

CAN WE TRUST SCRIPTURE?

Yes, we can of course trust the scriptures as they were written, but that is not how we are able to read them today. We have the proof of the accurate translation of the Hebrew text of the Tenakh in the “Dead Sea Scrolls”. We can verify the scriptures we have had available in the Old Testament simply because we now have hard evidence to back their authenticity up. However we do not have this same hard evidence to back up the authenticity of the entire Renewed Testament. The Re-Newed Testament was written in Hebrew, exactly as was the Old Testament. The problem is, the texts that we have available to us today (other than the Book of Matthew), were those immediately translated into Greek. There are hundreds of copies of the Greek translated texts available for us to compare. If you do a comparison, you will find no two of these copies translate the same. They are NOT the originals. This is where the problem lies. There are many words in Hebrew that simply cannot be transliterated into Greek, and therefore can't be appropriately translated to English. We must go back to the Greek text that we have available and search it accurately to re-assess the original meaning as per its Hebrew context. **One major example of an obvious error that has caused tremendous grief among believers today is the word “LAW” inappropriately translated from the original Hebrew. In Hebrew the word was “INSTRUCTION”, not law.** There was no word in Greek that meant instruction so they used the word law instead. **This one simple error has caused serious problems with most believers and has caused many people to not receive eternal salvation.**

It is common to hear uninformed Christians use the phrase: “we are not under the law”. Change that word law to its appropriate “Instruction” and you see those who honestly believe what they have been fed, are in fact cursed accordingly. **Deut. 27:26** *(Almighty speaking) ‘Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amein.’* If one dares to get the gist of that verse, you will see why so many Christians are not doing so well. These people are blatantly mocking the Almighty. They are saying that they are not under the instructions of the Most High. Imagine any proclaimed Christian with half a brain making a statement like that and then proclaiming how much they love their Jesus. Blasphemy at its worst! The following is another verse (one of many) worth considering: **Prov. 28:9** *He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, even his prayer is an abomination”*

The conditions of its writing and the resulting unity of the text speak of a supernatural direction, the Holy Spirit, directing chosen men and women to author the Bible. Prophecies described in the Bible accurately came to be, centuries later. Scientific facts in the Bible are accurate far beyond human knowledge of science at the time they were written. The Bible is historically accurate. Archaeological discoveries substantiate Bible accounts. Manuscript evidence and transcription methods for the Bible are far superior to that of any other ancient book.

Interesting notes:

Our Bible is a book of “boundaries”. As long as we stay inside the boundaries, we are protected. Everything in the Bible is written for our good, not the good of Yah. Yah doesn't need us, we need Him. He made it clear to us that we have a choice; we can

follow Yeshua and receive the blessings, or not, and receive the curses. The choice is clearly ours to make. Put simply; either “YOU WILL” or “YOU WON’T”.

Yahveh, the author of the Bible says **Isa. 1:18** *Come now, let us reason together*” He also says in the Renewed Testament to test all spirits to ensure that what people say is accurate: **1John 4:1** *“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from Yah, because **many false prophets have gone out into the world**”* Yah does not require nor desire blind faith. He presents all of creation, His written Word, the nation of Israel and the resurrection of Yeshua as living testimonies of Him. Many of the false prophets being spoken of in this verse are speaking from the pulpit, and looking directly into television cameras lying to the “too lazy to read the bible for themselves”, lost sheep.

You often hear of missionaries and evangelists sending out the Renewed testament part of the Bible all over the world. What good is the Renewed testament if you don’t have the Old Testament to build upon. It’s like trying to build a second floor on a house without the first.

The only scriptures Yeshua had to quote and read from, were the three scrolls of the Old Testament. Yeshua never had the Renewed testament part of the Bible, all He had to work with was the Old. In Paul’s second letter to Timothy he says the following: **2Tim. 3:16** *“All scripture is inspired by Yah”*. When Paul said this, **he meant all the Old Testament scriptures were inspired by Yah**, remember there was no Renewed testament. One must always keep this in mind when one reads the Bible.

The bible is written as a narrative to invoke you and I to have a relationship with Yah. There are many things happening in and out of scriptures and your not necessarily going to get all the information about those subjects in the verses. There are many indirect references in our scriptures. Those are tangential subjects (subjects that divert your attention from the principle subject at hand). That’s where the phrase “going off on a tangent” come from. These tangential subjects take our eyes off the subjects we should be focusing in on.

The scriptures as we know them were not divided into chapters and verses until 1240 by Hugo de Sancto Caro, a Cardinal in the church.

If there is ever a contradiction in the Bible between the Old Testament and the Renewed testament, the Old Testament meaning prevails. Remember, the Word itself says that the words of the Old Testament are inerrant (Matt 5:18), not the words of the Renewed.

The reason we see the word “mule” used in scripture is simply because the translators didn’t want to use the word “ass”. It is the only word always used describing a beast of burden. King David would not have had an mule (mixed breed of unclean animal...a cross between a horse and a mule) in his possession. The translated word simply means a beast of burden.

We cannot be expected to learn anything much if we only have the second part of the book. Therefore, it is incredibly important that we get our emphasis off the teachings of the Renewed testament and get back into the foundation of the Old, the same foundation that Yeshua had. Everything in the Old Testament points to what Yeshua made happen in the Renewed testament. Without the Old we have no foundation whatsoever.

We have nothing. The exact meaning of the words of the prophets, the morality of the books of Moses, the Songs, Proverbs, etc., known as the Old Testament cannot be comprehended until we can relate to the basics of the living word of Yah.

INHERENT

The Bible as "**inherent**" came in as a teaching in 1978. Three hundred scholars got together in Boston and in agreement made that claim. It was referring to the original Hebrew scrolls of the writers, not what we commonly call the bible. This proclamation came about because of all the newly translated bibles that had come about, in particular the "Living Bible". The Living Bible is not a Bible as per say, it is only a "paraphrase". It was translated in a simple way so that the book was easy to read. It was never meant to be a translation. People were beginning to use those paraphrases as actual scriptures, and it was causing problems as compared to other more commonly accepted translations like the KJV. There was a battle going on with those selling bibles that created many problems. As a result of this confusion, most church denominations added to their mission statement, or statement of faith, the fact that the bible is inherent, **which is not correct**.
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