FROM THE MIND OF GOD TO THE HEART OF MAN

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Introduction

Men write introductions in order to entice the reader to want to read his or her book. My hope is that in the reading of these Scriptures will encourage, challenge, or if need be, convict you to read what God has said about His Book: The Word of God

"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever." Psalm 119:160

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psalm 119:130

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps 119:11

"Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word** is truth." John 17:17

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If** ye continue in **my word**, **then** are ye my disciples **indeed**; And ye shall know **the truth**, and the truth shall make you **free**." John 8:31-32 "And if any man hear **my words**, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and **receiveth not my words**, hath one that judgeth him: **the word** that I have spoken, **the same** shall judge him in the **last day**." John 12:47-48

The Word of God: What a subject! Men have written many, many volumes concerning this topic. Yet if we were to take every one of those works, and stack them next to the Bible, they all would pale in embarrassment to the simple truth contained in the volume of the Book of God's Divine Authorship.

"Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." Psalm 40:5

"Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Psalm 40:7-8

BEFORE THE BEGINNING

The Eternal Author prepared well His ideas and His thoughts. Organizing them as He saw the story of the universe and time itself, unfold before His omniscient eyes.

"For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." Psalm 90:4

Isaiah 55:8-9, 11 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.....So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

There is a definite and traceable process by which the thoughts of God were transferred to the hearts of men. The LORD had a message for man before man was. God determined to communicate His love to man, by His own volition before you or I were conceived. He devised an everlasting covenant, mapped out its end result, wrote it down, and now works His plan, to see it through to fruition.

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is **before all things**, and **by him all things** consist." Colossians 1:16-17

Why is it so hard for some to believe that our God could have complete control over all aspects of the transfer of the Word of God to men. So many today will not trust solely in what the Bible says about itself: Or should I say, what The Author of The Bible simply wrote about His Word in His own Words.

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

II Corinthians 11:3

Our world, to include the saved, the lost, atheists and believers, is confronted with an interesting fact. There have been <u>seven</u> major writings of the Scriptures: by either Inspiration or Preservation. Is this a mere "coincidence?" Or is this proof positive of a Bible written before human history, yet *according to* that history? With that in mind, consider the following:

- 1. The LORD wrote the settled Word in Heaven.
- 2. The LORD wrote on the first tables of stone.
- 3. Moses by Inspiration of God wrote the second tablets.
- 4. God wrote by Inspiration from Moses through John's last word..."*Amen*."
- 5. The Inspired words of the Masoretic Text by Preservation
- 6. The Inspired words of the Received Text by Preservation
- 7. The 400-Year-old KJV by Providence and Preservation, with every word still infused with the Inspiration of God.

When this list is read in light of Psalm 12:6-7, The hand of The Eternal Historian is seen to be the only One who could have penned these words:

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, **purified seven times**. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."

Even a simple man must see that this is beyond the planning of man. God recorded history before man lived that history.

Is there any other "version" of the Bible, which is even close to being able to be listed with those above? Can any other version be placed in the order, or in place of, the works above? Not even a Textual Critic could honestly produce such "a different rendering," that would still match and fit in with history in all points, as these seven groups of Scripture

Through these seven writings God has successfully transferred His Words from His mind, to the hearts of all those who will believe what The Author wrote, before Human history began.

THE FORMATION OF INSPIRED WORDS

The means by which the LORD chose to accomplish the task of transferring His thoughts to man, was through the use of words. These individual words would grow to be the *Script*ure that *cannot be broken*. These words were, and are, alive with the very breath of God. They are also the Living Word of God in flesh. This truth would be manifested in the incarnation and embodiment of Jesus Christ

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:1-2

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, **the Word**, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." I John 5:7

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For **in him dwelleth all the fulness** of the Godhead bodily."

Colossians 2:8-9

Imagine the knowledge and wisdom in Christ: the Living Word. Man, in his finite understanding, will never discover all the wonders of the Written Word.

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counseller?"

Romans 11:33-34

Try to picture in your mind, an endless span filled to capacity with ideas, thoughts, concepts, and commands. See in your mind's eye that it is previous to time itself being created by the Almighty. Nothing else exists, except The Triune God. Imagine if you can, seeing endless ranks upon ranks, of principles and precepts,

equity and truth, all the basic parts of knowledge and wisdom itself.

Now watch as God looks out at eternity, beginning with the end, and the end from the beginning. See Him in miraculous *foreknowledge*: as He marks every event in the history of the universe, from its creation, to its destruction, and then an eternity beyond.

The Lord watches time unfold in its entirety. He begins to note each life, which he would create; each beginning, and every end. The birth, the life, and the last breath of every living thing creature is noted. He sees the intent of every heart, the result of all motives, and the conclusion of the choices of men.

