

BIBLE



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Topics

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God's **REVELATION** to Man

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3. **Inspiration:** Recording it
4. **Preservation:** Securing it
5. **Illumination:** Certainty in it
6. **Interpretation:** Meaning of it

Preparation: The Vehicle

Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I **formed** you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I **consecrated** you. I have **appointed** you a prophet to the nations.”

Galatians 1:15 “God, who had **set me apart** from my mother’s womb and **called me** through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might **preach Him** among the Gentiles ...”

Revelation: The Content

God must reveal Himself.

He is unable to be discovered *from below*.

His revelation comes *from above*.

Jn 3:7 “You must be born again (**from above**)”

Hebrews 1:1 “God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in **many portions and in many ways**, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son ...”

Revelation: The Content

General Revelation

Romans 1:20 “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through **what has been made**, so that they are without excuse.”

Romans 2:15 “... they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them”

Revelation: The Content

Special Revelation

The knowledge of God in concrete form.
It is **propositional**. It is direct and focused. "**God Said...**"

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. "**3:18** "...he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Inspiration: Recording it

2 Tim 3:16 “All Scripture is inspired (***breathed out***) by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness ... ”

An Infallible Record

Preservation: Securing it

God **preserves** the Bible so that the people He calls in every generation **possess** the very Word of God

Preservation by Providence

*God does not Miraculously **prevent** mistranslation ...
But He **preserves** the Bible's authority ...*

Matthew 5:18 “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished ...”

Illumination: Certainty

The depravity of the human mind means
God must do an **inner work**
so that man can comprehend His revelation ...

The Regeneration (*Renewal*) of the Mind

1 Cor 2:14 "... a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God ... and he cannot understand them"

Interpretation: Meaning

Illumination secures the certainty of Scripture, but we depend on **Interpretation** to discover the meaning.

Correct **Interpretation** allows the **Authority** of the Bible to be applied to specific situations and choices.

Matthew 4:6 Satan said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, ‘HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU’

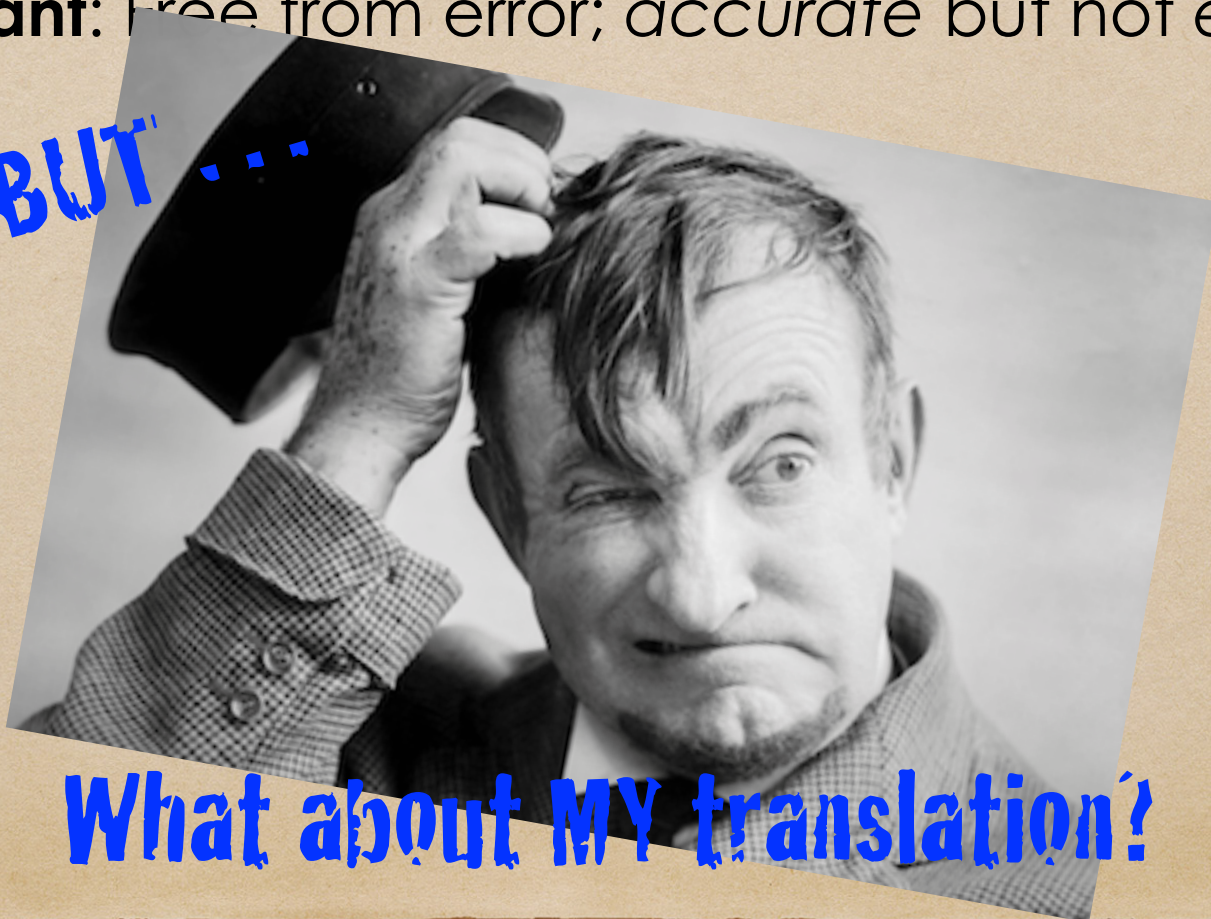
Mark 7:13 “invalidating the word of God by your tradition ...”

