

# The Word of God

- If the author of the Bible is a single author or mind, and
- If its message is centered on the Cross in which
  - The earlier text anticipates or prepares for “The Cross”, and
  - The later text is the effectual result of “The Cross”, then
- Four conditions should characterize the work as Divinely Inspired:
  - Cogency - The message of Scripture must be understandable, plausible, persuasive, and clear,
    - without confusing or misleading elements of contention
    - without rhetorical skill necessary to represent it
    - free from all tinge of vulgarity on the one hand, and from every trace of studied finery on the other.
  - Continuity, - the Message of Scripture must be a single document
    - without desultory- verbal wandering, or ramblings
    - not written as a random collection of thoughts
    - without tangential material.
  - Coherency - the Message of Scripture must be unified as a whole, with a single truth or “proposition of faith,” or solution or foundational principle to show and support - functional or a singular, distinct, and unique plan of its author.
    - without contradiction
    - without multiple, unsupportable assumptions not germane to the main truth
    - without vagaries or unrelated material.
  - Credibility - the Message of Scripture must be supported by reality and livable, commonsensical, implementable, achievable, executable, viable, practical, or workable
    - without any other necessary aid or credentials, such as an academic achievement, or a prescribed past.
    - without requirements external to the provisions in the text for living: age, maturity, strength, or natural resources.
    - without a prescribed history or legacy, parental heritage or ethnic background.
- And if this be true: consistently, provably, completely true, and
- If no other document or work is needed to complete its message or is missing from the text as a necessary part of the text and
- If that plan or proposition of faith centered on “The Cross” has not been nor could be contrived or imagined by human ingenuity and this is provable, then
- There could be no other author but *God*.