The eyes Lord, beholding the good and the bad, the sin and its effects, must now act upon that which He has seen. He looks out into that great expanse of knowledge, and with wisdom, He begins to form the thoughts that would become redemptions plan.

The motive chosen was love. The means, by which His plan would be executed, was grace. The scope of the endeavor would be balance inside the boundaries of written truth.

INSPIRED WORDS FORMED

INTO A BOOK

See the LORD, as He with meticulous circumspection, begins to choose each letter of the divine alphabet.

Watch, as those characters to the basis of the expression of all thought, become the Inspired Words of the living God. It is here that the Gospel message was penned. Good news, yes, but much more than that.

The Gos-spel is more akin to <u>The God who</u> <u>spells</u>. Combine a message of love and redemption, as given by the God who was willing to <u>spell it out for us</u>, in plain and simple terms; and then with that understanding, you can call it very good news!

The God who spells now begins to Author the beginning, and the end, of all faith. The theme chosen is Eternal Salvation. The plot is the Redeeming of fallen man. The conclusion will be Everlasting life for all who receive Christ or, unending punishment for all who reject the free salvation of that Writer.

With all this in place, God somewhere in an eternity past, began to choose words from His own divine vocabulary. From that celestial dictionary, He organized the words that would specifically and accurately, convey every thought from the mind of the LORD, to the heart of man.

Can you see the *Author and finisher of our faith*, as He meticulously fits each of those words into the phrases, sentences, paragraphs and chapters that would come to be known as the Books of the Holy Bible?

The LORD of The Word ponders, and selects verbal expressions of thought; and inscribes them in such a way, that future generations would be able to accurately translate those original words, into hundreds of languages.

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalm 68:11

While God wrote, His omniscience considered the details and differences of all dialects. He explicitly understood the intricacies of translation: for He created all languages. He thought fluently in all, He spoke eloquently all, and was no doubt proficient in the writing of all verbal communication.

He would have no need to rely on a textual critic, or a person of multilingual training. In and of Himself, He was fully able, to transfer His thoughts to people of other tongues.

His genius in linguistics is show at Babel. In an instant, the God of the Word was capable of changing one language into many.

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech." Genesis 11:1

"And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." Genesis 11:6-7

To further display His ability to converse in all languages: God would intervene, and <u>turn</u> many languages into one, as He did on the day of Pentecost. As Peter spoke the Words of God that day, no less than thirteen tongues understood one man's dialogue! God in Heaven records this account *before* a tool called man penned it.

"And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites. and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?" Acts 2:5-12

God still amazes people when it comes to His Word! All this He had in His outline, before one word of it was to be found on the parchment of the originals of earth. His skill is unchallenged by all who come to His Book in faith. However, there will be those to come in the future, who imagine that God requires help, in making sure man got the "best rendering of His Words."

If the transfer of Gods Words is accurate to this point, how foolish it is... to think God would need human intervention in this process? Nevertheless, seeing all who would be critics of His Book; The LORD continues to write, for an undetermined interval, previous to the creation of time.

Watch the hand of God as He nears the end of the Revelation. Try to see over the shoulder of Jehovah, as He engraves His final words in the volume of the Book. As you comprehend the writing, without interjecting your own interpretation with fear, and with trembling; be in awe with the gravity of His closing declaration:

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith,

Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev 22:18-20 KJV

Watch the movement of that hand, as He skillfully wields the pen. See, as He places the final period at the end of last word of His Book:

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen"

Revelation 22:21

Feel and understand the authority and the irrevocability of that everlasting warning, declared to all who would dare attempt to *edit*, even one of His words!

"Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:" Jeremiah 26:2

"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you." Deuteronomy 4:2

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." Proverbs 30:5-6

Oh listen! Do not let that pre-time moment escape its relevance to your eternity! Do not be so fast to read those grave words without allowing your mind, will, and your heart, being brought into captivity to understand and obey that final word. Hear the voice of The Almighty God, as He thunders out the word: *Amen*! With that final stroke, God eternally seals the writing of His own hand: An Inspired Book is now complete!

Watch, as the angels look on in utter amazement at what is done. Hear the elated cry of all who recognize, and accept their responsibility, in leaving that Book *as it is*!

"For ever, (For ever, For ever, For ever, For ever,) O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89

THE TRANSFER BEGINS

Now with a finished Book, God goes to work. He has much to do in order to get His words into the hearts of men. Having written all that He saw, in eternity past, present and future; it is now time to bring those words to life and reality.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by **the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Hebrews 11:3

With the eternal blueprint to the universe in hand, see the Creator do a marvelous work.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:1-3

The instructions are so precise that the entire job takes the Master builder only six literal days of twenty-four hours each.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis1: 1

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." Genesis 1:31-2:1

It was on that sixth day of creation that God made man.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. "Genesis 1:26-27

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7 Now the Lord God would have thinking, feeling, rational beings, with which He could share His Book. God immediately began to teach, and instruct the man so that he and God could live together in harmony, and fellowship, if that man would chose to be obedient.

