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Its Origin

-Inspired

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-36 men--1500 years

-66 Books Completed--96 A.D.

-1200 Languages and Dialects

Its Purpose

-Keeps Us From Sin

-Lights Our Way

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-Purifies Us

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-Saves Us

The Bible Contains

-The Mind Of God

-The State Of Man

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

- 1. The Origin of life-----Where did I come from?
- 2. The Purpose of Life-----Why am I Here
- 3. After Death, What Then?-Where Am I Going?

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- -66 Books Completed by 96 A.D.
- -Translated into over 1200 Languages and Dialects
- -36-40 Authors, yet perfect harmony
- -Organized by Classification Not Chronological
 - 39 O.T. Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, Minor Prophets
 - 27 N.T. Biography, History, Epistles (letters), Prophecy

Where Did The Bible Come From?

Inspired - <u>2 Tim. 3:16</u>

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...

Holy Men - 2 Peter 1:20-21

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Example: Acts 2:2-4

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

"WHAT" - IS THE REVELATION (NOUN)

"HOW" - IS THE INSPIRATION (VERB)

"ALL Things"

John 14:16

And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

ALL things = complete or total, nothing left out

"ALL Truth"

John 16:13

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all 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.

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"ALL Things" & "ALL Truth"

2 Peter 1:3

...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,...

"ALL Things" & "ALL Truth"

1 Cor. 2:9-13

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Eph. 3:1-4

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles--if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

- Today, when we read we understand Paul's understanding of the revelation.
- Today many people look for further revelation but the Apostles were given all truth and revealed it to us.
- If there was further revelation after the first century, then Jesus didn't keep his promise and Peter was a liar.

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Ps. 119:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart,

That I might not sin against You!

Lights Our Way

Ps. 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet

And a light to my path.

Enlightens Us

2 Tim. 3:15

...and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Instructs Us - 2 Tim. 3:16-17

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Purifies Us - 1 Peter 1:22

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart

Saves Us - James 1:21

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Frees Us - John 8:32

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

It's Indestructibility

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Mat. 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

1 Peter 1:25

But the word of the LORD endures forever.

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Do Not Add To Nor Subtract From

Deut. 4:2

You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take anything from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Prov. 30:6

Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Rev. 22:18-19

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Do Not Substitute With Human Ideas

Mark 7:7-10

And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men--the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." And He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

Preach And Teach Only God's Word

2 Tim. 4:2-3

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

1 Peter 4:11

If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Believe No Other Gospel

Gal. 1:8

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

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For Next Time:

Read Genesis chapters 1 - 3

Main thread of Old Testament History in 10 books and 1 Chapter in Deuteronomy