

## HOW GOD PROVIDES A PERFECT BIBLE?

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We sometimes find ourselves defending a “perfect” Bible. If God wrote it and there is a mistake in it, God must be fallible. The Bible is better documented than any other book from antiquity, many of which are accepted as valid without any question. However, it is understandable that the Bible would be held to a **higher standard** than any other book. It claims to be the word of an all knowing divine being and implies condemnation to anyone who doesn’t believe. It tends to be offensive to anyone who chooses to not believe.

There has also been a pervasive understanding that the Catholic Church hid the Bible from the world in the middle or dark ages, and Martin Luther basically gave us access to the Bible again. That merits some discussion.

To understand the situation, a little history is appropriate. Whereas we are concerned with the whole Bible, the New Testament will be the primary focus of this article.

The New Testament was written in the last half of the first century, and the dates of the writings are estimated from the events described. They are not exact. **The text in the original autography would have been without error.**

The **canon or set of books** which we clearly understand to be the New Testament today were not so clear to start with. The earliest date we can find where the canon of the 27 books we understand to be the New Testament was listed was in **AD 367** in a list circulated by Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria. There were other candidates to be in the canon, and there was some dispute on whether some of the books in our canon should have been in our canon.

Today you can accept the canon and work with it or functionally set up your own religion by picking and choosing which parts you like.

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## CULTIVATING CHARACTER

character is what we are through and through. If you pour a glass of milk, it is milk on the outside, inside, top and bottom. It’s all milk. So when the glass is bumped, you know what spills out? Milk. We all know people who are so filled with gratitude that when they are bumped, jolted or even injured, what spills out is thankfulness. We can say they have a character trait of gratitude. They practiced the rules until they became gratitude through and through.

They didn’t push back in the recliner and wait for the Holy Spirit to transform their character. But, while they studied, messed up, and worked a little harder, the Holy Spirit was the wind beneath their wings. He cannot bear us up unless we are going somewhere. We can’t do it without the Holy Spirit, but he doesn’t do it all for us.

Take note, what is spilling out that describes your character? What are you making excuses for? Probably the same thing over and over. Isn’t it time to get serious and practice the conduct that Christ wants until it becomes our nature? Why not begin with love. Agape love – seeking the best for the other person. Love is patient, kind and courteous. When bumped is that what spills out? What will you practice until it becomes your character?

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## HOW WE GOT A PERFECT BIBLE....P2

Now, presume you had basically the books which are in our Bible and wanted to know how many people could **have a copy** in their home before 1440 A.D. As Guttenberg invented the printing press in 1440, they were not mass produced. They had to be copied by hand.

We actually have a cost for copying a Bible by hand. In 2009 Phillip Patterson of New York started to copy the entire King James Bible. Patterson worked up to 14 hours a day on the project, though he averaged around six to eight hours a day. It took him 4 years to complete the task.

If we presume he averaged 7 hours a day for 5 days a week for 4 years, that would be 7,280 hours. If his time was worth \$10.00/hour, the cost would be \$72,800 for one copy of the Bible, in today's dollars. For whatever period in time you wanted to take, it represents 4 solid years of work to do it. The Bible didn't need to be hidden from anyone, no one could afford one. Only rich person or a church supported by a number of people would be able to afford a significant portion of one.

When we say Bible today, we are thinking a **complete Old and New Testament**. What they were likely copying in the last of the first century was one of the letters we call a book, or maybe the Sermon on the Mount, or maybe just the beatitudes. They were not seeing all we see today. So, in many ways they had a much more limited perspective than we do.

This did not change until Guttenberg invented the printing press around 1440 A.D. (He apparently didn't actually invent it, but that's another subject) The printing press greatly reduced the cost of duplicating written material, but it still wasn't cheap by our standards today.

A next complication was that if Bibles had been available, **few people were actually literate**. The literacy rate in the first century is estimated to have been about 10%. This means that even if you could get a copy, most people couldn't read it anyhow. It is estimated that by 1820 (about when the Stone and Campbell movements merged into the Churches of Christ), the literacy rate had only increased to 12%. Today it is about 83%.

Another complication was that **Latin was the primary language** of the Roman empire. Although written primarily in Greek, it was translated into Latin as the primary language of the

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dominant Roman empire. As the Roman Catholic Church dominated religion until Martin Luther, use of the Latin Bible was continued. Over time

Latin fell into disuse as a language and is what has been called a "dead" language. The people who spoke Latin began to speak the "romance" languages which were derived from Latin, such as French, Italian, and Spanish. **They basically left the Latin language**. Until recently, the Roman Catholic church here continued to use Latin in their worship services even though few could understand it. It sounded "religious".