The transfer of the Words of God to men has now begun. God uses His own voice: speaking directly to the mind and heart of His created beings. We would think that the voice of the living God would be understood, and obeyed. Nevertheless, God already knew better; He had foreseen the response of man, it had already been recorded.

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen 2:16-17

The instructions of Gods Word were clear and simple to understand. No doubt, Adam taught them to his wife Eve. Nowhere are we told in the Scripture of God speaking these things directly to Eve. This brought with it a problem. The day came when the Words of God would be challenged for the first time in eternity. And it would not be the last.

God knew that Satan, the serpent, would present this same type of testing the future to all who will not simply believe; that what God said, and as He said it: that He meant.

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

Genesis 3:1-3

Do you hear that split tongue, as it emits the venom of a critic who questions the Words of God? Do you feel the atmosphere around that situation begin to change? Do you see the doubt and the confusion it caused in the eyes of the weaker vessel: Eve?

Look hard to see it, for in that hour only *ten words* of God were questioned. Ten words, that if obeyed as originally given, would have

kept man from the fall! Perhaps if those were obeyed, the Ten Commandments would not have been needed. But God had a plan.

Yet in our day, men and women, with the pretentiousness to act as if they know better than God as to which words should be recorded in Bibles; go about to change *tens of thousands* of Gods Words!

Many a critic would follow the Devils insidious ways in attempting to get men to imagine *feigned words*: words that would be used for greed, and self-gratification; words other than God's. Or, the Words of God would be questioned. Perhaps only a slight shadow of doubt would be cast as to what Word God actually intended us to use.

But none of this surprised God, it was already written down. Concerning His Words, He knew the thoughts and intents of mans' heart. God foreknew that man would try to use a counterfeiting, a feigning, a changing of His words, for man's own covetous purposes.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." II Peter 2:1-3

The LORD would use His voice alone as the method of transferring His principles to man for some time. He would speak audibly to men such as: Adam, Job, Noah, Abraham, Moses and others. There were a number of people, who actually heard the voice, and tone of God.

"Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:" Job 19:23-25

While Job conversed with God, he was as yet unaware that his own words were already recorded, in the Book of God!

God physically spoke to men such as Abraham, long before the publishing of the earthly edition of His Book.

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:" Genesis 12:1

God speaking to men directly would continue for a time. But soon, God would bring His Written Word to the Earth.

GOD'S FIRST EARTHLY

WRITING

It was now the time appointed to introduce God's writings on the Earth. The LORD chose to carve the foundational precepts of His Word, on a small piece of that earth. He chose Mt. Sinai on which to do so. These Ten Commandments would be the basics, of the entire Book of God. These ten edicts would reveal the expectations of a Holy God. They would wake the consciences of sinful men to the fact that they need a Saviour.

"And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables." Exodus 32:15-16

"It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. And he gave unto

Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." Exodus 31:17-18

Moses was privileged to witness the very hand of The LORD, as it engraved those Heaven sent Words. For the first time, all the host of Heaven and Earth could gaze upon the Words of the God who would write to man.

As with the first time God spoke to man, a problem was on the way. While carrying the Tablets of Stone to the Children of Israel, Moses discovers they were already in disobedience to the very commands sent by God.

"And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount." Exodus 32:19

These "original tablets" were destroyed. This would set precedence for all transfer of Scripture. Could God have been teaching us that the original writings, are not the only autographs about which to be concerned? Has He been

telling us all along, that *God would care* for the keeping of His printed pages? And was God showing us, that no matter what happened to *the originals*, He would *preserve* His Words?

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Psalm 12:6-7

It seems that God did not require us to need the "originals" to be the basis of our Faith."

The law of the first mention must be applied at this point in the transfer of the Words of God to man. This is an undeniable truth found in the Bible.

The first time a particular word, number, or situation is written, the truth of that Scripture will hold extreme precedence in relation to that subject matter throughout the Bible. As that particular aspect shows up; the first time it was written is the key to that principle throughout.

The first time a written word from God was brought to man, the material on which it was written is destroyed. That is extremely significant when dealing with the written Word; because the

same would be the fate to all future stone, papyri, manuscripts, documents, paper materials, and computer disks, on which would be used to hold the Words of God.

By this example, the excuse that we have no "originals," could not be used. Man would be fully accountable to an absolute authority, concerning a written Bible.

