

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORD

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THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD:

The current recognised 7 Wonders of the World are:

1. The Great Wall of China.
2. Petra in Jordan.
3. Colosseum in Italy.
4. Chichén Itzá in Mexico.
5. Machu Pichu in Peru.
6. Taj Mahal in India.
7. Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

WONDER 1:

THE WORD, THE BIBLE, THE SCRIPTURES.

The sacred Divine inspired Book of Books, is referred to by many names. The word “Bible” is derived from the Greek word “Biblia” which means “the books”, the sixty-six books in the Bible. The English term “scriptures” is derived from the Latin “scriptura” which means “the writings”. A suitable and reverent title is “The Word of God”. Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12 poignantly refer to the Scriptures as the “Word of God.”

AUTHORITY

The word of a monarch, king or president contains greater weight and authority than the words of a subject or common citizen. God’s authority was verbal and oral before it became the Scriptures. The Devil always resisted and opposed Divine authority. In Genesis 3 he undermined God’s Word and created suspicion and doubt as to its relevance.

Current and modern attacks on God’s Word are to be expected and as believers we should be competent and consistent in our stance.

BIBLE FACTS

- ❖ There are more ancient manuscripts to prove the authenticity of the Bible than any other body of literature in the world.
- ❖ The Bible itself claims to be the Word of God.
- ❖ The Bible begins with God (Genesis 1:1)
- ❖ The Bible ends with a blessing on man (Revelation 22:21)
- ❖ Psalm 118:8 is at the very middle of the Bible and it calls on us to trust in God.
- ❖ The Bible covers all of time (Hebrews 13:8)
- ❖ The Old Testament begins with God; the New Testament begins with Christ Jesus.
- ❖ The Old Testament ends with a curse (Malachi 4:6); the New Testament ends with a blessing (Revelation 22:21).
- ❖ In the Old Testament the law came by Moses; in the New Testament grace came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17)
- ❖ Moses’ first miracle was turning water into blood (Exodus 7:19). Jesus’ first miracle was turning water into wine (John 2:1-11).
- ❖ In the Old Testament man is instructed to love God (Deuteronomy 6:5). In the New Testament God loves man (John 3:16).

The new is in the old concealed, whilst the old is by the new revealed.

The dove-tailing of the Bible is without question a remarkable design far too complex for man to have planned. The Divine design remains a marvel and one of the **TEN WONDERS OF THE WORD.**

Consider the writings of Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit - 2 Timothy 3:16:

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for DOCTRINE, for REPROOF, for CORRECTION, for INSTRUCTION in righteousness”

ROMANS	Doctrine	Theme - the Cross, the Gospel.
CORINTHIANS	Reproof	Reproof or rebuke for departing from the central theme of the Cross.
GALATIANS	Correction	Correcting the believers by calling them back to the Cross.
EPHESIANS	Doctrine	Theme – the Church, the Body of Christ.
PHILIPPIANS	Reproof	Reproofing believers for departing from their joy in Christ.
COLOSSIANS	Correction	Correcting them and empowering their completion in Christ.
THESSALONIANS	Doctrine	Theme – the Lord’s coming for His Saints

THE NEED FOR SCRIPTURE

“What is truth?” asked Pilate, and his tone inferred that the search for it was in vain and hopeless. If there be no authoritative guide to knowledge about God, man and the world, then Pilate was right.

But there is no need to grope in doubt and scepticism for there is a Book, “the Holy Scriptures”, which are able to ‘make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus’, 2 Timothy 3:15.

THE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

Paul declared ***“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God”*** (literally meaning God-breathed) - 2 Timothy 3:16. ***“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man,”*** Peter writes, ***“but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”*** 2 Peter 1:21.

“Inspiration as defined by Paul in the above passage is the strong, conscious in-breathing of God into men, qualifying them to give utterance to the truth,” writes Dr William Evans. *“It is God speaking through men, and the Old Testament is therefore as much the Word of God as though God spoke every word of it. The Scriptures are the result of divine in-breathing, just as human speech is uttered by breathing through man’s mouth. Peter’s declaration may be said to intimate that the Holy Ghost was especially and miraculously present with and in the writers of Scriptures, revealing to them truths which they did not know before and guiding them alike in their recording of these truths and of the transactions of which they were eye and ear witnesses, so that they were enabled to present them with substantial accuracy to the minds of others.”*

The doctrine of inspiration as set forth in the Word is quite simple, but the advancing of erroneous and defective views has made it necessary to “fence” the doctrine with full and detailed definitions. Against certain theories, it is necessary to contend that inspiration of the Scripture is divine and not merely human.

LINK THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM BIBLE VERSES TO THE CORRECT VERSE REFERENCE.

My Words shall not pass away	John 3:16
The Word of our God stands forever	2 Timothy 3:16
He gave His only begotten Son	Ephesians 6:17
Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ	Revelation 22:21
For the word of God is living and powerful	Matthew 24:35
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen	John 1:17
All Scripture is given by inspiration of God	Hebrews 4:12
Take the helmet of salvation	Isaiah 40:8

LINK THE WORD ON THE LEFT TO THE CORRECT PHRASE/DEFINITION ON THE RIGHT.

Inspiration	The writings
Paul	Turning water to blood
Scriptures	The theme is the Lord's return for His saints
Romans	A man without truth
Biblia	God-breathed
Psalms	A book of beginnings
Thessalonians	The writer to Timothy
First O.T. miracle	Last book of the O.T.
Genesis	The books
Pilate	The middle of the Bible
Malachi	The theme is the cross of Christ