If you are still suspicious that the Catholics hid the Bible, at least the **Greek Orthodox Church** had it in Greek all the time so no one was hiding it.

Another complication is that anyone is free to translate the Bible, and do so with their preconceived ideas buried in the translation. If you **deliberately mistranslate** the Bible, God does not strike you dead. If you do not think so, consider the Queen James Bible. Guess what they are emphasizing and minimizing.

## HOW WE GOT A PERFECT BIBLE....P3

All that to say that when we hold up a contemporary Bible and say it is the perfect word of God, it isn't so clean as that.

What we can know is:

1. The **canon** of what we consider to be the New Testament was not settled until at least AD 367.
2. The **first century church** was directly guided by the Apostles and witnesses to Jesus. The New Testament was being written during this period, and individual congregations had limited access to only portions of it.
3. God has allowed a lot of people to live on earth with **no access** to a copy of the New Testament, many of whom could not have read it if they had it. Literally, until the invention of the printing press, few could read a Bible for a number of reasons.
4. **God does not guarantee a perfect Bible** by making anyone translate it correctly or punishing anyone who does not. Can you imagine what that would take. Maybe if you wrote a wrong word or did a mistranslation you would be struck with lightning?

On the other side, what we can also know is:

1. **The good news is communicated to us in the Bible.** It is God's only communication to us.
2. **The Bible is clearly written by someone smarter than human beings.** The New Testament has survived innumerable attacks for the past 2000 years and has not been demonstrated to be wrong. There is no other book which even comes close to this. A book of science which is 200 years old is almost a joke. The primary Biblical criticisms are something which could be a minor typographical error.
3. The Bible is **free of contemporary myths.**

George Washington died because they believed that you could cure illnesses by bleeding. George was bled to death by leaches. If humans had written the Bible at that time, that type statement would probably be in it.

4. The Bible proves itself with **scientific prophecies** in both the Old and New Testaments. No humanly book can match this. (See [www.thearray.org/](http://www.thearray.org/) The Christian Array / 07 The Bible and Histories / 7.2 Biblical Scientific Statements)
5. We have no realistic method to pick and **choose** which portions of the New Testament **to follow on religious teachings.** We might update some social customs such as the need for foot washing as we no longer walk on long dusty roads in sandals, but that is not religion. If the New Testament presents a religious teaching and we choose not do to it, we are in rebellion to the Word.

The accuracy and availability of copies of the Bible in past times has been questionable. It is not the problem today. Massive amounts of early writings have been recovered and analyzed to make modern translations very faithful to the original writings (again, not perfect). **We clearly have good access to the original teachings of Jesus and the Apostles.** Any question posed at this time is a peripheral subject, not what the Good News is or basic instructions for you to follow. Furthermore, it is the **only source** to find the Good News.

Our problem is not having the Good News of Jesus and God. It is following it. The historic motto of the churches of Christ has been "Speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent". That is sometimes updated as "Just the Bible", which says the same thing. Both are a restatement of what it says in Rev. 22:18-19.

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To follow a religious group who doesn't follow this general concept would indicate they are going to do something they have chosen instead of what the Bible teaches. A Methodist priest once said to me that "as God updated the Old Testament with the New Testament, our counsel updates the New Testament with our rulings today". Many do this, but few are so frank about it. Can you imagine taking that attitude to judgment day when Jesus and God are doing the judging.

All that is to say that **God does not guarantee you a perfect Bible in this century**, and you don't need to try to defend it as such. He only guarantees that (1) it is His communication to you, (2) it is His only communication to you, and (3) following it determines your eternal destiny.

Select a translation which is a combination of as literal as practical while still being readable, and follow it.

Benton F. Baugh

## CULTIVATING CHARACTER

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." (Rom. 5:3-5 NLT)

Elizabeth Brown

### 1. **ARBITRATOR**

A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's

### 2. **BERNADETTE**

The act of torching a mortgage.

### 3. **BURGLARIZE**

What a crook sees through

### 4. **AVOIDABLE**

What a bullfighter tries to do

### 5. **EYEDROPPER**

Clumsy ophthalmologist

### 6. **CONTROL**

A short, ugly inmate.

### 7. **COUNTERFEITER**

Workers who put together kitchen cabinets

### 8. **ECLIPSE**

What an Italian barber does for a living.