God was also teaching us that a *copy* would be just as powerful, *if* it is a copy or a translation, of the preserved words that God originally wrote!

The point being: God holds the Words! He conceived *them*, He organized *them*, He wrote *them*, and it is He alone that can and will preserve *them*! There is only one Original Copy, and that is in Heaven! That copy is never to be broken. God by His own hand continues to preserve His Words in the earth according to that document and no others!

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever.** And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." I Peter 1:24-25 "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever." Psalm 119:160

"Know now that there shall fall unto the earth **nothing of the word** of the LORD..." II Kings 10:10

Man may break the originals, he may try to corrupt a Bible, he may make a mistake, but it is God who has the sole responsibility to keep His Words in printed form! And this He will do, as He has done, from the beginning.

Then after a while, The LORD in keeping with the schedule of Scripture chose to begin the process of transferring the words He authored to a Book. Scripture that would be published as a written record of all God planned to say to Men. He then set out to use man to write *a copy* of those originals. He chose as the first human writer: Moses.

DIVINE AUTHORSHIP HUMAN PENNMANSHIP

Now the Earthy volume of Gods Book would have its introduction to the world at the hand of men: Men that would be divinely controlled and used by The LORD.

The LORD did not rely on the intelligence of the human writer, yet, He in His master plan allowed the *personality of each* writer to mark the text. This is a miracle and a mystery which must be treated on the same level as the Virgin Birth of Christ. As the God of Heaven became man, an inseparable mix of the two, yet without sin or the possibility of sin; so is the fascinating doctrine of Confluent Inspiration. A Book both Divine and Human: *without and incapable of error*, in its entirety.

The task was assigned, the place is secured, the time had come; now the joint effort of God and Man would begin to bring the Words of God to a book on the earth.

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write

upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest." Exodus 34:1

Notice The LORD said: "I will Write..." yet you will see that it was Moses who would hold the pen!

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel." Exodus 34:27

Write thou these words..."-" I will write..."
"Write Thou..." "I will write..."

"And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel." Exodus 24:4

Jesus taught this truth in the New Testament Scripture. The writings of Moses are put on the same level as the Words of God. This is true, because Moses did not choose the Words! In Inspiration, God dictates the Words!

"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" John 5:46-47

Listen again to the *first* instructions, given to the *first* man, who would pen the *first* words as already recorded, in the *first* Book written by God, and settled for ever in heaven. Concerning all future writing of Scripture, The Law of the First Mention must be applied to this eternally significant event.

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel." Exodus 34:27

Do you see the clear simplicity of that command? Moses had only to obey God and write exactly as he was told. This is so basic, yet many modern scholars, bible publishers and textual critics, seem to have overlooked this important principle. Did you see that word: "tenor"?

From His vocabulary, The LORD chose this small yet powerful word: *Tenor* holds this definition and usage:

- 1. The highest adult male voice.
- 2. The part that "held" the melody.
- 3. The part written for or sung by this voice.
- 4. Intent or purpose.
- 5. That which contains or generates the thoughts.
- 6. The exact wording or an exact copy of a legal document.

God said "these words," the words of His choosing, these words, and only those words are to be used; for they alone <u>carry the potential for giving the exact thoughts, ideas, intents, effect and doctrine.</u>

This word tenor is perhaps is the closest single word, that accurately explains *why* the Inspiration of God is so important. If it is understood and applied to the Bible, many serious errors in doctrine and practice would be stopped.

Consider the following very carefully.

- *-Change* one word- you lose the full force of The HIGHEST MALE VOICE!
- -Add one word- THE MELODY IS DISTORTED AND OFF TIME!
- -Take away one word- IT CHANGES ALL THE PARTS!
- -Interpret instead of translate one word-THE INTENT AND PURPOSE IS UNCLEAR!
- -Revise one word- ORIGINAL THOUGHTS ATTACHED TO THE WORD ARE CHANGED!
- -Update one archaic word-THE DOCUMENT IS NO LONGER LEGALY BINDING IN HEAVEN OR EARTH!

Any other words will not fully teach that which God desires man to understand! *Any words*, other than these, would be a *private interpretation*. Any other words, will *not accomplish the thing whereunto* God sent them.

The word *tenor* is bursting with inspired thought! God's selection of the word points to one idea: God wants His Words written as He gave the Words, and He wants no other Words!

In view of the master planning of the Word of God, it was not up to Moses to choose the words that would explain his own thoughts. The Words were already written to elucidate the thoughts in man as intended by God.

The LORD was only transferring those words to Moses, in order to give to man pure words, as specified by God. The LORD gives the Words to man, *not just* His thoughts!