Infallibility and Inerrancy

Infallible: Cannot fail in it's purpose

Inerrant: Free from error; *accurate* but not exact

BUT ...

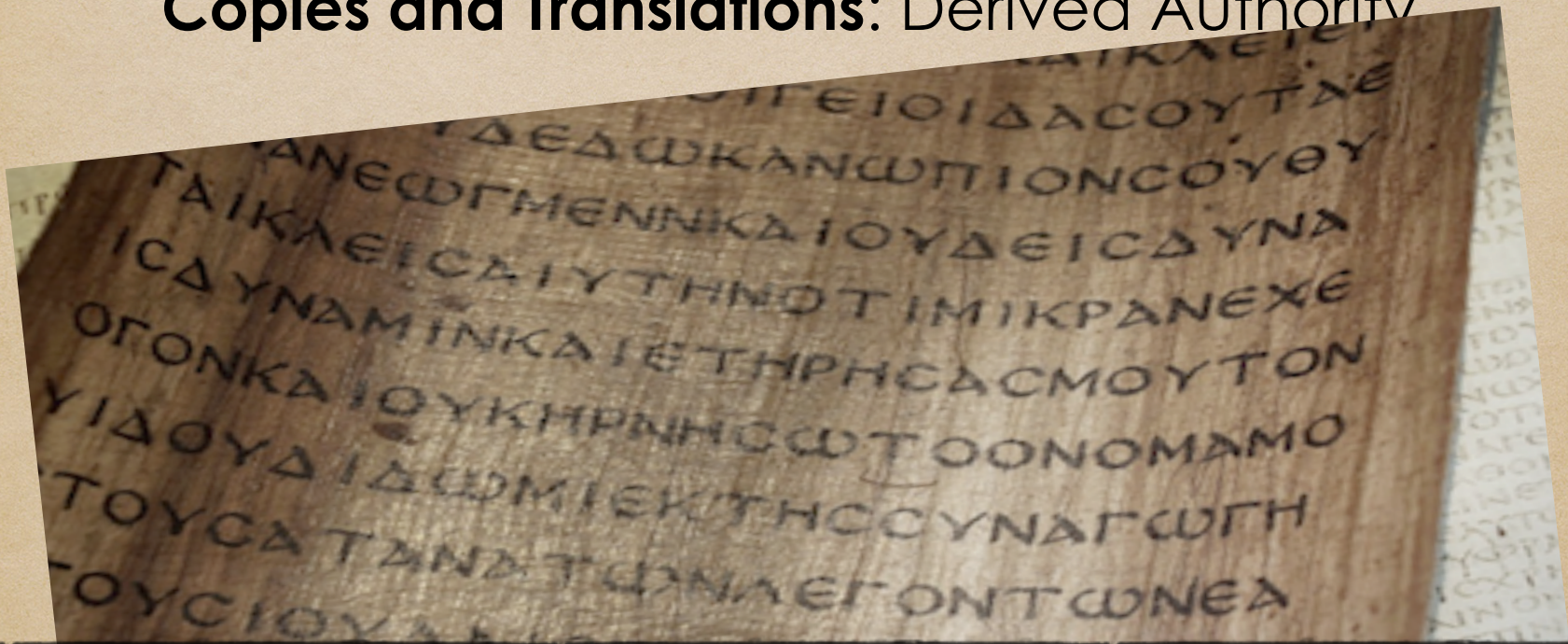


What about MY translation?

Translation and Authority

Original Scripture: Primal authority

Copies and Translations: Derived Authority



The Septuagint (LXX): The Bible Jesus Used

Acts 7:43 ‘YOU ALSO TOOK
ALONG THE TABERNACLE OF
MOLOCH AND **THE STAR OF**
THE GOD ROMPHA, THE
IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO
WORSHIP. I ALSO WILL REMOVE
YOU BEYOND **BABYLON.**’

Amos 5:26-27 You shall take up
Sikkuth your king, and **Kiyyun**
your star-god—your images
that you made for yourselves,
and I will send you into exile
beyond **Damascus,**” says the
LORD

Heb. 1:6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.” *LXX*

Psa. 96:7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. *NASB*

Not Accurate ~ But Adequate

An Analogy

The Humanity and the Deity of Jesus

God-Man: A complete human nature
A complete divine nature
But NOT two persons

The Bible: Genuine human authorship
Genuine divine inspiration
But NOT two authors

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