

“DID GOD REALLY SAY...”

**AFFIRMING THE
INERRANCY OF
SCRIPTURE**

2 Peter 1:19-21

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Manuscript Evidence for Ancient Writings

<u>Author</u>	<u>Written</u>	<u>Earliest Copy</u>	<u>Time Span</u>	<u>Copies</u>
Caesar	100-44BC	900AD	1000 yrs	10
Plato	427-347BC	900AD	1200 yrs	7
Tacitus	100AD	1100AD	1000 yrs	20
Suetonius	75-160AD	950AD	800 yrs	8
Homer (Illad)	900BC	400BC	500 yrs	643
NT	40-100AD	125AD	25-50 yrs	24,000

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- 3) Scripture is inerrant

“Inerrancy means the word of God always stands over us and we never stand over the word of God.”

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III. The Inerrancy of Scripture

“Similarly, inerrant signifies the quality of being free from all falsehood or mistake and so safeguards the truth that Holy Scripture is entirely true and trustworthy in all its assertions.”

~ Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978)

IV. Problems with Denying Inerrancy

“Defending the doctrine of inerrancy may seem like a fool’s errand to some and a divisive shibboleth to others, but, in truth, the doctrine is at the heart of our faith. To deny, disregard, edit, alter, reject, or rule out anything in God’s word is to commit the sin of unbelief.”

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6-if we deny inerrancy, our faith in Jesus is suspect.

*7-if we deny inerrancy, we
become our only rule for faith and
practice.*

V. Conclusion

“One cannot doubt the Bible without far-reaching loss, both of fullness of truth and of fullness of life. If therefore we have at heart spiritual renewal for society, for churches and for our own lives, we shall make much of the entire trustworthiness – that is, the inerrancy – of Holy Scripture as the inspired and liberating Word of God.”

~ JI Packer