Can you hear God speaking these words from His Book as He instructs Moses, and all Bible Writers? See the eyes of God glance to His excellent Word for reference, to the settled vocabulary of Heaven:

"Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and

knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?" Proverbs 22:17-21

The *certainty of the Words* of God is sure. Each Bible Writer from Moses to the Apostle John wrote as they were *moved* by The LORD.

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came **not** in **old** time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:20-21

A great error occurs when a Bible translator, or Textual Critic, believes that the Original Bible Writers were Inspired. The Men whom God used were not *inspired*, they were "moved" to write exact words!

If a man believes that *the men* were inspired, this is as a result of *a private interpretation* of the word *moved*. Poets of this world are moved by earthy human inspirational emotions to write, and to create *literature*. This is an eternity away from, and diametrically

opposed, to *God breathing* out His Inspired Words as *Scripture*.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..."
It is the Words that are inspired, not the men who wrote them! The Words of Scripture live forever, the Men died! The LORD put His Words in their hearts, mouths, and in their minds; perfectly tailored to the personality and vocabulary of those Bible writers.

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;..." Hebrews 10:16

"But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people." Isaiah 51:15-16

In the method of divine inspiration, God gave each and every individual word. The *Verbal Inspiration* of the Bible is the doctrinal term given

to this process. These words would form the volumes which would become the *Plenary*, or completed Book of the Living God. It would be *Inerrant* in each and every part. *Infallible*, in that a precept of God is unable to be false, or cause inaccuracy as to its true meaning.

The writers of the New Testament understood these same principles as is clear from these amazing words. The passage of Scripture that follows explains how the Holy Spirit revealed to the Bible writers, things they did not, and could not have known of themselves. They were *moved* to write for others, not only for themselves.

"Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven;

which things the angels desire to look into." I Peter 1:10-12

The next verses compare men, who heard the actual voice of God, to those who must take heed to an even stronger source of the Words of God: The Written Word!

If it is understood where the Original Manuscript was at the writing of this next Scripture, (Gods' Book as He gave it on Earth) is awesomely powerful! God is teaching us that even though these humans heard "such a voice him from the excellent glory," and again they heard the actual voice of God "which came from Heaven" when witnessing the transfiguration, they were still to take more heed to the written page of God's preservation! Look at it carefully!

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy

mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:16-21

Hosea 8:12 "I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing."

God did not merely present concepts or ideas to men, trusting them to form the sentences, but gracefully and perfectly *fitted* each word in its predetermined place in the hearts, minds, lips, and in the movement of the hands of each Original Bible writer.

Only God, who could see the beginning from the end, could have arranged His words with such flawless precision.

When the Lord Jesus said concerning the writing of Moses in John 5:46-47, "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings,

how shall ye believe my words?" He was making reference to "the writings of a Man, yet written by God." Compare these with the words of Exodus 34:1: "...and I will write," and you have attestation, in the plain words, that the Scripture cannot be broken.

Paul's personality and especially his intellect came through on the written page, as God used him to pen His writings; those of which are still called the "Scriptures."

"As also in all his epistles, (Paul's) speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." II Peter 3:16

God continued writing the copies of His Originals in this exact manner. Men doing the writing for God, as if it was God doing the work. This process covered a period of approximately 1600 years, and the use of 40 different human writers, all under the control of *one Author*. It must be understood in the case of these writers, they had no other men checking to see if what they wrote were the right words or not.

It amazes me that critics of the Bible say that they will accept these "originals," (which are really *confluent copies* of *The* Original) but will not apply these same principles and common sense to translations of the Bible into other languages.

Consider this logic. A Textual critic will boast: "We believe in the inspiration of the original autographs as written: to be the Word of God, complete and without error." What they call an original, they have *never seen*! They state belief in the original autographs penned by the hand of Moses, an Apostle or other New Testament Writers having never seen those manuscripts. Yet they will state acceptance of these, but not a *time proven copy* of which they can see and hold.

Here are my questions to all who may be in this category:

1. Why it is that men will "believe in all the words of the originals," which they have not seen, yet refuse to believe that God can preserve all His words for us today?

- 2. Is the evidence of Gods ability to give His Words to man, not enough to trust that He can continue the process; in the producing of a perfect English translation?
- 3. If God could give men His Words flawlessly in the originals, has His power somehow been diminished, when it comes to translations of the Bible?
- 4. What is the reason, for not accepting a perfect translation in the English?
- 5. Why is it, that these men cannot produce a perfect copy of the Word of God: but masquerade as "experts" as to what they say is wrong with our English Bible?

There are many scholars, textual critics, teachers, preachers, and writers, who will for the most part agree that God did give man all of His Words in a complete canon.

