# STUDY AND INTERPRETATION OF THE SCRIPTURES MADE SIMPLE

A Reference Handbook of Study
Designed to Assist The
Average Member of The
Body Of Christ
In Order
To Understand and Delve
Further Into Divine
Revelation
And Truth

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#### Introduction

This brief work is designed to sweep away the many cobwebs of confusion and muddle that persist when it comes to any serious study of the Word of God by the average individual.

Bible Colleges, Hermeneutics Educators, Scriptural Scholars, Religion Professors, and Experts on Scriptural Matters are, sad to say, usually a deterrent and a hindrance to the average John or Jane Doe from looking into the Scriptures . . . the Word of God . . . the Bible . . . any deeper than the standard devotional, night-time, traditional, casual bed-side reading. And because of that, the average John or Jane Doe member of the Body of Christ is woefully unaware of real spiritual truth, and additionally lacking in the life-preserving skills, that can provide victory and provision in every area of life, while we are still on this planet.

Many people are intimidated because they feel that they are not smart enough to know what the Bible has to say on the various subjects that are addressed within it. They read the Bible, and truly delight in and enjoy what they read, but they stumble at taking further necessary steps to becoming doers of the Word and not simply hearers only (James 1:22).

Doctrines of men and traditions that make the Word of God of none effect (Matthew 15:6), continue to persist and

run rampant in our world of today; and particularly within the Christian World. May we determine to stem that tide by becoming individuals who purpose to study to show ourselves approved unto our God, rightly dividing His Word of Truth (II Timothy 2:15).

Accept this invitation to move forward, become skilled, and advance in your spiritual knowledge and ability to wrestle against principalities, and against powers, and against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12), and emerge victorious. Join us won't you, in our quest?

## Translation is Important

#### **CHAPTER 1**

**DISCLAIMER:** At the outset of this work, it needs to be understood that this particular approach to the study of the Word of God is not an intellectual treatise. This work is designed for the average, blue-collar, work-a-day individual, who graduated from high-school, or is a busy mother of four, or an eeking-out-a-living from 9 to 5 man of spiritual desire, who wants to tap into what the living Word of God dynamically and clearly alludes to, concerning that which is *out there*.

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On March 20, 1969, at a meeting of the Pediatric Society, a man named Dr. Richard L. Day . . . who had been an instruction professor since 1935 . . . and had just finished his term as National Medical Director of Planned Parenthood . . . and was currently a professor of pediatrics at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine . . . and who was considered an *insider* within an organization called **The Order** was quoted as saying:

"You will forget most or much, of what I am going to tell you tonight... The old religions will have to go... especially Christianity. Then a new religion can be accepted for use all over the world. It will incorporate something from all of the old religions to make it easier for people to accept and feel at home. Most of the people will not really be too concerned with religion. They will come to realize that they do not necessarily need it.

In order to do this, the **Bible** will have to be changed. It will be re-written to fit the new religion.

Gradually, **key words** will be replaced with new words having various shades of meaning.

The replacement shaded meaning attached to the new word, will then be close to the meaning of the old word... and as time goes on, other shades of meaning for that same word, can be emphasized... and gradually that word replaced yet again with another word.

The few insightful individuals who do notice the difference will really not be enough to matter... And, the good thing is that the churches will help us!"

Dr. Day stated that the idea within this calculated assault upon the Word of God is that everything within the Scriptural account does not need to be re-written.. only certain *keywords* will need to be replaced by other words.

The variability in meaning attached to any particular word can be used as a tool to change the *entire* meaning of the Scripture, and therefore, make it acceptable to this *new* religion. Most of the people will not even know the difference.

It was also stated that Dr. Day was a bit concerned that if what he had stated within that relaxed atmosphere ever became known, that his days would be numbered. Within just a few short months of informational release, Dr. Richard L. Day was dead.

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Within the Christian world today, controversy rages over which translation of the Scriptures is the best... the most accurate... or the easiest to understand... or the most applicable to our modern-day lifestyle.

When this author was younger in years the seemingly sound reason of: "It's just so hard to understand those thees and thous," was given as a legitimate motive to depart from the King James Version Translation of the Bible into any number of other sound works that were out there in the marketplace. And it would seem that for as long as the Probationary Period for Mankind continues, that men will continue to dispute which "Translation" is the correct one to adhere to.

