

2 Peter Series

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**2 Pet. 1:12, “Therefore, I will not neglect to remind you constantly about these things even though you have known them and have been made stable by means of THE truth [*en–by means of*] that you now have” [or THE PRESENT TRUTH]. ~RD**

# **Truth vs. Relativism**

**John 8:32, “And you shall know THE TRUTH, and THE TRUTH shall make you free.”**

**John 14:17, “the Spirit of THE TRUTH, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”**

**John 15:26, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of THE TRUTH who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”**

**John 16:13, “However, when He, the Spirit of THE TRUTH, has come, He will guide you into all THE TRUTH; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”**

**John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your THE TRUTH. Your word is TRUTH.”**

**John 17:19, “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by means of TRUTH.”**

## **How do we Know it is True?**

- 1. Because it is the revealed (prophetic) Word of God.**
- 2. Because it was confirmed through what they saw and heard (empiricism—their experience).**



# TRUTH vs. Myth

## Revelation

1. Originates from the One, TRUE Living God.  
“voice from heaven,” 1:17  
not “from the will of man,”  
1:21  
Holy Spirit moved, 1:20
2. Objective light, 1:19
3. Confirmatory evidence  
which conforms to  
revelation, 1:17–18
4. Linear

## Myth

1. Originates from human  
thought, fantasy, legends
2. Irrational concepts, “true  
myth,” factitious
3. Polytheistic instead of  
monotheistic
4. Cyclical, not linear

**What is the result?**

**Relativists MUST hate and despise those who hold to the absolutes because they are truth suppressors.**

**The Tyranny of Relativism**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About  
*Inspiration, Infallibility  
Sufficiency of Scripture***



# **Key Verses for Inspiration and Infallibility**

# 1. 2 Peter 1:20–21

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***πρῶτος* *prōtos*  
first, prominent,  
foundational**

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**Literally: Every prophecy of Scripture does not originate, or derive, or come into being, from his own explanation/interpretation, i.e., from one’s own opinions.**

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**φέρω *pherō*  
aor pass indic 3  
sing to bring,  
carry**

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pres pass ptcp  
instrumental  
to bring, carry**

**2 Pet. 1:21, “for no prophecy was ever borne of human impulse; rather, men carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” ~NET**

**2 Pet. 1:21, “for no prophecy was ever carried along by the will of man, but men spoke from God when they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” ~RD**



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**Acts 27:17, “When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven.” [were carried along]**

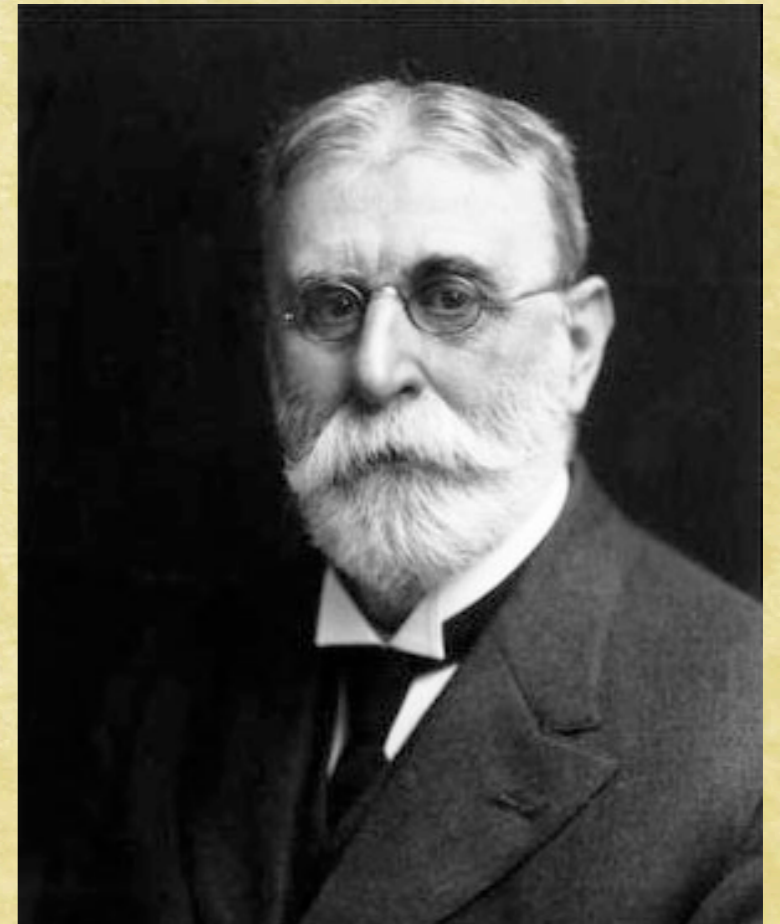
**“The writer’s aim was to deny that the prophets themselves were the source from which their message originated [WBC]. Prophecies came from God, they were not inventions of the prophets themselves [NET]. The author denies the charge that the prophets gave their own human interpretations to the signs, dreams, and visions they received [Hb, WBC]. No Scriptural prophecy was ever the result of a prophet first conceiving what he wanted the interpretation to be and then framing his prophecy accordingly [Lns].”**

