

08- The Inspired Words Of God

We do not have different faiths because our Bibles are different. We have different faiths because people depend upon someone they highly respect to tell them what their Bible teaches rather than studying their Bible themselves.

God communicated with the writers of the **original** manuscripts and revealed to them tenets He wanted written. Even though the Lord allowed each recorder to use their own way of expressing themselves, He made sure they did not record error or contradictions. Therefore, the **original** sixty-six books were perfect, complete and without error. The original manuscripts did not just contain the words of God. They **were** the inspired words of God.

"²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21 (King James Version)

"¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (New American Bible-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

"⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." Romans 15:4 (New King James Version)

Some of the manuscripts were written on animal skins and others were written on papyrus or other material. **THOSE MANUSCRIPTS ARE NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.** They deteriorated long ago. The translations into various native languages were translated from what are considered "faithful copies". Those "faithful copies" were supposed to be compared with each other in order to establish their accuracy and then translated into the different languages. The approximately forty different writers of the original manuscripts were inspired by the Living God. **THOSE WHO TRANSLATED THE BIBLE INTO NATIVE LANGUAGES WERE NOT INSPIRED.** Sometimes the translators allowed their personal religious beliefs to influence how they translated a particular verse or passage. Because of that, **every translation has some degree of error in it.** Although some translations have much less error than others, there has never been a perfect, errorless translation

Except for the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis, the Old Testament tells us about the formation, the marriage, the downfall and the divorce of the nation of Israel, Jehovah's

second authorized agency to publish the good news of salvation to the people of this world. If you would like to know about the first authorized agency, you may read the paper, "ARE THE PEOPLE OF THE O. T. SAVED" on our website, <http://www.bayourouge.net>.

The entire New Testament, except for the Book of Revelation, describes (1) the life, the earthly ministry and the death of the promised Messiah and also (2) the formation and the early ministry of the future Bride of Jesus Christ, that is, **the institution** or composite of all the local, scriptural churches combined. The New Testament contains the authorization of **the institution** or composite of all the local, scriptural churches combined, to be the Lord's third agency to publish the good news of salvation to the people of this world. The New Testament also tells us about the ministry of the restored Jewish Theocracy which will take place, sometime after that event we call "the Catching Up" (please see the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel, chapter 37). The New Testament also contains instructions sent to Jesus Christ's local, scriptural churches as well as the authorization of those saved who are not a member of a local, scriptural church. " ¹⁶ *"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things **in the churches**. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."* ¹⁷ **(1) And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And (2) let him who hears say, "Come!" And (3) let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.**" *Revelation 22:16-17 (New King James Version)*

The sixty-six **original** manuscripts were recorded without any divisions so if your "Bible" has divisions such as chapters or verses, it is the first indication that your "Bible" is not an original manuscript, hand written by one of the original, inspired writers. Please do not be like the person who stated assertively, "If the Bible I use was good enough for the apostle Paul, it's good enough for me". The apostle Paul never had the complete Bible composed of all sixty-six books!

The **copies** of the sixty-six **original** manuscripts were divided into chapters and verses at a later date. While dividing the Bible into chapters and verses sometimes furnishes a convenience in study, some of us have a tendency to think that the information always concludes at the end of a chapter. As a result, we do not consider that the verses in the new chapter, in many cases, are contiguous and congruent to the preceding chapter and/or the following chapter.

Often we base our understanding of God's Word upon a key scripture that was clouded or corrupted when it was translated into our native language. Sometimes we erroneously base our understanding on comments that a writer has added next to a scripture in our Bible even though

the writer may **not** have examined all the scriptures that deal with that particular subject. **The autographed manuscripts by the original writers were the perfect words of God.** God inspired the men who penned them. God did not inspire either the translators or those who write commentaries. The translators and the commentators may have worked under a strong desire to achieve something high or great for the glory of the Lord but they did not do their work under inspiration. That is why it is so important that we read **all** the scriptures dealing with a particular subject before we come to a conclusion about what God is sharing with us. When we do, we will find that most of the scriptures dealing with a particular subject override any error that may have crept in.

The **original, autographed manuscripts** that made up the Bible were a divine blueprint. They explained how God will one day live and fellowship with perfect people who will inherit a new, perfect **earth**. Those **original, autographed manuscripts** explained that those perfect people will have made the decision to ask Jesus Christ to pay their sin debt of their own, free will.

Again, only the original autographed books were perfect and without error. A person, therefore, should read all the scriptures dealing with a particular subject before they come to a conclusion about what they think the Living God is teaching. It is also imperative to see what the Hebrew word or the Greek word really means in our own language **today**. That is the reason why it is so important, if possible, for you to have access to a good concordance or a good Bible software program on your computer. I suggest that before you accept anything, **including these papers**, that you study **all** the scriptures dealing with the subject and then come to a conclusion about what God is saying. Be careful as you read anything, to make sure the person who is writing is not propagating "the skin of truth stuffed with a lie". Please heed the advice of one of the presidents of the United States of America when he counseled, **"Trust, but verify"**.