Superficial study will bear out that the Scriptures find their origins from basically two different sources, or schools of thought. Over the centuries, as the Holy Spirit of Truth was encoding the Word of God into this world, using various persons on this earth who were chosen by God as agents of heaven, various manuscripts were preserved that were considered divinely inspired. Men of differing theology and points of view, established educational headquarters in the cities of Alexandria, Egypt, and Antioch, Syria. The result of those various manuscripts, from over the centuries of time being preserved in the city of Antioch, has produced the Textus Receptus and King James Version Translation of the Bible. And the result of other various manuscripts, from over the centuries of time being preserved in the city of Alexandria, has produced the New International Version Translation of the Bible. And they are just not the same, at all.

This author is not interested in arguing with anyone concerning this issue and prefers not to continue to fuel the fires of the debate. Suffice it to say, that from over thirty years of personal study experience, and manifested results of insight from the Holy Spirit of Truth, again, and again, and again . . . for the purpose of this brief work, we will stick with the tried and true King James Version Translation of the Holy Scriptures.

Should you be inclined to, or in fact presently be using, another translation . . . and are actually receiving insight into the *deeper* things of God (I Corinthians 2:10), then you are to be applauded for your commitment. However, concerning the issues that we are going to be dealing with in this study, the precise wording that is found in the King James Version Translation of the Bible is what we are going to be putting the weight of our revelation on.

In laying a foundation for our study, it is imperative that we realize, concerning all things that pertain to life and godliness (II Peter 1:3), that at any given point in time, the God of all creation has SAID something. It is extremely important for us, on any given subject, to personally want to know just what God has actually Said if we desire to know the truth. For us to know the general summation or gist of what God has Said is not going to be sufficient, because it is not going to be the same thing.

If you are gathered together with a group of individuals within a room, and you declared or *said* something that others chose to pass on . . . by the time your utterance goes around the circle of people in the room and comes back to you, what you actually *said* has morphed into a general summation, and your declaration has been diluted, and to varying degrees, has become ineffective.

So it would also be with the Word of God. Like the God that we speak about is a *real* Person . . . We should want to *know* what the *real* Person has actually *Said* on any given subject . . . in order that we might know the Truth.

We need to understand that the Word of God is, in fact, a combination of "Absolutely Precise . . . Universal . . . Creation . . . Reporting and revealed Divine Thought . . . transitioned into words." God has given unto us an exact account of that which has actually occurred within the parameters of expired time and communicated what will precisely transpire within the days that lay ahead of expected time, through a Revelation of history written in advance.

From *Before the Beginning*, God designed a Plan of Operation that He set into motion when He gave *Time* the green light to commence. By His grace, and unto no other created creature, God has privileged Mankind to become *privy* to, and aware of, His own personal thinking in line with that Plan.

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There are three very real Realms of Existence within this Universe: the Realm of Thought . . . and the Realm of Word . . . and the Realm of Deed. The origin of all created things finds its locale within the first of these, the very real Realm of Thought. Absolutely everything within creation begins with a thought. We should recognize that God Himself is an intelligent being and is the source of all thought.

Concerning the established, active, responsibilities of the Members of the Godhead . . . the First Person of the Godhead, (He whom we know of today as the Father) is, in fact, the Head of, and the Administrator of, the existence Realm of Thought. All creative thought that comes into existence emanates forth from Him.

The Second Person of the Godhead, (He whom we know of today as Jesus Christ, the Son of God) as the Word, is in fact, the Head of, and the Administrator of, the existence Realm of Word. Creative thought from the First Person of the Godhead is relayed, transitioned, and transferred, unto the Second Person of the Godhead . . . the Word. Then, at His discretion, the Second Person of the Godhead decides which group or set of creative words He desires to transition the thoughts from the First Person of the Godhead into.

The Third Person of the Godhead, (He whom we know of today as the Holy Spirit) is in fact, the Head of, and the Administrator of, the existence Realm of Deed. And words that require action, and/or animation, are relayed, transitioned, and transferred, unto Him, and at His discretion, He chooses how He will manifest those thought-transferred-words into the actual creative state of being *things*.

