

Colossians

Tobit 6:3-87

<sup>3</sup> Then the angel said unto him, Take the fish. And the young man laid hold of the fish, and drew it to land.

<sup>4</sup> To whom the angel said, Open the fish, and take the heart and the liver and the gall, and put them up safely. <sup>5</sup> So the young man did as the angel commanded

him; and when they had roasted the fish, they did eat it; then they both went on their way, till they

drew near to Ecbatane. <sup>6</sup> Then the young man said to the angel, Brother Azarias, to what use is the heart and

the liver and the gall of the fish? And he said unto him, Touching the heart and the liver, if a devil

or an evil spirit trouble any, we must make a smoke thereof before the man or the woman, and the

party shall be no more vexed.

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# The Church in 1054 Eastern and Western

-The Atlas of Christian History, via Logos Bible Software

<b>Book</b>	<b>Cost per copy</b>
Jeremiah	\$4,061.59
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Ezekiel	\$3,682.04
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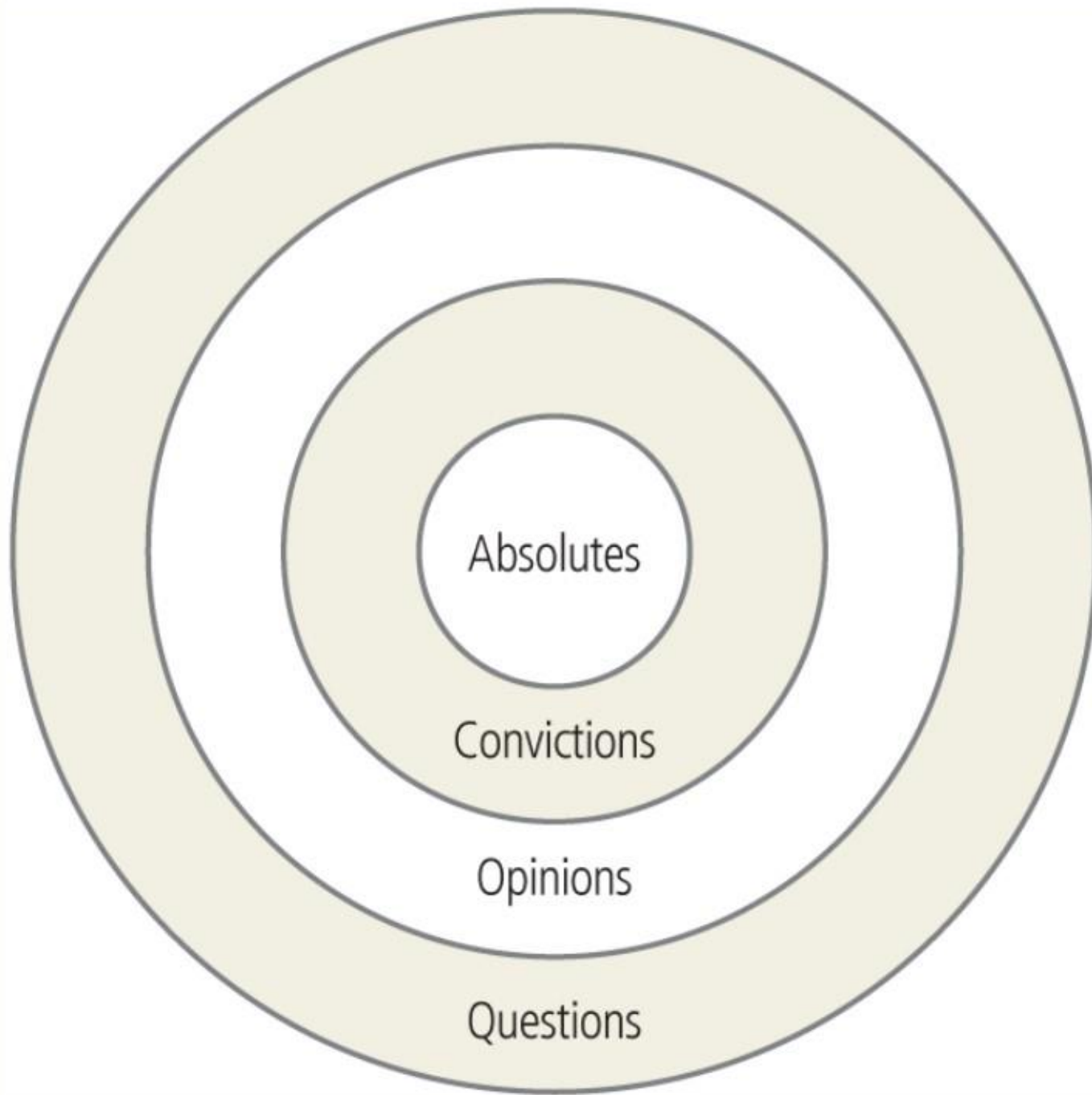
Possibly \$75,000 (in 2004)

-extrapolated from E. Randolph Richards Paul and First-Century Letter Writing

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-ESV Study Bible,  
“Biblical Doctrine”



Inspiration of the Bible is verbal.

