

## The New Testament Bible Creation

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Growing up in the Christian religion, people have an unrealistic concept of the individuals who assembled our New Testament. They think them great, religious, pious, - larger than life individuals, and spiritually led in their mission on behalf of God. This is not the case. In fact, the fourth century Roman Pagan Christian Church was anything but God blessed or Spirit led. It was a government run church that pandered to all religions. It did not know the Apostle Paul or his simple message given to him by God to take to the world. It was not the Body of Christ made up of individuals who each had the Spirit of God. Those who belonged to the religion of Rome knew very little about God or His plan for mankind in the Age of Grace.

The only thing anyone needs to know is this:

1. Religion is not a relationship with God
2. Only the relationship with God counts for anything
3. There are many religions about God, or a god, but the people do not have a relationship with God.
4. The only thing that separates religion from relationship is the abiding Spirit in an individual.
5. Without the Spirit of God, regardless of you attending a church, belonging to a church, being baptized, following a religion, etc, you are not a child of God.
6. Those who do not belong to God do not have salvation.

The Roman pagan Christian religion was never a biblical religion and never had the Spirit of God.

In compiling the New Testament, a task that covered 200 years, it finally fell to the Council of Hippo in 397 AD to decide and finalize which writings to include. These are the criteria they used to make their decision.

1. Was the author an apostle or have a close connection with an apostle?
2. Is the book being accepted by the body of Christ at large?
3. Did the book contain consistency of doctrine and orthodox teaching?
4. Did the book bear evidence of high moral and spiritual values that would reflect a work of the Holy Spirit?

It is apparent by these questions that the people and the process were absent the Spirit of God, and these men did not understand Paul, his calling, or his ministry. Nevertheless, God insured our Bible content through these men despite their ignorance. Compare the comments below with the questions above:

1. **“Was the author an apostle...”** First and foremost, the Jews were put away and taken out of the picture for the final 2000 years of mankind. The Jews and their writings had no connection with the Body of Christ. The Jews did not even understand the truth of God through Paul and this is obvious

through their writings. In fact, the Jews came to no purpose as made evident over the last 2000 years.

The question is not that of a connection with an apostle, but God calling one Apostle, and that being Paul. This the Council of Hippo did not understand.

None of the other Apostles had God's leading, calling, or understood God's message He gave mankind through Paul. Nothing became of the other Apostles as they were rendered moot. Even Peter and James and their followers in the Jewish Christian Church knew only that Jesus was the Messiah, nothing more. They were Jews and remained Jews in the Jewish religion.

All the Jews for the last 2000 years have been put away in blindness. Whatever the Jews had to say in their epistles was not doctrine, or profitable for reproof, correction, or instruction for the Body of Christ, or for anyone in this new Age of Grace.

Apostleship was not a valid criteria for selecting material for inclusion in our Bible. However, God worked through these men to include these Jewish letters in our New Testament that we might juxtapose Grace and law, and marvel at God's grace toward us: His adopted children.

The Roman pagan religion did not recognize the distinction between Paul and the other Jews. Instead, Paul was forgotten, God's message ignored, and the retired, obsolete Jewish material became the foundation for all things Christian. The Christian church, without God or His Spirit, floundered and failed, and has wallowed in failure from its inception.

2. **"accepted by the people at large"** The Roman pagan Christian church in the fourth century had nothing to do with the Pauline Body of Christ as none had God's abiding Spirit. This is obvious from their writings.

Having a popularity contest to decide what books to include in the Bible from amongst the religious of that day hardly rises to the level of authority. Many Christians today have their favorite books and verses of the Bible they would choose to include in such a collection of writings for various reasons, but the vast majority of these individuals do not have a relationship with God, do not have the Spirit of God, do not have salvation, and have absolutely no idea what the Bible means or says. What qualification does the majority have over anything when, in religion, the majority is, and has always been, wrong.

3. **"consistency of doctrine and orthodox teaching"** The Jewish Hebrew epistles were consistent in Jewish doctrine and orthodoxy that spoke to the Jews under the law. What do such things have to do with the Body of Christ? If you do not have the Spirit of God, as these men did not, you do not have the discernment to know anything about God's Word or God's message. Do you look to the Jewish Hebrew epistles, see a consistent reference to the law, and decide for this reason alone it is inspired and good for Christ's Church? That is ridiculous. Yet that is what happened.

The Jewish books were full of consistent Jewish doctrine and Jewish orthodox teaching that had nothing to do with the Gentiles in the Age of Grace. It was a wrong measurement for the wrong reasons. Again, God wants this information in the Bible for the Body of Christ, but not for the reasons listed or for what purpose the Christian religion believes. These Jewish books provide a look inside Judaism and Jewish thought, but do not provide doctrine for Christ's Church.

4. **"High moral and spiritual values"** Everyone ever born knows right from wrong. All religions of the world - *all of them*- have their writings of high moral and spiritual values for their followers to pursue in a personal works program as they attempt to attain some higher level of Spirituality. Catholicism, Buddhism, and the writings of Augustine are good examples. Judaism, also, speaks of good things and good works, but is void of God's Spirit. All the cults pick up on this idea of "good thoughts and things and works" and they, too, spout trite little sayings: this is their bread and butter. In fact, you can't have a religion of any kind without these good words to encourage followers to good thoughts and good deeds.

The problem is not our knowing or recognizing or wanting good in our lives. The problem is our failing to do the good we know. These false religions, with all their good words and works, are pushing a program of humanism in ***"you trying your best to do your best."*** These religions are powerless to change a person. They can only remind their followers of how far they fall short. Only a relationship with God and the abiding Spirit in man can accomplish this, and there is no religion on earth that has, or has ever had anything like it, including Judaism and Christianity.

All these many institutions are fortune cookie religions with their good words, parables, laws, and wise sayings. You can easily find these things at your local restaurant stuffed inside their fortune cookies. Assigning these "good values" as "evidence of the Holy Spirit" is laughable, and shows a complete lack of understanding of everything Bible, man, God, and Spirit.

## Inspired? NOT

In choosing which writings to include in the New Testament, these men of Hippo decided to call everything "spiritually inspired", placing the Jewish literature on equal footing with the Pauline epistles and God's message to mankind. But their defining questions reveal a lack of understanding:

- that the Jews were put away in blindness and off the scene as they have been of the last 2000 years
- the Jewish writings and good words had no value going forward of those early days any more than any other religion of good words before or after
- nothing the Jews wrote contained direction for the Gentile Body of Christ
- that the Jesus of the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews, who came to the Jews for the Jews, and had nothing to do with the Gentiles, sent the Apostle Paul to the Gentile world with a completely different message and a completely different direction.

- that the Jews and everything Jewish was rendered obsolete.
- and the four Jewish Gospels did not speak to the Gentiles, but simply closed the 4000-year history of the Old Testament and the Jewish people.

These men of a fourth century pagan christian religion just didn't know any better.

That we have our Bible is thanks to God, who miraculously produced and preserved His words to us, presenting His truth in this final hour of mankind that we might understand our life, world, history, and salvation. God also provides His Spirit to reveal His word to man, and provide understanding and discernment. Without God, and the leading of His Spirit, there is no discernment as to what in the Bible is or is not applicable to the Body of Christ.

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