

## THE TRUE LIVING BIBLE

**Heb 4:12,13** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of **him** with whom we have to do.

(NOTE: The antecedent of the word "him" is "the Word of God" – interesting!)

I once had a man in a church I pastored who was convinced that the "originals" (the autographa) of the Holy Scriptures are up in heaven. Thus, no one down here on earth has a real inspired, or preserved copy of the Bible God breathed. If that is so "we are of all men most miserable" since God failed in His promise to preserve His inspired words. Of course some would say that the promise of preservation only applies to the autographa, and if that is true perhaps this man was right.

Another group of "Bible believers" (that's what they call themselves) believe that the God Who inspired His original words was incapable of preserving them in any but the original languages. That leaves about 95%+ of earth's present population without a Bible they can trust as "God Breathed". Are there really only about 5% of people in the world who can actually own and read a real "God breathed" Bible in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic? One major problem with this view is no one seems to be able to tell us where the "non God-breathed" verses or passages in our Bible can be located. If that is the case how can we know ANY verse or passage is the breath, life or spirit of God? Is the Bible we have "alive" or "quick" as it claims of itself? Can I trust John 3:16; John 10:27-30 (my life verses), or ANY verse in the Bible? *If it is not inspired or preserved can we trust anything in it?* Perhaps it is on a level with the Holy (!) Koran (Quran) – God forbid!!!

Below are some thoughts I have pondered. Maybe you can help me with the answers. These are my views and express some of my problems with the above positions...

- If the King James Bible is preserved it must be inspired, and if it is not preserved where can I find a copy of God's Word and words I can read?
- Only the real Bible is alive – only living things have breath in them - "theopneustos"
- Only the real Bible is incorruptible, i.e. it is perfect
- God doesn't preserve imperfect or corrupted things
- God doesn't preserve errors or untruths
- Only a perfect Bible can be trusted – where can I find one?
- If our Bible contains errors it is not trustworthy
- If there are errors in my Bible my salvation is in jeopardy
- If there are errors in my Bible please show them to me
- Only a perfect Bible needs no correction
- If we are not to add or subtract from our Bible it must be perfect
- If only the autographa *is* inspired we have no Bible today
- If only the autographs *were* inspired no one on earth has a real Bible today
- If only the autographs were inspired no one on earth has had a true Living Bible at any time in human history at any one time or in any one place (No one has ever had all the originals together in history!)
- Only a Living Bible is powerful...able to save...change lives...impart spiritual life
- No one on our planet has a perfect, uncorrupted copy of the autographs or has ever seen them
- If you find them please let me know. I will try to learn the languages and read the perfect Word and words of God

In three passages in a King James Bible we are told that man should not live by bread alone, but by *EVERY WORD* that proceeded out of God's mouth. (Deut. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Luke 4:4) Thus I MUST have an "every word" Bible. Of course I can't have that since only the originals were God breathed and I don't read ancient Hebrew, Aramaic or even Koine Greek. Jesus really didn't mean "every word" then, did He? And if that command is bogus then why would our Savior tell us to do so? No man has ever seen "every word" God spoke in human history! We are told we must obey the Lord, but can't do so given the fact that we don't really know if these words were a part of the autographs. What other commands may not be inspired? Which ones can I (or you) disregard?

**MY CREED:** *I believe the King James Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, indestructible and preserved Word and words of the Living God. (What do YOU believe?)*

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