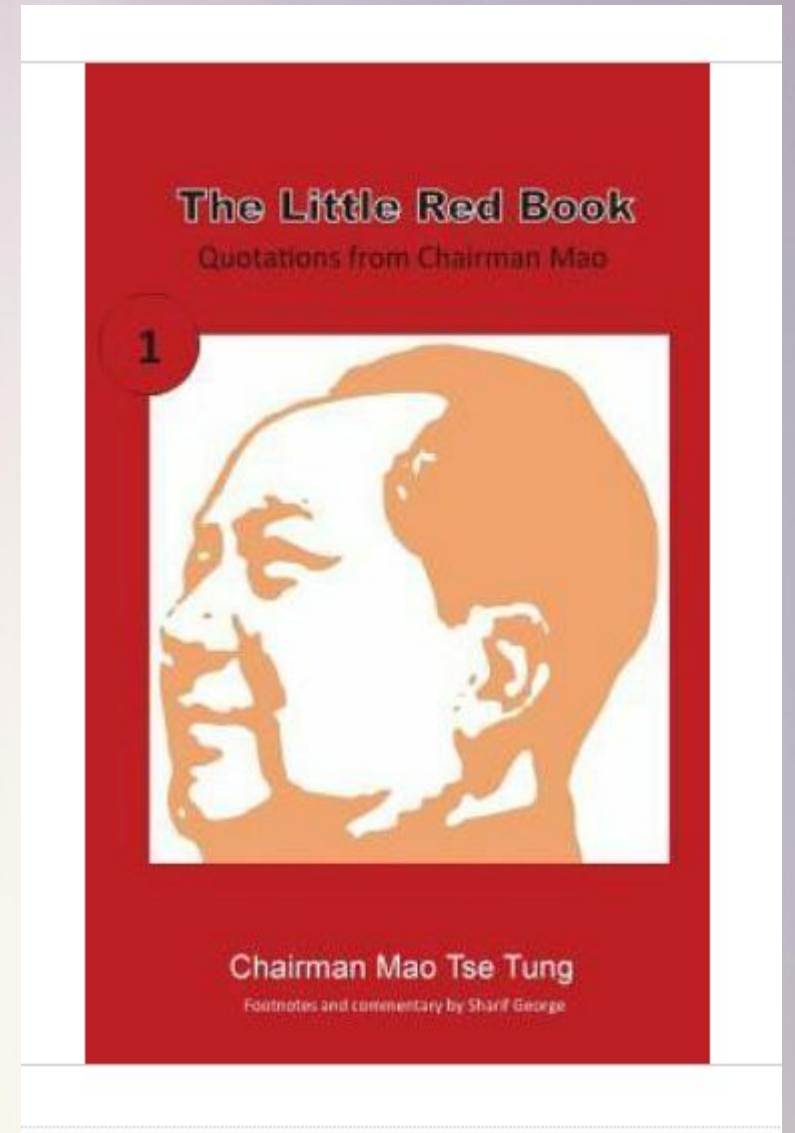
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**Chairman Mao's Little Red Book....800 million**



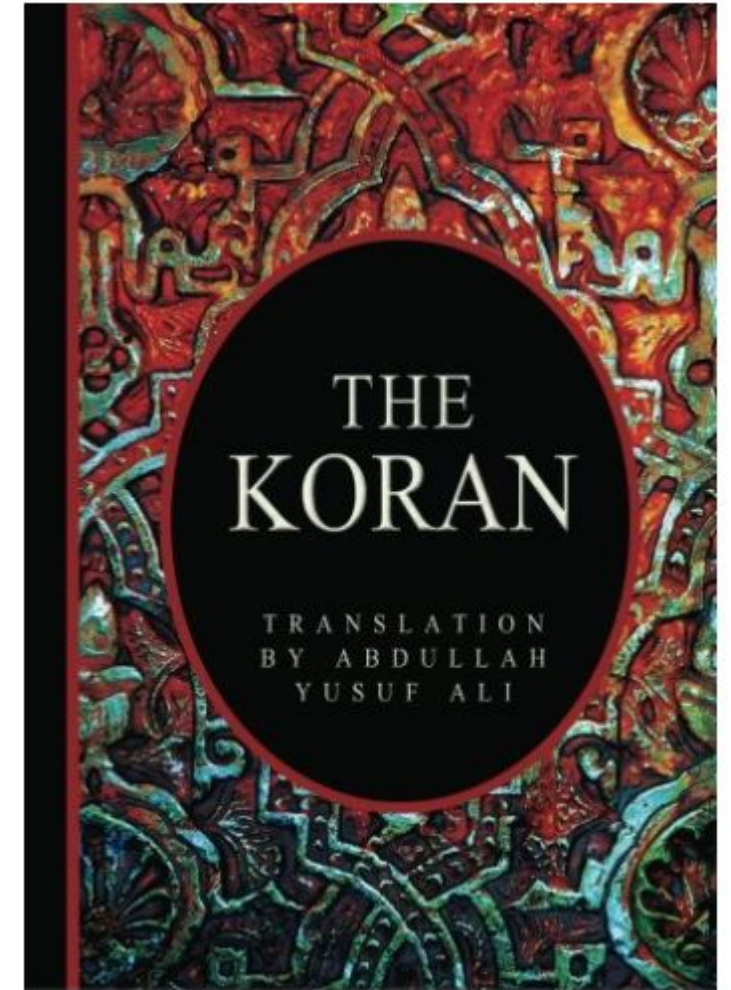
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**The Koran....800 million**



