

## God Breathed Word

### 2 Timothy 3:15,16

Salvation does not come by believing the bible but by faith in the work of Christ on the cross. Bible is means to grow in faith. *Faith comes by hearing & hearing by the word of God.*

**16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

Scriptures is to be read in context to receive the full benefit of what writer is saying. **Verse by verse, chapter by chapter, book by book**

Today we're in a time of dumbing down the bible. A British pastor unveiled *'100 Minute Bible' chopped-down version* he says can be read in under 2 hours & neatly summarize every major teaching--Creation to Revelation.

*"For those who want to know more about Christianity but who do not have the time to read the original in full. 'As the bible itself, the 100 minute bible should be a bestseller'.*

*The Berean Call 'If there is one trend in Christianity that could be singled out as the most destructive it is dumbing-down the Word of God in the life of a believer—a perpetuation of biblical illiteracy, is a problem among evangelicals, they don't care to read the Bible. In today's prevailing consumer oriented way of doing church, no doubt this cliff notes version will become popular. But what will happen to those who would 'take away from the words of His book'. **all scripture is inspired by God** all means all*

Peter writes, *"Holy men of God moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."* 2 Pet 1:21 Luke said *"...the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David saying..."* Acts 1:16 attributing Psalms of David as words the Holy Spirit spoke.

Some say the bible is inspired like many inspired writers (shakespeare) Or will claim *the bible is the word of God in as far as it is accurately translated.* The question then, which parts are accurately translated & which are not?

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Then the bible is no longer God's word but those making decisions what's accurate & what's not. **Jesus Seminar voted by means of colored beads as to authenticity of sayings of Jesus in gospels--less than 20%. Invalid 'return' 'atonement' 'Messiah' 'to suffer' 'resurrection' 'virgin birth' 'miracles' 'S of G' Founder Rbt Funk 'Jesus was perhaps the first stand-up Jewish comic.' 'Starting a new religion would have been the farthest thing from his mind.'** Peoples' choice: Christ or Funk

If we can't trust the bible we're forced to trust the whim of man, Funk & 200 members of his society, none are believers in God of bible yet are the final authority telling us what is true & what is made-up in bible.

All-*pas* \* *graphie* – a thing written – *every scripture*, not merely the whole but each & every individual, passage considered as a unit. Over 2000 times scripture says God is speaking. Bible sees itself as God's word.

God's hand is seen in unity of composition – written 1500 yr period by over 40 authors of various backgrounds including military general, prime minister, fisherman, cupbearer, physician.

Written in variety of places- wilderness, jail, exile. Composed on 3 different continents, Africa, Asia & Europe. In 3 different languages, Hebrew, Aramaic & Greek.

Bible deals w/ controversial subjects yet harmonious & unified. It's the unfolding story of God's plan of salvation for the human race. **OT**—is the preparation, the **Gospels** the manifestation, **Acts** the propagation, **Epistles** the explanation and **Revelation** the consummation.

Bible harmonizes w/ science – it's not a science book yet has scientific facts. Says the earth is round ths of years before **Pythagoras** or **Aristotle**.

***Isa 40:22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads***

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*them out like a tent to dwell in. (NKJ) Pr 8:27 "When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, Job 26:10 "He has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters At the boundary of light and darkness.*

The **earth suspended in space** ths of years before proven it not sitting on back of turtle **Hindu** or held by Atlas **Greeks**. *Job 26:7 "He stretches out the north over empty space, and hangs the earth on nothing.*

Bible speaks of the highways or paths in the sea prior to the discovery & tracking of ocean currents. *Ps 8:8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas.*

God divided 24 hour period into a day of darkness & light *Gen 1:4-5 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*

Physical universe made out of invisible material, known as **atoms** **126,720,000/inch** *Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.*

**Pleiades** races thru space Job 9:9 (**advance, fly**) Astronomers say at the speed is 12 million miles per second. Science textbooks are constantly revised year after year but the bible has never been revised.

God rebukes false prophets by telling them to prove themselves by declaring events before they happen. Anyone can make a prediction, as long as it's general enough. ***A hurricane will head toward Hawaii in 2026 bringing huge waves & causing damage.*** But the bible gives specific details of Jesus coming & ministry over 300 detailed predictions. ***w/ lives changed.***  
***Profitable for teaching*** – Foundation--deepened footing of faith. No admixture or worldly debris--must go to bedrock of bible. The source from which we get our beliefs about God, man, life, death, future.

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Bible was given to correct man's concept of God. The bible is a self-revelation of God. His autobiography. Mans idea of God mangle who He is.

Beliefs pulled out of thin air rather than going to the source. **It's like you deciding to assemble EM Dragon Spacecraft w/o expert scientist—I'll do it on my own.** God has revealed Himself in His word.

40 authors wrote in 1500 yr period of time, variety of educations, culture, & language, on hundreds of subjects w/ complete harmony & unity-  
- **overwhelming evidence of divine origin.**

Take 10 people, separate them & have them write an opinion on any controversial subject like meaning of life, destiny of man, life after death etc and see if they all agree? **No way!**

The great archaeologist, W.F. Albright concluded 'The Bible towers in content above all earlier religious literature; and it towers just as impressively over all subsequent literature in the direct simplicity of its message and universality of its appeal to men of all lands and times.'

Paul told Timothy continue in, hold fast to the things taught from your youth & by me. **Why?** Every part of scripture OT & NT is inspired by God. What God has spoken in the past don't treat as common, ordinary, not relevant  
**Heb 10:35...do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.** w/o value-obsolete.

**Inclusive Bible** Oxford University Press – Makes bible un-offensive to women, racial minorities, & even left-handed people. God is no longer 'Father' but 'Father-Mother.' The **Son of Man** is 'the human one.' God's '**Right Hand**' is God's 'mighty hand.'

The word 'night' is used to describe evil rather than '**darkness**' not to offend dark skin people. Children are to 'heed' parents not '**obey**' them. Politically correct versions to help God out.

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Same w/ **Good as New bible** forward by **Archbishop of Canterbury**. Goal to eliminate criticism of homosexual & other illicit sex. Editor John Henson says version eliminates nothing--is merely *'less homophobicly translated'*.

**Rom 1:26-27** *For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.*

*GAN 'God let them go on to pursue their selfish desires. Women use their charms to further their own ends. Men, instead of being friends, ruthlessly exploit one another.'*

**Refers to John the Baptist as** John the Dipper

*Inspired by God* – Theopneustos – Theos=**God** pneustos=**to breath** or **God breathed**. Every scripture is breathed of God.

*Reproof* – punishment. Sometimes severe reproof can bring greatest fruit & bring about a better believer, more mature Godly Christian

*Correction* – straightened, restore to uprightness, a corrected state, improved life & character **David/Nathan 2 Sam 12**

*Training* – tutored, **disciplined**, educated, develop mind & morals, curb passions by increased virtue. Correction– **pour vessel to vessel - Jer 48:11**

*Adequate* – complete in themselves, lacking nothing, no flaws, spiritually mature.

*Equipped* – **for every good work** – finished, thoroughly furnish, completed perfectly. **Phil 1:6** *For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Growth that happen by emotional highs, fickle feelings, erratic experiences fade quickly.....but feeding on the word of God lasts forever—Gods seed planted in soil of our heart w/ Gods DNA **Is 37:31** ....**Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward** **1 Pet 2:2** *like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,*

## **Communion**