The Bible is inspired by God by the Holy Spirit, through human authors.

Red letters or not?

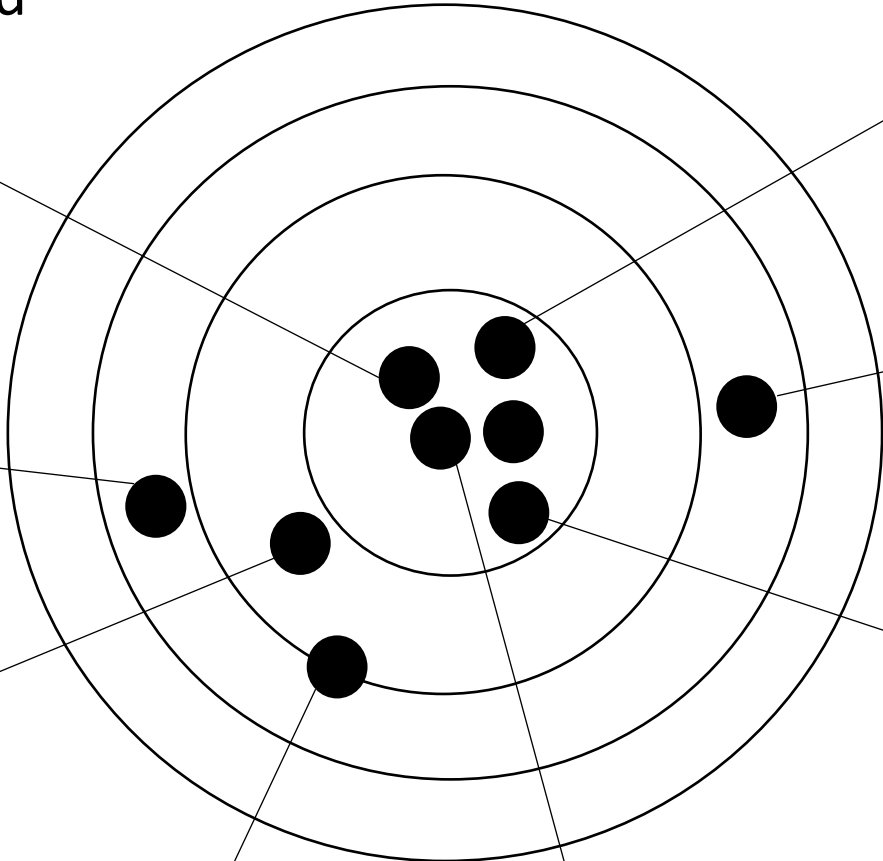
Specific Bible translations?

Without error in the original writings.

The canon of the Bible

Application of the Bible (ex. Regulative Principle vs Normative Principle of Worship)

The Bible has been faithfully transmitted down to us.



“We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.”

-EFCA Doctrinal Statement Article 2



<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

-2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

# “Verbally Inspired”

The very words were inspired by God, not the concepts, not just the individuals.

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## **“Without error in the original writings”**

“Inerrancy is the view that when all the facts become known, they will demonstrate that the Bible in its original autographs and correctly interpreted is entirely true and never false in all it affirms, whether that relates to doctrine or ethics or to the social, physical, or life sciences.”

-Evangelical Dictionary of Theology

# Which books are in the Old Testament? (question of Canon)

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The Word of God is what God uses to draw people to faith.

<sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

-Romans 10:13-15 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through **the word of Christ.**

-Romans 10:16-17 (ESV)



<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> **so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;** it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

-Isaiah 55:10-11 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> And he (Jesus) said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> **The sower sows the word...** <sup>20</sup> But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

-Mark 4:13-14, 20 (ESV)

The Orthodox and Roman Catholic Church include “extra” books called the Apocrypha or Deuterocanonical books often linked with the Old Testament.