They will also say; that the Received Text, or Textus Receptus, has proven to be the Words of God. Even those who vehemently oppose the perfection of the King James Bible will in some

measure agree with these principles so far. But in the next section, this may not be true.

To summarize this section plainly:

- God produced and gave this earth a perfect Bible at the hands of now deceased Bible Writers.
- This 1600-year endeavor, which started at the writings of Moses and ended with the Apostle John on Patmos, provided the people of this world with *every word* of God without error or flaw. Perfect in every way.
- These writings are not *the* Original, for that Manuscript is in Heaven.
- These writings are called in this book the writings of men who were chosen in the mind of God at the very time *He wrote* the Original Manuscript *settled in Heaven*.
- God chose the original words in such a way
 that the personality, vocabulary and logic
 patterns of the future Bible writers would
 blend with God to produce exactly what He
 wanted to say, as If those men picked the
 words to write.
- None of these autographs written on the Earth were to contain any alterations, or deviations from the Original as first written by God.

 God taught that these principles, precepts, thoughts, commands, and the words that expressed these ideas, would be available forever!

"They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law. Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth. Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever." Psalms 119:150-152 KJV

"Know now that there shall fall unto the earth **nothing of the word** of the LORD..." II Kings 10:10 KJV

"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word. I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil. I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love."

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Isaiah 40:8 KJV

Psalms 119:160-163 KJV

"For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his <u>truth</u> endureth <u>to all generations.</u>" Psalms 100:5 KJV

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17 KJV

If the principles stated in these Scriptures are true, then the next section of this book must be considered. It would be a shame to believe and understand these principles up to this point in the transfer of the Words of God into the hearts of men, but go no further on *in faith*. Our faith must be based on the Character and Pattern of the God who spells Words out to man: The Author of Eternal Salvation, and the Living Word of God.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10: 17

"For God is not the **author** of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

I Corinthians 14: 33 KJV

"And being made perfect, he became the **author** of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;" Hebrews 5:9 KJV

"Looking unto Jesus the **author** and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 KJV

INSPIRATION PROPER

There are still many true Independent Baptists, and some others, who do believe and understand that the transfer of the Words of God to the heart of man did not stop after the inspiration of the *Original Writings*.

The scenario given so far in this book is what I choose to call *Inspiration Proper*. I believe that inspiration in that sense stopped when the hand of the last human writer that was used by God, punctuated the final sentence of Scripture. This is marked for us in the Book of the Revelation chapter 22 verse 21 with a final "Amen" "."

In Inspiration proper: The Divine Author, Propagator, Originator, the One who wrote \underline{a} Book, now must enact the next phase of this plan to keep His Inspired Words available for man to receive them into their hearts.

Now God must oversee the transfer of His Words in a different manner. This is different, but no less effective than that of Inspiration itself. He now concentrates on The Preservation of His Inspired Word.

In this phase of the transfer of God's Words to man; the same life, and breath, and power, is still in every one of the preserved words as at the beginning. The life that is in God was in Those Settled Words of Heaven; and that same life is now in the Words of our King James Bible today. That life is as Eternal as its Author!

THE TRANSFER INTO THE MAJOR LANGUAGES OF HISTORY

"The Lord gave **the word**: great was the company of those that **published it**." Psalms 68:11

"As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever." Isaiah 59:21

God completed the Word of God on Earth. He then saw to it that perfect duplicates were *copied out*. Many of these were produced in the original Bible languages of Hebrew, Aramaic, and the Greek. Copy after perfect copy: All under divine protection and preserved by God. Every one of those copied or translated words carried

the original inspiration because of the original words being the base.

"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever." Psalm 119:160

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Psalm 12:6-7

This divine protection of His Book extended to copies made during the years that would now follow. The LORD must keep the Words from the Original in Heaven, available to man. After the actual hand of the Bible Writer finished his particular part of God's Book, God by His divine oversight preserved all of those words in subsequent copies down through the ages. Look at the Scriptures carefully. Let The Word do the speaking. There is no doubt that God made sure as to the preservation of His Words. It is sad that so many believe the history of God giving His Words to man stopped at the "originals." The day a textual critic decides to

tamper with the placement, usage, context, or meaning of these words, God's Word would cease to be *for ever*!

In this process, even Kings were used to produce exact copies; copies without human error because of God's divine oversight.

"These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out." Proverbs 25:1

"And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:" Deuteronomy 17:18

"Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen." Deuteronomy 27:26

"And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests,

and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD." II Kings 23:2

"Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book." Jeremiah 36:4

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

"And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Luke 4:4

"Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth. Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever." Psalms 119:151-152

"And he wrote there upon the stones **a copy** of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. And all Israel, and their

elders, and officers... And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them. Joshua 8:32-35

The truth in these Scriptures is clear. God is interested, and is directly involved in the copying of His Words. Scripture proves that God wrote, in reference to His Word, instruction concerning copies; copies in which *all the Words* would be preserved and without error. Not a word would be left out, even in the work of a scribe. *All the words* would be made clearly available for Gods people to read down through every generation.

