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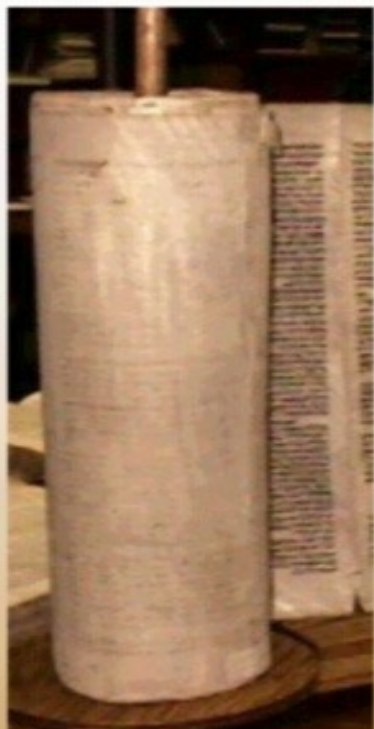
The Doctrine of the Scriptures

I let go of the notion that the Bible is a divine product. I learned that it is a human cultural product, the product of two ancient communities, biblical Israel and early Christianity. As such, it contained their understandings and affirmations, not statements coming directly or somewhat directly from God.... I realized that whatever “divine revelation” and the “inspiration of the Bible” meant (if they meant anything), they did not mean that the Bible was a divine product with divine authority.

Marcus Borg, *The God We Never Knew*



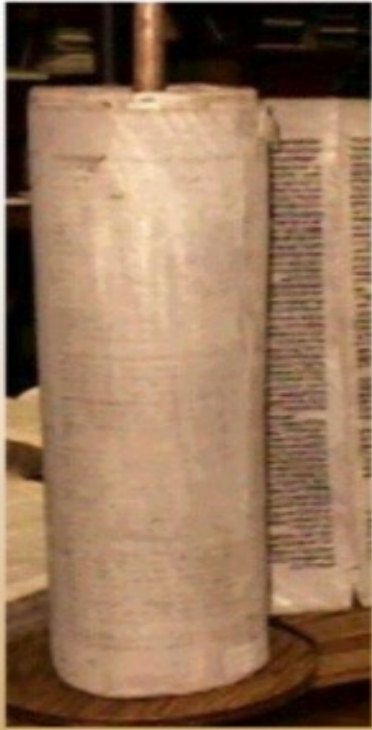
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NAME	MEANING	REFERENCE
BIBLE	ROLL OR BOOK	Luke 4:17
SCRIPTURE	SACRED WRITINGS	2 Timothy 3:16 2 Peter 3:16
WORD OF GOD	ORIGINATED WITH GOD	Hebrews 4:12

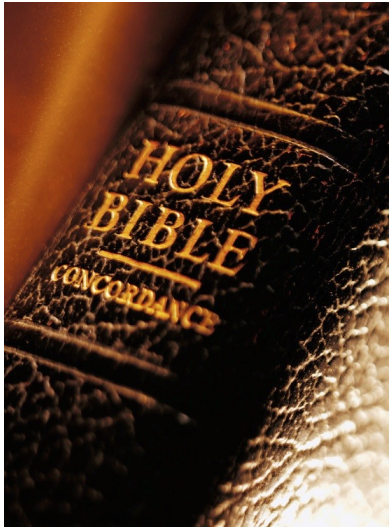
Word of God

- Jesus
 - John 1:1; Rev 19:13; 1 John 1:1 Jesus is called the Word.
- God's spoken word
 - Ps 33:6; Ex 20:1-3
- The written Word of God
 - Ten Commandments (Ex 31:18).
 - Some of the Bible dictated by God (Jere 30:2).
 - Most of Bible written by humans under inspiration of God (John 14:26; 1 Cor 14:37; 2 Peter 3:2, 15-16)[†].



Views towards the Scripture and Sources of Authority

- 1. Rationalism**
- 2. Roman Catholic**
- 3. Mysticism**
- 4. Neo-orthodoxy**
- 5. Cults**



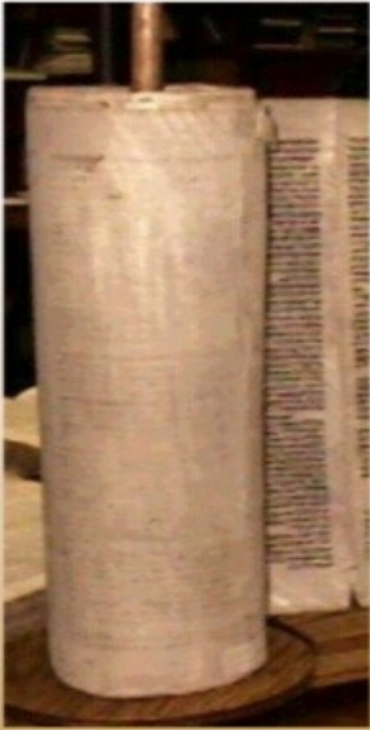
6. ORTHODOXY

- **Infallible and inerrant Word of God.**
- **Only rule of faith and practice.**
- **Human reason and knowledge must be subject to the Scriptures.**
- **No Divine revelation beyond Scripture.**



Uniqueness of the Bible

- Continuity
- Survival
- Influence
- Similarity to the Living Word
 - Both supernatural
 - Both exercise a transforming power
- Simple, complex, enduring



Comparison of Terms

- **Revelation**
 - God communicating to man what man otherwise would not know.
- **Inspiration**
 - The accurate recording of God's truth.
- **Illumination**
 - Ministry of Holy Spirit making the truth of the Scriptures clear to man.
- **Interpretation**
 - The individual's understanding.