These *creative actions* are accomplished so seamlessly between the Members of the Godhead, that for all intents and purposes, it appears to be coming forth from

only One single individual. By His own design, we are granted the privilege, to be able to *know* the very genesis of all of these maneuvers, by being made *privy* to the very thoughts of God Himself (Romans 1:20).

# Foundational Understandings and Helpful Study Aids

#### **CHAPTER 2**

(1) It is important to remember that God is an adult, not a child . . . and in relation to things of an Eternal and spiritual nature, He expects to be dealing with other adults.

When it comes to the study of God's Word, cultural background, color of skin, educational level, and financial or social status are of no real value, and of very little importance to Him. He is the Creator of Mankind, and He is aware of how a fallen-from-grace, two-dimensional, sin-affected, MAN thinks. His heart's desire is to help us in the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2), and the changing of the actual focus of that upon which we think, and in so doing, opting to adjust to His line of thinking, which reveals unto us His ways (Psalms 103:7).

(2) God is a very real Person, as we have stated, and He possesses, and immensely enjoys, the experience of soulish emotions. However, when it comes to matters of *Life or Death* He actually thinks, behaves, and operates in an intelligently logical manner. All that He does, creatively, judicially, or practically, within this Universe, *makes sense*, in line with His own personal character.

When we believe that we have received an insight or a revelation from God, a baseline requirement is that the revelation should make sense and that it should harmonize with the full continuity of the entire context of Scripture. It has nothing to do with "Well, God told me."

The concepts of *Perhaps*... *If the Lord wills*... *Maybe*... *However*... *Could it be*... *But they said*... *Yes, but what if*... *I always thought*... *Couldn't we just*... and *If*... have no real place of value within any serious study of the Word of God.

God says what He means, and He means exactly what He says. There is nothing *iffy* about Him. And we need to approach our study with a sober-mindedness in order to receive the real spiritual nuggets of insights that our heart desires, and that God longs to gift unto us.

(3) The photographic camera is an instrument with a comparatively very young history. Nevertheless, it is an article of use that almost every individual on the planet has a tacit comprehension of. And it will serve as an excellent visual tool for our understanding.

For our purposes, a motion-picture camera, or, in today's society, a camcorder or electronic digital video, is what we want to visualize within our mind's eye. Imagine, if you will, setting up the camera in a lock-down mode, on a tripod, in a given position, to record a beautiful vista of a colorful meadow with a majestic snow-

capped mountain in the background.

When the camera is turned on it will faithfully record whatever it is pointed at. However, it will also record *anything* that is moving, and that passes in front of the camera lens.

At a given point in time, the camera is moved to a new position and is locked-down once again. And whatever is moving and passes in front of the camera lens will again be immortalized. The numbered and various *scenes* that are recorded are then taken and skillfully edited by an experienced technician, in order to produce a single seamless record. It is in this manner that Hollywood has developed and produced many stories on film.

In like manner, God has recorded in His Word, various scenes at numerous locations and at varied times during the whole of the Time Continuum, on all issues that pertain to life and godliness (II Peter 1:3). Within our study time, we are now privileged to become the skilled editors of those scenes that God has preserved for us concerning creativity, angels, the history of this planet, God's own Personage, and the yet unfulfilled future. From these scenes, we shall be able to construct an accurate, complete picture on any given subject that we look at. The currently invisible Realm of the Spirit will take on a new clarity of operation, and we shall become knowledgeable of both the natural and the spiritual goings-on of all things, at the same time.

(4) Another foundational necessity is the understanding, in reality, as to who the *Author* of the Word of God actually is. We have various *works* that were written by Moses and Joshua, Samuel and David, Matthew and John, and Paul and Jude, but the single Person that inspired and directed these individuals in what they recorded, was the Holy Spirit of God Himself.

As a real *invisible* Person, He has His own *writing style* just like any other real *visible* person. In the case of the Logos (the written Word of God) we have the Holy Spirit artfully interweaving His personal style of writing along with the individual writing styles of those Human-Beings that are actually thought of as being the authors of the various books (II Peter 1:21). He has not over-ridden any of those individuals in order to *imprint* His influence, but rather has masterfully whispered style-inspiration into the active minds of the vessels. However, we will be able to discern the intended given *clues* that the Holy Spirit has masterfully left unto us on numerous occasions.