During the ages beginning at Moses, the world experienced many changes. Time witnessed new Kings and Rulers as they came to power. As armies from foreign lands conquered nations, the languages of the world were rearranged. Those Leaders who gained world dominance not only restructured cultures, but also

influenced the tongues of large populations of the Earth.

It must be understood that these events did not occur without the hand of God having a part. All of these things unfolded *according to the foreknowledge* of God.

The History of mankind has always lined up with the Bible. The Bible cannot be proven false by history, because as God wrote, He witnessed all history, *before it became* history. Someone has correctly defined History as: HIS STORY. As God foresaw future events, He wrote accordingly.

"By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth." Proverbs 8:15-16

"Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." Psalm 2:10-12

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Romans 13:1

During these ages of history, if we were to break down the major changes in the world's languages, an interesting "coincidence" reveals itself. I say coincidence factiously, for I know there are no coincidences under the realm of the eyes of God.

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power..." Hebrews 1:3

"My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me."

THE TESTIMONY OF WORLD DOMINANT LANGUAGES

Within the divisions of the World's languages, God saw fit to make sure that His Words were written in the predominant vernacular of the controlling world influence, during that particular time in history.

The first of these was *Hebrew*. Major portions of the Old Testaments first language were written in this tongue. The Babylonian Empire brought about the next; which was *Aramaic*. This fell during the time of Daniel.

The third was the old *Greek* which was spoken in the Roman Empire in the days of the Apostles, and of the Lord Jesus Christ. The next was the old *Syriac* language. This part of the world witnessed the result of the work of the Apostle Paul as he established churches in this region of the world. *Latin* would then follow. After that was the *German* of Luther's day.

Last, but in no way the least, is the very language of the world, as we know it today: The language of the present day *English*.

History, when lined up with the Bible, teaches us that each of these divisions had much significance as to copies of the Word of God in those tongues.

During these times, human history is inerasably marked by a major circulation of copies of the Bible in those languages. Some would say coincidence: I believe this to be *divine preservation*, in the providence of God!

Now let me bring you back to those divisions of world dominant languages. Did you count the number of those divisions of historic fact?.......SEVEN! The English language is the seventh major or world encompassing dialect of man. You say: What's the big deal? How about a very large "coincidence" in human history that is attached to, and was determined by the Words of God?

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Psalm 12:6-7

The seventh major language of the Earth is English. And the Seventh World Power is English. Is this coincidence or chance? Or, did the God of the Word plan it? Can you see by faith, as The LORD waits for that number of completion to have its day even in the transfer of His Words? God has always rested on the seventh!

"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Genesis 2:2-3

Seven has a special place in the heart of God. This fact is undeniable. This book would take on an entirely different theme if I were to list just the *significant sevens* of the Bible. 463 times the word seven is found. Seventh is used 120 times.

The Revelation itself is proof enough of the sevens of Scripture. But very important, are the seven literal Churches that also represent seven periods of the History of this world!

Is this still a coincidence to you? How about this? If we go back to Psalms 12:6-7, we are faced with yet another of these "historic coincidences." If we were to go to the major translations, of the Word of God, we will find one to *coincide* with the world dominant language of its day. Another *fluke*?

Now look at Psalms 12:6 again. "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."

If we start with the *first* English Translation, and the ones in the line that used the Received Text, (Majority Text) and traced the history of English translations through, from that point in the transfer of the Word of God, another "coincidence" is revealed.

- 1. Wycliffe's Translation
- 2. Tyndale's Bible
- 3. The Mathew's Bible
- 4. The Great Bible
- 5. The Geneva Bible
- 6. The Bishops' Bible
- 7. The King James Bible

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is **before all things**, and **by him all things** consist." Colossians 1:16-17

Does the fact that there have been <u>seven</u> major writings of the Scriptures, by either Inspiration, or by Preservation, count only as another mere "coincidence?"

- 1. The LORD wrote the settled Word in Heaven.
- 2. The LORD wrote on the first tables of stone.
- 3. Moses by Inspiration of God wrote the second tablets.
- 4. God wrote by Inspiration from Moses through John's last word. *Amen*."
- 5. The Masoretic Text by Preservation
- 6. The Received Text by Preservation
- 7. The almost 400-Year-old KJV by Providence and Preservation

The belief structure of so many today is corrupted. Due to this life-long ploy of the serpent

of Eden, many people ignore or do not have an opportunity to see these simple "historic coincidences" because of the ignorance or deceit of some critic of the Word of God.

