

# Doctrine of Revelation

**Verbal**: includes *information transfer* from God to man (Deut 30:11-14)

**Personal**: includes *personal interaction* between God and man (Ps 95:6-11)

**Historical**: intermittent so depends upon *historical memory* (Ex 12:24-27; 1 Cor 11:23-26)

**Comprehensive**: implications *span all of life* (Deut 12-26)

**Prophetic**: line of self-consistent prophets with a horizon to the end of history (Heb. 1:1-2; 1 Pet 1:10-12)

# KEY EVENTS & DOCTRINAL IMAGES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creation</li><li>• Fall</li><li>• Flood</li><li>• Covenant</li><li>• Call of Abraham</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God, man, nature</li><li>• Evil, suffering</li><li>• Judgment / Salvation</li><li>• God, man, nature</li><li>• Election, Justification, Faith</li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exodus</li><li>• Mt. Sinai</li><li>• Conquest &amp; Settlement</li><li>• Rise and Reign of David</li><li>• Golden Era of Solomon</li><li>• Division &amp; Decline of KgdM</li><li>• Fall of KgdM &amp; Exile</li><li>• Restoration. . . . .</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Judgment / Salvation</li><li>• Revelation, Inspiration, Canon</li><li>• Sanctification</li><li>• Sanctification</li><li>• Sanctification</li><li>• Sanctification</li><li>• Sanctification, Religion</li><li>• Canon, prayer. . . .</li></ul> |

# Doctrine of Inspiration

**Dual authorship**: genuine human product yet perfect revelation of God (eventual Hypostatic Union of the God-man shows how human & divine natures interact- John 1:14)

**Verbal**: *very words* used by the human authors, and not just their concepts (“God-breathed” [Greek “*theopneustos*”] 2 Tim 3:16)

**Plenary**: extends to *every part* of the Bible—“red letter” and “black letter” (2 Tim 3:16 & 2 Pet 3:16)

**Sufficient subset of all revelation**: authors’ *selection* of material (Luke 1:1-4; John 20:30-31; 21:24-25)

**Infallible**: contract testimony that is false *violates the 9th commandment* (1 Cor 15:15)

# Inerrancy of Scripture

- **Augustine** (Roman Catholic) “*I believe most firmly that no one of these authors has erred in any respect in writing*”. [Epistles, LXXXII, I, 3]
- **Luther** (Lutheran) “*The Scriptures have never erred.*” [Works 2nd ed., XV, 1481]
- **Calvin** (Reformed) “. . .*certain and unerring rule*” [Psalms V, 11]
- **Wesley** (Methodism) “*If there be any mistakes in the Bible, there may well be a thousand. If there be one falsehood in that book, it did not come from the God of truth.*” [Journal, Wed., July 24, 1776]

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- “What has constituted the enormous pressure against the inerrancy view? . . . Why have . . . archaeological findings and classical scholarship not moved mainstream theologians in the direction of plenary inspiration? The answer most definitely is not (in spite of loud protests continually voiced) the weight of new factual evidence against an inerrant Bible. Such “evidence” does not exist; . . . the contemporary critic of an inerrant Scripture is still citing alleged discrepancies and supposed scientific objections that have been adequately dealt with over and over again. *The issue is not empirical; it is philosophical.*”

John Warwick Montgomery, The Suicide of Christian Theology, p 321

# God's Design of Society

<b>LIFE</b> ( <i>protected</i> )	<b>LIFE</b> ( <i>jeopardized</i> )
<b>MARRIAGE &amp; FAMILY</b> (strong & functioning)	<b>MARRIAGE &amp; FAMILY</b> (weak & dysfunctional)
<b>LABOR &amp; PROPERTY</b> (respected & productive)	<b>LABOR &amp; PROPERTY</b> (demeaned & wasted)
<b>INTEGRITY of COMMUNICATION</b> (consistently states truth )	<b>INTEGRITY of COMMUNICATION</b> (deceitfully professes truth for agendas)
<b>HEART ALLEGIANCE</b> (to God)	<b>HEART ALLEGIANCE</b> (to self)