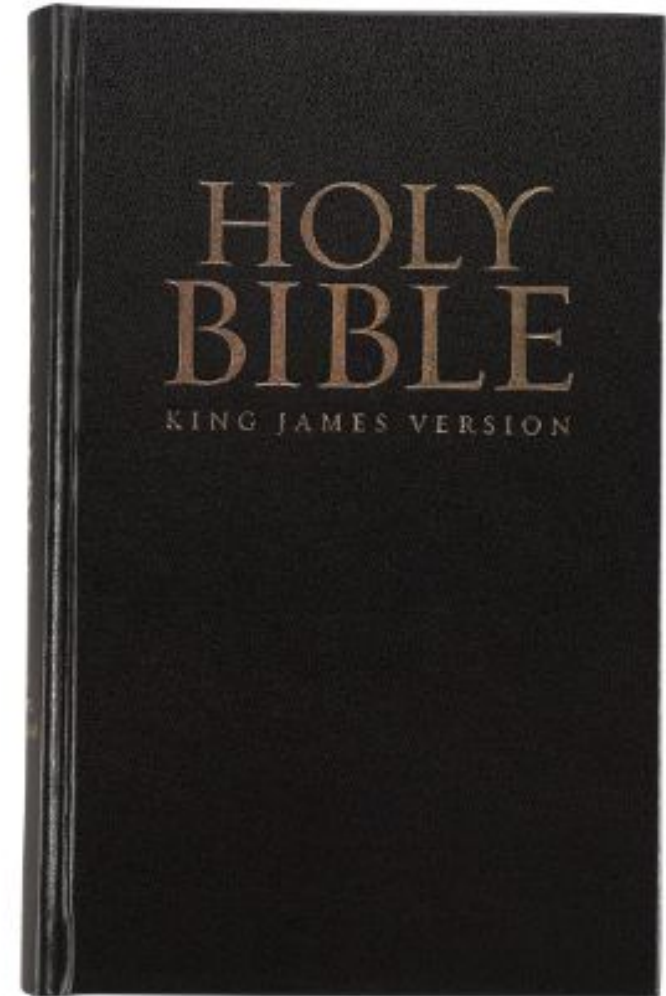
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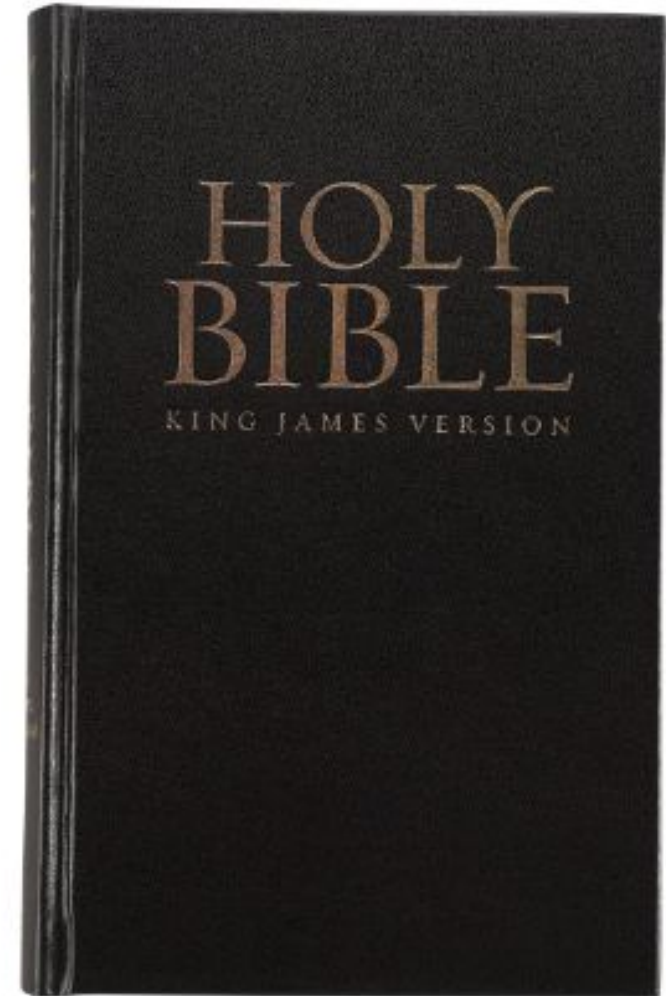
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### Fun Fact:

