

INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

1. THE UNINSPIRED CORRUPTIONS

- a. They come from two corrupt manuscripts: Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. (Codex Bezae is also used and is also corrupt).
- b. These “bibles” are the ones recommended by almost all major Christian Universities.
 - i. They have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5).
- c. Acceptance of these “bibles” promotes pharisaism.
 - i. Many churches that use the new bibles have unreasonably high standards. They emphasize unity, morality, and obeying the church rules.
 1. This is what the Bible calls “**tradition.**”
 2. This kind of tradition makes the word of God of none effect (Mark 7:13).
 - ii. They consider morality more important than doctrine.
- d. New “bibles” insult the Deity and Virgin birth of Christ
- e. Supporters of new “bibles” argue that if the fundamentals are in their bible, that’s what’s important.
 - i. That doesn’t make it a Bible. Many other writings *contain* the fundamentals.

2. THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

- a. The word of God is the source of all the “fundamentals.”
- b. If one part is incorrect, you can’t trust any of it.
 - i. New “bibles” have been found **false** in many verses. (Luke 2:33; John 1:18; Luke 24:51-52; 1 Timothy 3:16, etc.) If false in part, throw it out. The testimony is no good.
- c. The Author is the **Holy Spirit.**
 - i. Given to man in written form.
- d. “Bible” comes from the Greek word *biblos*, meaning a “book.”
 - i. Also called “the scriptures”, “the oracles of god,” “the word of God,” “his writings.” (Mat. 22:29, Lk. 4:17, 2 Cor. 3:14, Mark 12:10, Romans 3:2, Hebrews 4:12, Jn. 5:47).

3. THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE

- a. Comprised of sixty-six books, divided into two sections: the **Old Testament** (39 books) and the **New Testament** (27 books).
- b. The Jewish Scriptures contain the same books as the Old Testament, but they have different divisions. (Torah, Naviim, and Kethubim).
- c. “Canon” refers to the collection of books proven to be inspired by God.

4. EXTRABIBLICAL, UNINSPIRED WORKS.

a. THE APOCRYPHA

- i. Refers to texts that are not considered part of the Bible.
- ii. Other churches accept the Apocrypha as inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- iii. Catholic and Orthodox Bibles typically contain several texts not included in the Canon.

1. The Roman Catholic bible adds seven books (indicated by [*] below)

The First Book of Esdras	The Book of Tobit *
The Second Book of Esdras Esdras [sometimes Fourth Book of Ezra]	The Book of Judith *
The Greek Additions to Esther	The Wisdom of Solomon *
The First Book of the Maccabees *	The Book of Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus) *
The Second Book of the Maccabees *	The Book of Baruch *
The Epistle (or letter) of Jeremiah	The Book of Susanna (in Daniel)
The Prayer of Azariah	The Prayer of Manasseh
Bel and the Dragon (in Daniel)	

2. They do not call these 7 books the “Apocrypha.” They call them *deuterocanonical* (Gk. second canon)

- iv. Eastern Orthodox Churches sometimes include 3 Maccabees, 4 Maccabees, 3 Ezra and/or 4 Ezra and Psalm 151.

5. METHOD OF PRODUCING THE BIBLE

- a. Written by 36-40 authors.
 - i. Over a period of 1,600 years.
 - ii. By three different types of people.
 - iii. On three different continents.
 - iv. Without contradiction.
- b. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and Aramaic.
- c. The New Testament was written in Greek

6. INSPIRATION DEFINED

- a. The supernatural control by God over the production of the Old and New Testaments.
- b. The strong, conscious breathing of God into and through men, qualifying them to give utterance for God. (God speaking through men).
- c. The Holy Spirit was present, preserving accuracy, prohibiting error.

7. VARIOUS THEORIES OF INSPIRATION.

- a. **“ONLY THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS WERE INSPIRED.”**
 - i. Disproved by 2 Timothy 3:15-16. Timothy learned from the “scriptures.” He didn’t have the “original manuscripts.”
 - ii. Disproved by Acts 8:35. The Ethiopian eunuch had “scriptures” in the chariot. He didn’t have “the original” manuscript of the book of Isaiah.
- b. **THE AUTHORS WERE IN A TRANCE AND SAW THE BIBLE AND SIMPLY COPIED IT DOWN WORD FOR WORD.**
 - i. We reject this theory because it doesn’t allow the writers to have any choice in the words used AT ALL.
 - 1. Luke used medical terms because he was a doctor (Luke 8:44).
 - 2. Paul was educated and this is evident in his writings.
- c. **GOD DICTATED THE SCRIPTURES AS AN EXECUTIVE TO HIS SECRETARY.**
 - i. Makes inspiration a mere mechanical process.
 - ii. The writers’ personalities are evident in scripture.
 - iii. Each writer had a different way of saying things.
- d. **NATURAL INSPIRATION.**
 - i. Magnifies the human Jesus, denying the supernatural.
 - ii. Reduces the Scriptures to special writing (Like Shakespeare, etc.).
 - iii. Accommodates the false doctrine that “the Bible *contains* the word of God,” whereas we know that the Bible **IS** the word of God.

8. THINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT ARE NOT THE SAME.

- a. Most preachers will say “the Bible is the word of God!” But you can’t agree with that if the bibles are different.

KJV: Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

ASV, NAS, NIV: Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.

KJV: John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the *Son of God*?

NIV, NAS: Jesus heard that they had put him out; and finding him, He said, “Do you believe in the *Son of Man*?”

KJV: Mark 9:46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

NIV: OMITTED. (NAS, and ASV have a footnote stating that the verse is not in the best ancient mss.)

KJV: Luke 24:51-52 Luke 24:51-52 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and **carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him**, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

NAS: And it came about that while He was blessing them, He parted from them. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

KJV: 1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God** was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

ASV: 1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; **He** who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the spirit, Seen of angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

NAS: **He** who was revealed in the flesh...

NIV: **He** appeared in a body... (Attacks the deity of Christ).

9. WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE

- a. Every word is “given by inspiration of God.”
- b. Every word in the KJV was preserved without proven error.
- c. The word “scripture” in the Bible is never a reference to an original manuscript.
- d. The Bible claims inspiration.
 - i. “**Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**” (2 Pet. 1:21).
 - ii. “**Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth.**” (1 Cor. 2:13)
 - iii. “**That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour.**” (2 Peter 3:2)
 - iv. “**Beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.**” (Jude 17).
- e. The Canon of sixty-six books is complete.
- f. The Apocrypha (from Vaticanus and Sinaiticus) is NOT inspired and should not be in the Bible.
- g. Men will be judged by the scriptures in the last day (John 12:48).
- h. So called, “reliable translations” are not the word of God.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15)

“ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Note of interest: King James was the first Gentile Monarch (king) with a Jewish name.
James is the same as Jacob
God changed Jacob’s name to “Israel” in Genesis 32:28.

Could this be why the Holy Spirit decided to make the 1611 King James Bible the “Authorized Text?”