(5) In World War II, particularly within the naval branches of the service, there were elaborate codes that were designed by individuals for the purpose of being able to get sensitive information to military personnel that were operating within enemy territory. A particular message was encoded, and then relayed to the personnel

that could correctly decode that message and then utilize the information to engage in, and defeat, the enemy forces all around them.

The Word of God . . . the Holy Scriptures . . . the Bible . . . is a code book. It is a *message* that was encoded into a 3-dimensional format by the 3-dimensional Holy Spirit of God.

When Man was first created, he was a supernatural, "in" our image and "after" our likeness (Genesis 1:26), spiritual, Express-Image creature (Hebrews 1:3) that had a full three-dimensional construct aspect to his personage. He was created to fully understand and operate in harmony with the Creator. By God's design, He and His Man would be able to administer and govern this entire created Universe and would see eyeball to eyeball on spiritual matters and things of a supernatural construct.

The original entrance of Sin onto the scene changed all of that, and it further bled over into the creative endeavors of God's finest. When Adam and Eve willfully, knowingly, and consciously acted contrary to that which they *knew* to be right and true, they lost the 3-dimensional construct aspect of their being and became simply 2-dimensional.

They could no longer communicate with their 3-dimensional Creator on an interior spirit-to-Spirit basis. The communication-umbilical cord had been severed by disobedience. God would now have to speak

unto them verbally from the outside, and they would have to hear from Him with their physical ears.

They were no longer spiritually *intuitive* from within, because the 3<sup>rd</sup>-dimension, inner-most portion of their being had experienced the reality of *Spiritual Death (Genesis 2:17)*. And until that situation could be remedied, they would have to grope along and live in a natural 2-dimensional manner for their allotted number of years on this planet until the *Physical Death* of their bodies caught up to the *Spiritual Death* of their being, that they had tasted of so long ago. It is a grim situation to be sure.

When a *New Birth* process for their spirit was devised and put into operation by the co-operative efforts of the 3-dimensional Members of the Godhead, the picture radically changed again. Through this *New Birth* process, men could now be restored back to their full 3-dimensional construct aspect of their being and become supernatural once again. They were again able to hear God and communicate with Him on an interior spirit-to-Spirit basis afresh. As a bonus of choosing to accept this offer, men would now be supplied with a set of 3-dimensional glasses with which they could correctly decode the *message* that God had sent into the heart of enemy territory.

A sad reality is that every single *Born-Again* member of the household of God, since the resurrection of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, has received their own

individual pair of Logos-decoding 3-dimensional glasses, but not every single *Born-Again* member of the Household of God effectively uses their glasses; or for that matter, even picks them up and puts them on. The sole purpose of the glasses is to be able to unscramble the encoded message in the Logos that we have been given here, within enemy territory, and obtain the victory over any opposing forces.

For us to successfully study and interpret the Holy Scriptures, we must utilize our 3-dimensional glasses. It will make all of the difference in the world. We are able to accomplish this by coming to a point of decision to accept, that at various given points in time, God has *Said* something, and has faithfully recorded, for our benefit, that which He has *Said*. We must then come to a point of decision that we will fully accept what God has *Said*, above and beyond all other declarations, and will immediately abandon any and all other traditions, dogmas, doctrines, projected-science *facts*, or information of any sort that would conflict with what God has *Said*. The singular Word of God alone . . . is final.

(6) Understanding must prevail that *italicized* words and punctuation of any kind, was <u>not</u> in the original manuscripts, and at various times has no real place within our studies. These literary articles are there within our Bibles at the sole discretion of the translators. They decided the parameters of what words would

make up any given verse. They decided the boundary lines of where chapter breaks would be. They added words at their discretion, for supposed clarity and understanding. They punctuated their works after the invention of punctuation in the 1500s. And, of course, it was all done so that the Word of God would become readable and understandable to any individual who should be so blessed as to have access to that which was tremendously respected and heavily guarded.

Within our studies, we will be taking liberties with both the *punctuation* and the *italicized words* without even giving it a second thought, because they are not all necessarily inspired by God. And the Holy Spirit is smart enough to tell us when they are.

