

**The Bible: The Word of God**

**Deut 6:6-9:** "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

**Isaiah 55:10-11:** "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

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**Matt. 24:35:** "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

**The Bible is a supernatural book:**

**–Biblical Continuity**

- Composed of **66 separate books**.
- Written by over **40 authors, from different backgrounds, social strata and vocations**.
- Written over a **period of 1600 years with one cohesive message**.
- The **focal point** of all scripture – **Jesus Christ**.

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**–Biblical Revelation**

- True science and discoveries never contradict scripture** (a **THEORY** is a **THEORY** is a **THEORY**).
- Although ancient, **the message and wisdom of scripture is easily adapted to all human and modern situations**.

**–Unprejudicial Authority**

- No other "holy" writings record both the triumphs and failures of its main characters**.

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**Inspiration of Scripture:**

■ **Jesus and the resurrection**

–**Matt. 22:31-32:** *“But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”*

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**Inspiration of Scripture:**

■ **The Verbal and Plenary Inspired Word of God.**

–*The words are exactly what the Lord wanted written down.*  
–*Although never abrogating human personality, God guided the authors supernaturally even in the selection of words.*

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**Inspiration of Scripture:**

- **The Bible is considered infallible in that it is unfailingly accurate.**
- **The Bible is considered inerrant in that it contains no errors as a statement of fact.**
- **These tenets apply only to the original manuscripts and not copies, translations or quotations.**

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**Inspiration of Scripture:**

■ *It is impossible to question the inspiration and authority of scripture and not question the veracity of the Lord Jesus.*

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**2 Tim. 3:16-17:** *"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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

- **"Theopneustos"** – "Inspiration," or **"God-breathed."**
  - *Scripture proceeds from God and therefore takes on His nature and characteristics.*
  - *The Lord Jesus is the focal point and interpreting point of all scripture.*

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"Theopneustos" (2 Tim. 3:16).

■ **Three Sources of Revelation:**

- **Creation.**
  - **Rom. 1:20:** *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse..."*
- **Jesus – the Living Word** (John 1:1).
- **The Written Word.**
  - **Directly from scripture.**
  - **Dreams, visions, visitations, etc.**

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### **Interpretation of Scripture:**

-*Scripture must be interpreted contextually*, if possible.

-The *whole of scripture* must be taken into account.

▪ *"Law of First Mention."*

-*Deep intimacy and communion with the Holy Spirit* – devotion, obedience, etc.

-*Let scripture interpret scripture (annotated, paraphrased Bibles should always be suspect!)*.

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