**~Strange, *Exegetical Summary***

**“In this singularly precise and pregnant statement there are several things which require to be carefully observed. There is, first of all, the emphatic denial that prophecy—that is to say, on the hypothesis upon which we are working, Scripture—owes its origin to human initiative: ‘No prophecy ever was brought —“came” is the word used in the English Version text, with “was brought” in the Revised Version margin—by the will of man.’ ”**



1851–1921  
*The  
Inspiration  
and Authority  
of the Bible*



**“Then, there is the equally emphatic assertion that its source lies in God: It was spoken by men, indeed, but the men who spoke it ‘spoke from God.’ And a remarkable clause is here inserted, and thrown forward in the sentence that stress may fall on it, which tells us how it could be that men, in speaking, should speak not from themselves, but from God: it was ‘as borne’—it is the same word which was rendered ‘was brought’ above, and might possibly be rendered ‘brought’ here—‘by the Holy Spirit’ that they spoke. Speaking thus under the determining influence of the Holy Spirit, the things they spoke were not from themselves, but from God.”**

**To sum up: 2 Peter 1:21 states that God the Holy Spirit is the Agent of revealing Scripture and used men to give us a completely truthful Bible.**

**1 Cor. 2:10, “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”**

**Scriptures referenced orally: 2 Sam. 23:2–3; Mark 12:36, Acts 1:16, 28:25; John 14:26; 1 Thess. 4:2, 2 Thess. 3:6**

**Zech. 7:12, “Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.”**

## **2. 2 Tim. 3:16**

**2 Tim. 3:15, “and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

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**θεόπνευστος**

***theopneustos***

**nom fem sing**

**(verbal)**

**God-breathed**

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**ἄρτιος *artios*  
nom masc sing  
fully qualified**

**ἐξαρτίζω *exartizō*  
pass part masc  
sing nom to be  
completed, equip**

1. **God is absolute Veracity or Truth, Romans 3:4**  
**Rom. 3:4**, “May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, ‘That Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and mightest prevail when Thou art judged.’ ”
2. **God is the source of the Scriptures: 1 Tim. 3:16**
3. **Therefore, The Scriptures are absolute Truth. John 17:17**

**John 17:17**, “Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.”

**Rule: If the premises of a syllogism are correct, then the conclusion must be correct.**

**Lord,  
please talk  
to me**



# **Concluding Summary**

- 1. All Scripture, the entire Bible, is inspired and profitable.**
- 2. The entire Bible is God breathed.**
- 3. All Scripture prepares the believer and equips them for every situation in life.**

### **3. Matt. 5:17–18**

**Matt. 5:17, “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.”**

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

**Matt. 5:18, “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”**

**‘ *yodh* smallest Hebrew letter.**

***tittle: smallest part of a letter***

**י or יְ**

**o and p b and d**

**bog and dog;**

**Rug and Pug**

**lit - hit - bit      cat   oat**

**Fun, Pun, Run, Bun**

**Heb. diff between Beth ב, and Kaph כ,  
and Daleth ד, and Resh ר**



**Thus John 10:30, “I and the Father are one.”**

**ἐγώ; και; ὁ πατήρ ἐν ἐσμεν.**

***hen (neuter sg) not heis (masc sg)***

**Gal. 3:16, “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘and to your Seed,’ who is Christ.”**

## **Corollary #1**

**Though every word is equally infallible,  
and authoritative, not every word is equally  
applicable to every believer.**

## **Corollary #2**

**If every word is breathed out by God, then it is the responsibility of the pastor-teacher to investigate and exegete every word, the entire counsel of God, though not every word need be necessarily taught. Time is a factor.**

## **Corollary #3**

**If every word is breathed out by God, then the Bible is absolutely and totally sufficient for salvation, spiritual growth, and problem solving.**

**2 Pet. 1:3, “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.**

**2 Pet. 1:4, “For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”**

## **Corollary #4**

**If every Word is from God to us, nothing should be more important than learning and applying His Word.**