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The entire Old Testament points to Jesus, while the Apocrypha lacks this same trajectory.

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<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

-Luke 24:27 (ESV)

# Melito Bishop of Sardis

(died around 180 AD)

“Accordingly when I went East and came to the place where these things were preached and done, I learned accurately the books of the Old Testament, and send them to thee as written below. Their names are as follows: Of Moses, five books: Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus, Deuteronomy; Jesus Nave (Joshua), Judges, Ruth; of Kings, four books (1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings); of Chronicles, two;



the Psalms of David, the Proverbs of Solomon, Wisdom also, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Job; of Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah (likely included Lamentations); of the twelve prophets, one book; Daniel, Ezekiel, Esdras (likely Ezra-Nehemiah)..”

-Eusebius of Caesaria. “The Church History of Eusebius.” Quoting Melito of Bishop of Sardis

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“In Against Apion 1.38, Josephus said that Jews have “only twenty-two books that possess the record of all time, rightly having been trusted.” He did not list the titles of these books, but he further divided them into three groups: five books of Moses containing laws and traditions; thirteen books by prophets, who wrote the history of their own times; and four remaining books containing hymns and instructions for life.

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Although he didn't list the contents, he probably had in mind similar books as later Christian authors did when they listed twenty-two books by name. **Josephus's books would have been essentially the same ones that the Jewish Talmud included as twenty-four books."**

-Meade, John D.; Gurry, Peter J.. Scribes and Scripture (pp. 130-131). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

There is 100% agreement on the “canon” of the NT between the great branches of “Christendom” (Orthodox, Protestant, Roman Catholic).

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We do not possess the original writings of the Bible, but copies of copies of copies.

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We possess thousands of partial and whole manuscripts of the New Testament.

- Greek manuscripts: over 5,856
- Versions (Translations): (18,130)
- Citations: in the early church fathers from published sermons and books.

-from seanmcdowell.org and “Scribes and Scripture”

The discipline of textual criticism (comparing the various manuscripts) allows us to be very confident that what we possess is what was written down.

*...the Lord, so walk in him, and rooted in the faith, just as you were taught, not by philosophy and empty deceit, according to the elemental spirits of the world, but in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, who is the head of all rule*

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There are two major “philosophies” about how to evaluate the textual evidence.

1. The earliest manuscripts are more likely to reflect the original reading. (Critical/Eclectic Text theory)
2. The largest number (majority) of manuscripts are likely to reflect the original reading. (Majority Text theory, also Received Text, Erasmus)

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Most modern Bible translations in English use the  
Critical/Eclectic Text of the Nestle-Aland 28th  
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Testament. (NASB, ESV, ASV, NIV, etc.)

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The KJV and NKJV use the Majority Text.

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This explains the differences in the two: The Long Ending of Mark (Mark 16:9-20), The Pericope Adulterae (John 7:43-8:11) 1 John 5:7-8, etc.

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# Long Ending of Mark in the ESV

[SOME OF THE EARLIEST  
MANUSCRIPTS DO NOT INCLUDE  
16:9–20.]<sup>1</sup>

“The Majority Text differs from the modern critical text in only about 6,500 places. In other words, the two texts agree almost 98 percent of the time.”

-The Majority Text and the Original Text: Are They Identical @ [www.bible.org](http://www.bible.org).

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## James 5:16 in the Nestle-Aland 28 (Critical Text)

16 ἐξομολογεῖσθε <sup>⓪</sup> οὖν ἀλλήλοις <sup>Ⓡ</sup> τὰς  
ἀμαρτίας <sup>Ⓡ</sup> <sup>Ⓣ</sup> καὶ <sup>Ⓡ</sup> εὐχέσθε ὑπὲρ ἀλλήλων, ὅπως  
ἰαθῆτε. πολὺ <sup>Ⓣ</sup> ἰσχύει δέησις δικαίου  
ἐνεργουμένη. 17 Ἡλίας ἄνθρωπος ἦν

Means the following word is omitted in the following manuscripts or manuscript families

16<sup>o</sup> Ψ 442. 642. 1448 Byz ff vg<sup>mss</sup>

┌ τα παραπτωματα 307. 442. 1448 Byz sy<sup>P</sup>; Or

└ υμων 1611. 1739 sy

| εαυτων 5

┌ προσευχεσθε A B 048<sup>vid</sup> 436

└ γαρ 642 lat sy<sup>P.h\*\*</sup> bopt