

In the Original Writings?

We believe that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired by God, without error in the original writings.

Seriously? What does that even mean?

Many Christian religions include the above sentence in their Church Statement of Faith or Doctrinal Statement. They do so in ignorance.

Consider: there are no remaining “original writings”. Even the oldest manuscripts used to create our present-day Bibles are the result of many generations of copies.

If these religious leaders believe truth only exists in non-existent original writings,

- Where is the truth?
- **Does the Bible contain God’s truth or not?**
- Can we trust the Bible to convey God’s truth to mankind today?
- **Is not all the Bible text suspect, and might it not be error prone because we cannot compare it to the “original writings”?**
- How has the Bible changed since the “original writings” and how can we possibly know what changes were made, and did the changes change God’s message to man?
- **What do we determine to be the truth in the Bible without proof it conforms to the original writings?**
- Who determines the truth in the Bible since there are no “original writings”?
- **What is the truth in general if we cannot trust the Bible?**
- How and why do we believe anything in our modern-day Bible if it is not the “*original writings*” and those are non-existent?
- **If there are no original writings available to back-check the Bible, then no one can know if the Bible conforms to the original writings or not.**
- Could not all the Bible be full of errors if we no longer have the “*original writings*” to verify the truth?
- **If the truth is only in the original writings, and there are no original writings, then there is no verifiable truth.**
- **Do you mean to tell me that you have no idea if what you are preaching is the truth?**

As you can see, this statement of “*original writings*” opens the proverbial Pandora’s Box.

The statement is unnecessary.

Do we limit the limitless God, believing that He who miraculously produced and preserved the Bible for us today in this age can't reveal His word to mankind? Certainly He can, did, and does.

The religions that make such statements do not understand the Bible themselves because they do not have the Spirit of God to guide them. They cannot discern the truth from the Bible, otherwise they would not make such a foolish statement. They hedge their bets by stating an impossible standard of measure so as not to be held accountable for what they do not know or understand.

Understanding the Bible and God's communication to us

does not rely on the original writings.

Neither does truth rely on this or that translation of the Bible, or the opinion of this or that teacher, preacher, writer, or commentator. It is the job of the author of the original writings to reveal truth to the mind of man. God Himself, through His Spirit indwelling believers, opens our eyes, quickens our hearts and minds, and thereby unlocks the truths of the Bible to us. No one can teach you the Bible except the Spirit of God.

Let's give these church people a hand and rewrite the above statement for them:

We believe that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired by God through His Spirit working through men, and that same Spirit indwelling man, the author of the Bible, is responsible to reveal its truths to the children of God as they seek God.

Now that's a true statement!

If your church makes the statement about "original writings", it is a clue something is lacking: a red flag. If they don't know the truth, can't see the truth, and don't know where the truth comes from, they have no truth to give you and you are not receiving the truth. Time to move on.

Forget religion. Become a Biblicist, seek God and His truth and He will open your eyes.

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