

Appendix F

VERBAL INERRANCY

The following statements are being taught in nearly ALL Bible schools throughout the USA.

Quote: "We can only get the inspired Truth from God's Word to us by understanding the general meaning of what was written. Different fallible men wrote the Bible from many different backgrounds and cultures, and they all used individual words differently. So we, therefore, cannot say that the individual words used in the Bible are consistent in use or in meaning. And we certainly cannot think that each single word can have only one pure consistent meaning throughout with no synonyms or multiple meanings.

The scriptures say what Christ or the Apostles or prophets said verbally, but only to convey a meaning. The exact words themselves cannot be examined as to consistency or meaning. Four different men wrote the gospels, they all may have used the same written word differently. Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James, and Jude all surely used words differently. We cannot look at individual words in scripture, as meaning the same throughout. They cannot be consistent in meaning or even in use in different contexts, even by the same writer.

That is why we must go by the rule taught in all Bible schools today: 'You must look at the single context of each use of any single word to get the meaning of that word in that particular place.' The single context determines the meaning of a word in that context. In other places (different context) the same word may have another meaning." **Unquote.**

This quoted teaching today is evil and anti-scriptural, anti-Christ. It is New Age Mysticism in actual reality. Just use your own judgment to decide the Truth. It teaches that fallible men wrote the scriptures in their own thoughts and words, despite any pretended "general" inspiration. It implies that we cannot read the Word of God literally for what it says in child-simple understanding of words; we must depend upon the scholars with a knowledge of the social, political, and religious background of each writer, before attempting to derive any meaning at all.

This wide latitude of conjectures allows each person to believe whatever he prefers to think that the scriptures say, and who, then, can be sure as to its exact meaning. Therefore, we get a plethora of different translations. Therefore, we get today's adopted and misused Evangelical mantra, "In essentials unity, in differences liberty, and in all things charity;" that doctrinal and behavioral differences should not affect our fellowship with any people in religious things.

This apostate doctrinal neutrality, against anything as exclusive Truth, was formally declared as principle in 1948, and is the practice and belief of all Ecumenicals today.

We are Fundamentalists, **not Ecumenical in tolerating and accepting anything in demonic "love"**. (see article, Fundamentalism, for definition)

God's MEANS of Revealing Truth to Man

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

1 Cor 2:9-13

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But **God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the **things of God knoweth no man**, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, **not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God**; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, **not in the WORDS which man's wisdom teacheth**, but which **the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual**.

Revelation concerns those things which man cannot know by his own investigation and intellect (v. 9). God, by His Spirit, has chosen to reveal things about Himself, salvation, and His plans (vv. 10-12). In v. 13 we are told that this revelation extends to the very choice of the words used to relate it. God did not merely give the Bible writers the general thoughts they were to write; He gave them the very words. **Nothing, not the least WORD, was left to the imagination or will of the writers**

God's METHOD of Revealing Truth to Man

1 Peter 1:10-12

10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 **Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify**, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom **it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things**, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

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This shows the error of any view of inspiration which deals with the thoughts alone. The prophets were not given general thoughts and then left to record those thoughts and impressions as best they could by their own power. They were given a perfect revelation

from God and were controlled in every detail of its recording. **The inspiration was verbal.**

This passage also shows the error of many modern theologians who claim that the Scriptures were always relevant to the times of the prophets. Attempts are made, for example, to figure out what situation David was describing in his own day in **Psalms 22**. The simple answer is that he was not describing any situation in his own day; by divine inspiration he was describing Christ's agony on the cross! "not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things."

2 Peter 1:19-21

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that **no prophecy of the scripture is of any private** (2398, idios, 120x, own private, personal) **interpretation** (epilysis). (Str. 1955, epilysis, "expounding.") (1956, epiluo, "to expound") Refers to the delivery, not interpretation, meaning **"no personal giving forth."**

21 For (because) the prophecy came (Str 5342, phero, "to bring," a nautical term, "to drive," see Acts 27:17 and 25) **not in old time by the will of man:** but holy men of God **spoke as they were moved** (Str 5342, phero) **by the Holy Ghost.**

2 Sam 23:1-2

1 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

2 **The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and His word was in my tongue.**

Jer 1:9

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have **put my words in thy mouth.**

Matt 10:19-20

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for **it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.**

20 For **it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.**

We are told very little about the actual mechanism of inspiration. The details of the method of inspiration are a mystery. It was accomplished by the Holy Spirit. We are not supposed to fret about detailed understanding of the method of inspiration; we are supposed to believe God's testimony that it happened and be diligently committed to the finished product, the Holy Scriptures.

Some sneeringly label this "mechanical dictation inspiration," but we don't care what mockers call it, and we are not concerned about whether we can figure out how God could

have given a perfect Book through imperfect men. That is His business! The Bible itself claims to be the perfect, verbally inspired Word of God. We don't have any problem with that whatsoever. Those who are endowed with the true gift of tongues may be closer to understanding this than most others.

Acts 3:18,21; 4:25

"But those things, which **God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets**, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. ... Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which **God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets** since the world began. ... Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?"

In a nutshell, the teaching of the Bible regarding its own nature is described in these verses. Though the Scriptures were written by men, they are the writings of God Himself.

The doctrine of inspiration in the scriptures is to say that the Bible is God's perfect Word given through human instruments. Any other view is human conjecture.

Psalm 12:6-7 "The **words of the LORD are pure words**: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, **thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**"

Common sense would dictate that if God has given an accurate revelation to men He could and would preserve it for them. This truth is not left to our common sense, though. Ps. 12:6-7 promises that God will preserve His pure Word for every generation. Christ also said His Word would not pass away, every jot and title, till all be fulfilled.

Many say that the Bible must surely contain error because of the imperfections of the men who wrote it and the men who have copied it through the centuries. Not so, according to the Psalmist. We have no problem with any of this. Is God not able to do what He desires to do? **Does He not have the ability to give a perfect Bible through imperfect men? Of course He does. Does He not have the ability to preserve that Word pure through the centuries? Of course He does.**

Our Father regards His Word higher than even His Name.

Ps 138:2-4 A Psalm of David

2 I will worship toward Thy Holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy Truth: for (because) Thou hast **magnified Thy Word above all Thy name.**

3 In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, **O LORD, when they hear the Words of Thy mouth.**

Ps 119:160

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

Christ, Jehovah, said:

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **My Words** shall not pass away.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but **My Words** shall not pass away.

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but **My Words** shall not pass away.

Luke 4:4 It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but **by every word of God.**

Matt 5:18 Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot or one tittle** shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Ps 119:140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

(Many scriptures and many quotes taken from an Encyclopedia of the Bible in this article.)