### 9. **SUDAFED**

Brought litigation against a government official

### 10. **HEROES**

What a man in a boat does

### 11. **PARASITES**

What you see from the Eiffel Tower

### 12. **PARADOX**

Two physicians

### 13. **PHARMACIST**

A helper on a farm

### 14. **POLARIZE**

What polar bears see through

### 15. **PRIMATE**

Remove your spouse from in front of TV

### 16. **RELIEF**

What trees do in the spring

### 17. **RUBBERNECK**

What you do to relax your wife

### 18. **SELFISH**

What the owner of a seafood store does



## WHY WE ARE HAIRLESS

The Great Courses provides quality DVDs by well known college professors on a wide variety of topics. They are a great resource for broadening your education.

The one on Psychology is particularly interesting. A first point of interest is how young the formal study of psychology is (a little more than 100 years), and how many times the truth in psychology has radically changed in that time.

The speaker, and likely most experts in the subject, is a believer in evolution. He goes to great pains to explain as much as he can by evolution.

His crowning achievement was to explain why we are hairless. Among other things, the truth in why we are hairless changed 4 or 5 times depending on how you look at his explanations.

Just so you know, the following is paraphrased some, but it is not made up. It is what was taught. It starts with the presumption that our ancestors were hairy monkeys. His explanations are:

1. **Fleas:** People with less hair tended to survive better because they were less bothered by fleas. When our ancestors were nomadic, there was a natural tendency to move as the fleas got worse, as you simply left them in search of new food. When we settled down to non-nomadic lifestyles, the fleas became more of a problem, so less hairy people survived better. That is survival of the fittest.
2. **Cleanliness:** As we settled down from becoming nomadic forest dwellers to territorial existences, cleanliness became more important and it is easier to be clean if you are not hairy.
3. **Sex:** People with less hair provided more intimate skin contact so it made the act more pleasurable. Those with less hair more likely to be a pleasing mate and therefore more likely to breed.
4. **Cooling:** When global warming occurred and there was less forest and more plains, people had to move from the forest to the plains to compete for food. Moving to the plains meant they had to run a lot to catch their prey instead of eating fruit from trees. Humans can not run as fast as other animals, but they apparently can run farther. Humans chased the prey until

the prey tired and the humans caught up to kill them. Those with less hair could perspire and cool down better so were better at hunting. They were better food providers so they were more likely to mate. (Ignores that while they were out running, the hairy ones were back propagating).

5. **Aquatic Phase:** Apparently the latest modification to the theory is that when going from the forest to the territorial plains existence, there may have been an aquatic phase. If you are going to compete for food by swimming, those with less hair could swim better.

So, now you know why you are hairless. It may be interesting to note that we are not actually hairless. We have decorative hair by design. Some area such as eyebrows and eyelashes are there for some purpose, possibly simply for looks. On our heads we have large amounts of hair. If we were going to shed our hair for cooling or swimming, there is a lot of hair there to shed also.

**Our genes:** He summarized the understanding of evolution is that our genes are material wanting to become **immortal** through our offspring. We are just a big bag of water carrying our genes around (His words). Evolutionary decisions are effectively made to make us immortal.

**Marital fidelity** was an interesting topic. Apparently females want fidelity of their mates primarily to protect their means of support. Males primarily want fidelity of their mates to make sure they are not wasting their resources immortalizing someone else's genes.

They are still studying why a couple would adopt a child, which would dilute their support and use their resources to immortalize someone else's genes. It seems like by their definition, this would disprove their own evolution.

Freely giving of your resources to someone else in **altruism or philanthropy** is baffling to them also.

The DVD did little to dispel the idea that each group of "scientists" puts forth awkward reasons why their area supports atheistic evolution to be a good team player. If you look at each area individually, they are suspect. But if they all act together they tend to be a convincing mass.

## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION – BLOOD BRAIN BARRIER

Whereas there is blood all over the rest of your body, there is none in your brain. Your brain is filled with CSF (cerebrospinal fluid) in a completely separate system from your blood system.

The brain is a highly complex organ which we are a long way from understanding. What is apparent is that it is much more sensitive than many of the other organs in the body. Some of the “foreign substances”, hormones, neurotransmitters and xenobiotics carried in your blood which the other part of the body can tolerate, cannot be tolerated by the brain. They disturb neural functions.

To solve this problem, there is a special barrier around the brain called the blood-brain barrier (BBB). The BBB keeps most foreign substances out and maintains a constant environment for your brain.

