

DOGMA :: THE BIBLE

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 • 2 PETER 1:19-21

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MESSAGE 1

MORMONS BELIEVE GOD HAS A BODY, ONCE WAS A MAN, LATER BECAME GOD • AS A TEEN •
 LORENZO SNOW'S QUOTE • FEW MORMONS KNOW IT! • FEW CHRISTIANS KNOW THEIR BELIEF!
 You cannot call yourself a Christian unless you are committed to

learning **core** Christian **doctrine**.

DOGMA OR DOCTRINE? • DOGMATIC, BUT NOT MEAN • CHANGE ME? WITH THE BIBLE!

STATEMENT ON THE BIBLE

The Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. (Romans 15:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21)

LCC Statement of Faith

GETTING IN THE POOL

LOGICALLY ASTUTE SKEPTICS WILL RECOGNIZE THE CIRCULARITY • MAKING WHIRLPOOLS

Is the text of the Bible accurate?

ILL: TELEPHONE GAME DOESN'T WORK IF PEOPLE ARE PRACTICED, STATEMENT IS CLEAR,
 STATEMENT IS IMPORTANT, STATEMENTS ARE IN COMMUNITIES.
 DESCRIBE THE TEXTUAL EVIDENCE FOR OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Is the teaching of the Bible trustworthy?

I'VE HEARD THERE ARE SO MANY CONTRADICTIONS
 (1) TESTABLE CLAIMS => RELIABILITY / (2) PROPHETIC CLAIMS => SUPERNATURAL
 (3) JESUS AND APOSTLES TEACH THE UNIFIED TOTALITY

Is the Bible really authoritative?

- ▶ The NT is a historically reliable account of the life and teaching of Jesus.
- ▶ Jesus taught that the OT was perfectly and eternally accurate (Matthew 5:18).
- ▶ Jesus taught that the Old Testament pointed to him (Luke 24:27).
- ▶ Jesus rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).
- ▶ Jesus gave the Apostles authority to teach in his name (Matthew 28:18-20).
- ▶ The New Testament write with Apostolic authority (2 Peter 3:15-16).

THE DOGMA:

The Bible is the Word of God...

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The individual **words** are the **voice** of God to us.

... fully inspired ... of the Holy Spirit ...

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21

Every single bit of Scripture came from the Spirit.

INSPIRATION IS NOT LIKE AN ARTIST / MORE A HEART LUNG MACHINE / CARRIED ALONG

... without error in the original manuscripts ...

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless...

2 Samuel 22:31a

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Psalm 19:7

He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.

1 Samuel 15:29

INERRANCY: GOD CANNOT ERR OR LIE, THE BIBLE IS HIS WORD, LANGUAGE IS LIMITED

... Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen....

Exodus 33:23

INERRANCY RESIDES IN THE INTENT OF THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR / THE WAY THEY WROTE IT
 SO MANY TRANSLATIONS? GOAL: ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS, ORIGINAL INTENT / MK 16:9-20 (P. 709)

ASIDE: Don't use the Bible for a purpose outside the **intent**.

DANIEL DIET / PRAYER OF JABEZ / SECRET BIBLE CODES / LAWS AGAINST BACON (HOLINESS)

... it has supreme authority ...

... from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

THE BIBLE IS NECESSARY, MANDATORY & SUFFICIENT

We are **accountable** to what the **Bible** teaches.

CATHOLICS • MORMONS, MUSLIMS, JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, ETC.
 HOW OLD IS THE UNIVERSE? • HOW OFTEN COMMUNION? • WHAT KIND OF MUSIC?

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 1:1-3a

THE FINAL WORD IS JESUS // WHAT'S IN? WHAT'S OUT?
 IT HAS TO BE CONFIRMED BY JESUS OR BY AN APOSTLE
 WHEN JOHN DIED, THE BOOK CLOSED

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