(7) Preparation for the Gospel to be preached to every creature was established by God using the existing world Empires that ruled, at various points in time, all over this Earth.

Up until the time of the Greek Empire, global language was convoluted and impossible to keep up with. Through Alexander the Great, the Greek language was mandated, imposed, and standardized throughout the entire known world that he had conquered up until that time.

In addition, the succeeding Empire of Rome con-

structively established an unprecedented roadway system that made foreign travel relatively easy. And having these various preparations reach completion, "when the fullness of the prophetical time was come, God purposed, and sent forth his Son, made of a woman that he might be fully a Human-Being, and made under the restrictions and the requirements of the Law of Moses, that he might operate within the Abrahamic Covenant parameters" (Galatians 4:4; Enhanced).

(8) The final foundational necessity is concerning the correct mindset that we need to have regarding, what we have come to know of as, the *Pauline Revelation*. This is the work of the Holy Spirit of Truth involving the fourteen epistles or letters that the Apostle Paul penned, under the Holy Spirit's direction, during his ministerial tenure on this planet. The information of Spiritual Insight and Existence Realities of Truth that are contained within these writings takes the undisputed number one position of importance within the whole of the context of the Word of God.

All of the Old Testament books of the Septuagint *must* be read and received, fully in line with the *Pauline* Revelation.

All of the Gospel accounts of Jesus of Nazareth "after the flesh" (II Corinthians 5:16) <u>must</u> be read and received, fully in line with the *Pauline Revelation*.

All of the General Epistles of the New Testament

*must* be read and received, fully in line with the *Pauline* Revelation.

And the history record of the Book of Acts and the soon-to-be-fulfilled book of *history-written-in-advance* that we know of as the Book of Revelation <u>must</u> be read and received, fully in line with the *Pauline Revelation*.

The *Pauline Revelation* is the literary crown jewel of the Scriptures. The *Pauline Revelation* intricately, verbally, describes what legally and practically occurred at the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, for the benefit of all of Mankind that would receive it.

In detail, the *Pauline Revelation* declares the spiritual reality of who you are today in Christ, right now, and who you shall be in the everlasting millennia ahead: a *Born Again, Recreated, Incorruptible, Resurrected, Divinely Natured, Chosen From Before the Foundation of the World, Supernatural, Redeemed, Righteousness of God, More Than a Conqueror, Sin Free, Able to do All Things, Predestinated, Immortal, Christ-Minded, Chosen Generation, Eternally Indwelt and Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Blood-Related, Complete in Him, Divine Heir, Workmanship of God, Royal Priesthood, Seated at the Right Hand, Administrative, Household Member of the family of the Most High God. And that is why we need to know,* 

within our heart of hearts, just what the *Pauline Revelation* says.

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In addition, we need to have an understanding of the difference between *Focused reading* and the *Mechanical reading* that so often occurs with the average individual. Most people, who learned to read when they were young, should be familiar with the idea of having just read a certain portion of a written article or more often, a portion of Scripture, and immediately being unable to remember anything about what they just read. Thus, there is the necessity of having to go back and re-read what was already read once, in order to actually *focus* on what was being said.

Focused reading is a developed skill, it does not just simply happen automatically. Focused reading is purposed reading. There is a zeroing-in on the context of what is written. The mind is *tuned in* and ready to process that which is being read.

It is extremely important to learn how to *focus* when we read. Within the Scriptures, there is so much that is of a Life and Death nature. And we cannot afford to approach the serious study with a cavalier or frivolous attitude.

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Some practical materials that will be useful for our personal study purposes are the following, easily obtainable items:

- 1. A King James Version Translation of the Bible.
- 2. A Strong's Exhaustive Concordance . . . King James Version edition.
- 3. A suitable Bible dictionary and a standard secular dictionary.
- 4. A standard yellow-pad lined tablet.
- 5. Various color markers for hi-lighting.
- 6. Pencils or pens according to preference.

#### Optional Materials

- 7. Interlinear Greek & Hebrew volumes.
- 8. "Topical Bible" volumes.
- 9. Various biblical maps or charts.

With this simple collection of help, we are ready to launch out into an exciting adventure of plumbing the depths of what the Scriptures hold.