

30. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your views about the Bible -- the Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word, the Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, or the Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by man]?

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Inspired</u> | <u>Fables</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 2022 May 2-22 | 20 | 49 | 29 | 1 |
| 2017 May 3-7 | 24 | 47 | 26 | 2 |
| 2014 May 8-11 ^ | 28 | 47 | 21 | 4 |
| 2011 May 5-8 | 30 | 49 | 17 | 3 |
| 2008 Dec 4-7 | 27 | 50 | 21 | 3 |
| 2008 May 8-11 | 30 | 46 | 22 | 3 |
| 2007 Dec 6-9 | 28 | 51 | 18 | 4 |
| 2007 May 10-13 | 32 | 45 | 21 | 2 |
| 2006 May 8-11 | 28 | 49 | 19 | 3 |
| 2005 May 2-5 | 32 | 47 | 18 | 3 |
| 2004 Nov 7-10 | 34 | 48 | 15 | 3 |
| 2002 Dec 9-10 | 30 | 52 | 15 | 3 |
| 2001 Feb 19-21 | 27 | 49 | 20 | 4 |
| 1998 Jun 22-23 | 33 | 47 | 17 | 3 |
| 1993 Jun 18-21 | 35 | 48 | 14 | 3 |
| 1991 Nov 21-23 | 32 | 49 | 16 | 3 |
| 1984 Nov | 40 | 41 | 12 | 7 |
| 1984 Sep | 37 | 46 | 12 | 5 |
| 1983 May | 37 | 43 | 11 | 9 |
| 1981 Dec 11-14 | 37 | 42 | 11 | -- |
| 1980 Jul 29-Aug 2 | 40 | 45 | 10 | 6 |
| 1978 Apr 18-May 1 | 38 | 45 | 13 | 6 |
| 1976 Aug 24-27 | 38 | 45 | 13 | 5 |

^ Asked of a half sample.