Guinness Book of World Records numbers are from 1995

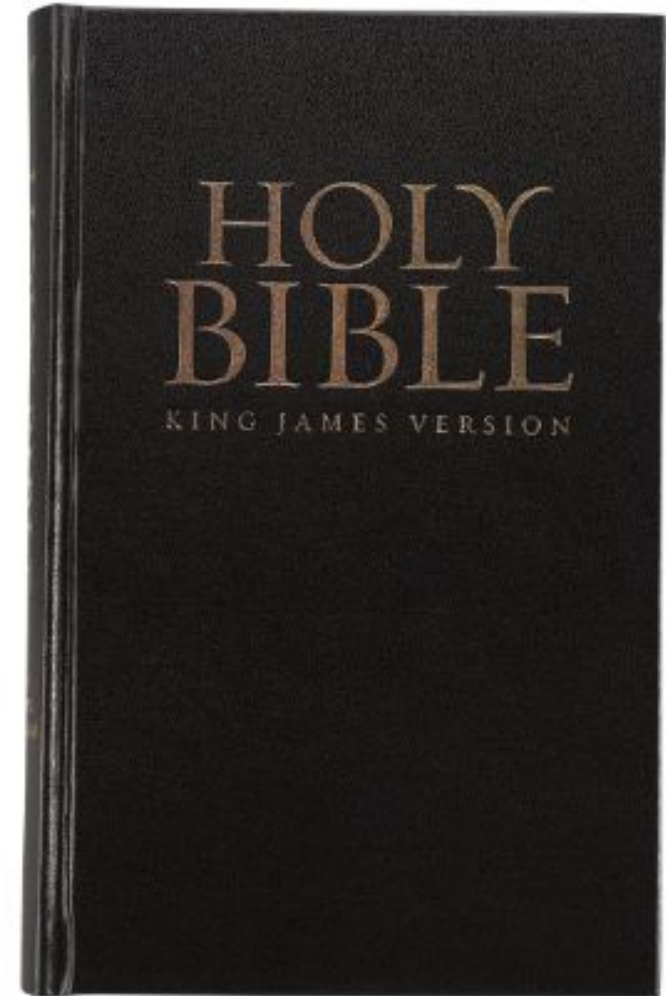
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With the advent of digital copies and the progress of Bible translators in the last 25 years, that number could have doubled by now.



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There is still work to do...

# Wycliffe Bible Translators

No one should have to learn another language to understand God's Word. And yet millions of people are still waiting for a single word of the Bible's life-transforming power. Let's help churches and communities around the world get Scripture in their language ... until all the nations worship!



**1.5 billion people**

don't have a full Bible in their language.



**145 million people**

don't have any Scripture in their language.



**350+ sign languages**

are still waiting for a video Bible translation.

Source: <https://www.wycliffe.net>



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What makes the Bible in such demand?

Why have people given their lives to translate it into just one dialect?

Why have people so generously given their money to have Bibles printed to give away freely?

Why have some people risked their lives, and some lost them, just for having a page or two of the Bible in their possession?

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## THE UNIQUENESS OF THE BIBLE:

That God, the Author, speaks directly to those who wrote it and read it.

- 35-45 Authors with various backgrounds and personality
- Over 1500 years
- 3 Different Languages
- 3 Different Continents
- With no substantial disagreement in fact or teaching

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The Manner of Divine Communication...God Communicates...

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"The Bible is a unique communication because it is marked by the miraculous"

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A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – “God-breathed” Greek: THEOPNEUSTOS

B. 2 Peter 1:13-21 – “Spirit carried and controlled” But not auto dictation. God worked in and through the intellect, experience, vocabulary, and perspective of the writers.

Peter speaks of his experience of the Mount of Transfiguration

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C. Verbally – God has bent low to use the common language of mankind to communicate. And since He commissioned men to write His words down, it should not be a surprise that he uses literary forms to communicate. Story and narrative, oral tradition later put down in writing, poems, songs, historical record, multiple figures of speech, and on and on. God is creative.

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D. Plenarily – “completely in every respect, absolutely, unqualified.”

The original Jefferson Bible can be found in the Smithsonian Museum of American History. Jefferson razor cut and pasted only the moral and philosophically pleasing aspects of the 4 Gospels and excluded all Jesus miracles and most mentions of the supernatural including the accounts of the resurrection.

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## THE UNIQUENESS OF THE BIBLE:

### The Miracle of Changed Lives

A. Paul – 1 Cor. 15:8-10; Phil. 3:4-12

B. All the Rest of Us – 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Peter 1:23



“...for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.”

1 Peter 1:23



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Conclusion:

George Barna poll of religious experience:

“53% of those polled who had read the Bible said that it had been, ‘helpful for their spiritual growth and understanding’.”

Romans 10:17

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

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Conclusion:

A Helpful Tool for not just reading, but Hearing and Sharing:

Bible.is (app from [www.faithcomesbyhearing.com](http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com) )

## God Speaks Your Language.

Bible.is—the **perfect Scripture engagement tool** to share with members of your community. Whether born-and-raised locals or first-generation immigrants, your neighbors need to hear God speak their language. If you haven't already, download the free Bible.is app today to experience and share it with your community.



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