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." II Corinthians 11:3

It is at this point in time, concerning the Words of God reaching man that we must stop to consider what part God will have from this place forward

It is up to this spot that most "scholars" will agree. If they have chosen to believe in an inspired Book from God, they do not question that the "original writings" were thus given. Yet many today, even of our own Independent Baptist People are questioning the transfer of those Heavenly *settled* Words into the pages of our King James Bible.

I am not even wasting a word to the issue of socalled modern versions, which are no more than perversions of God's Book in this writing. I am addressing the only Authorized Bible of the English speaking world: The King James Bible.

Whose WORDS ARE IN YOUR

HEART?

The acceptance of The Word of God is a matter of the heart. If we by faith except only what God has said concerning the preservation of every one of His original words, our hearts will find rest and unbelievable strength as we read His Word as His Word.

"But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." Romans 10:16-18

The King James Bible has stood the test of time for soon to be 400 years. It was Bible virtually uncontested until the late1800's. Moreover, that feeble attempt failed as all others would, and have to some degree

It amazes me that many of the Baptists who claim to believe that all of our faith and practice must be generated from the Bible; do not believe *they* have a perfect Bible in English from which to establish such principles. These believe, that at the last writing of the "originals," God was no longer able to continue to produce perfect copies of His Word. Some of these closet critics do not come right out and say don't believe about the Bible until they are asked hard questions.

Many books are put into print by these propagators of "feigned words." It is proclaimed that they uphold the "absolute authority of the scriptures; or that they use only the King James Version of the Bible." But upon questioning leaders of these groups and institutions, as well as individuals, it is what they will not say that must be considered. These Bible correctors will not say with all authority, that we have one perfectly preserved Bible in English!

Many today are questioning the character and perfection of the Bible. To do so, in this man's estimation, is to question the ability of God to *keep* His Words as He has from the beginning. Their questioning has the same resonance and hiss as when the serpent questioned what God said in Eden. God taught about this situation when He spoke through Paul to the Church at Corinth.

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." II Corinthians 11:3

As in that very garden, many a so-called bible believers are voicing the "original" words of Satan himself. They just add their *own meanings* or *interpretations* of what Satan said in questioning God's Words to Eve. With *their own* corrupted principles of bible translations and interpretations, *they only mimic the original critic of the Words of God, with no "original methods" of their own!*

Faithful Independent Baptists have always held to the principle that our Bible was perfect;...... or did we???? As I see and hear all too often in these days, many have either changed what they believed or have never actually settled on what they really believe.

Many are just plain dishonest and deceitful, when they hold up their KJV and tell a trusting congregation, they believe in a perfect Bible.

If they are even somewhat honest with the people, they use the coined phrase: "I believe that

the originals are the perfect Word of God, and I use only the KJV; but we just don't have a perfect Bible available for us to read today." What they are saying is:

??????"YEA, HATH GOD SAID..."???????

If it were up to man, or if God gave the responsibility to man to preserve His Word; then I would agree that there could be an error or contradiction in a Book called The Bible. But I hope you see and believe from God's Words that it was not left up to men. It is Jehovah, The LORD who gave every last word; and it is none other than He who has and will continue to preserve *every one* of His chosen words to the last day, in a Book that is still The Holy Bible copied out under the supervision and oversight of The Original Author in the English of our King James Bible.

Let The God of THE WORD transfer His Words to your heart.

"Yea, hath God said.....?"
Or,

"THUS SAITH THE LORD!"

A FINAL WORD

As God became man: Divine intertwined with Human. The God-Man is both Man and God; yet without sin. As Jesus is the Word: made flesh, and dwelt among us; as His name Immanuel clearly signifies: God with Man; so is it that we have a Bible, an English Bible, both Human and Divine, yet without error! The breath and life of God that birthed the Originals, is still within the preserved words of our King James Bible! Amen!

Let God transfer His very Words to your heart, mind, soul, spirit and body as you pick up a Copy of those Words. The next time you hold The King James Bible, may your heart bow before that Divine Author. Approach the thorough study of that Book with all confidence. Understand with all faith, that the *Author* of that copy of the Scriptures will not cause you to be "confused."

In so doing, see the eyes of The LORD turn toward you as you read and seek truth from the pages of the very Book of God.

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." Isaiah 66:1-2 KJV

"I would much rather bow before and tremble at the pages of this Book today; then to hear sentence read from that *forever settled* in Heaven Book at the Judgment, for having made void its truth; by the questioning of the perfection and the preservation of one Word of thy Law!" TSL 10/21/05