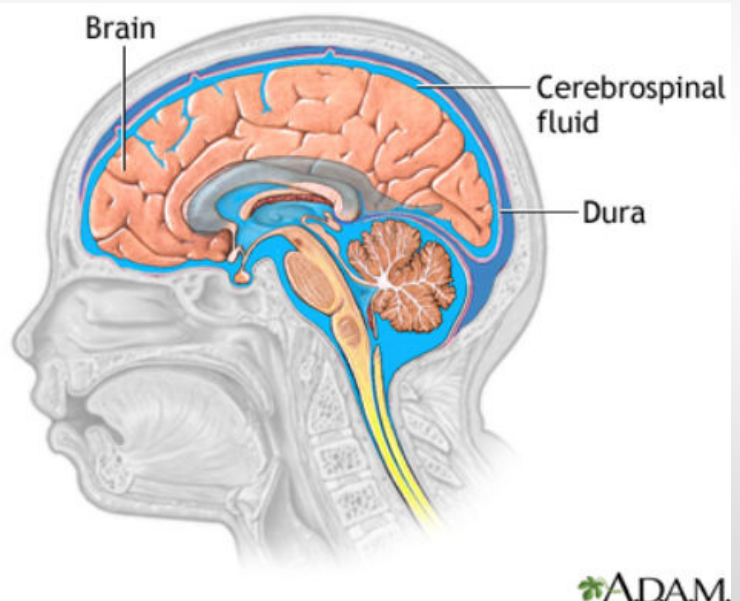
“The **blood–brain barrier (BBB)** is a highly selective semipermeable membrane barrier that separates the circulating blood from the brain and extracellular fluid in the central nervous system (CNS). The blood–brain barrier is formed by brain endothelial cells and it allows the passage of water, some gases, and lipid-soluble molecules by passive diffusion, as well as the selective transport of molecules such as glucose and amino acids that are crucial to neural function. Furthermore, it prevents the entry of lipophilic potential neurotoxins by way of an active transport mechanism mediated by P-glycoprotein. Astrocytes have been claimed to be necessary to create the blood–brain barrier. A few regions in the brain, including the circumventricular organs, do not have a blood–brain barrier.

The blood–brain barrier occurs along all capillaries and consists of tight junctions around the capillaries that do not exist in normal circulation. Endothelial cells restrict the diffusion of



microscopic objects (e.g., bacteria) and large or hydrophilic molecules into the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), while allowing the diffusion of hydrophobic molecules (O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, hormones). Cells of the barrier actively transport metabolic products such as glucose across the barrier with specific proteins. This barrier also includes a thick basement membrane and astrocytic endfeet.” Wikipedia

The BBB slows narcotics to the brain. However, the BBB doesn’t develop until you are a child. This is why fetuses more addicted than a mother on narcotics.



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A BBB could not have been evolved because:

1. The need for this protective barrier could not be recognized until the brain was already being damaged. You could not wait for a few million years for it to evolve.
2. It was not the modification of the programming of something already done, but rather was new programming for a new use.

Surely this was the work of an intelligent designer.

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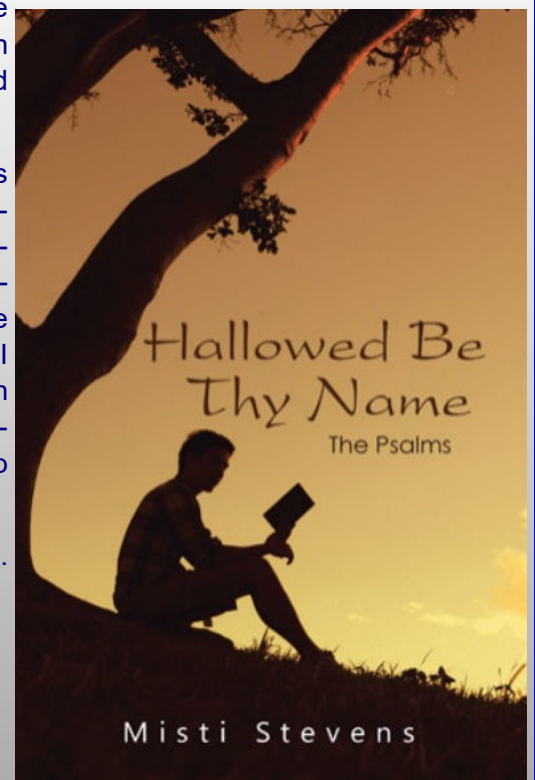
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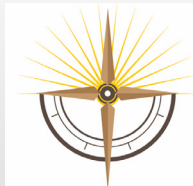
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- **IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION**
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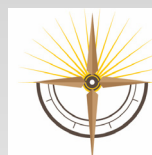
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## **GOSSIP (SINS OF THE TONGUE)**

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**CONCLUSION:** We need to recognize our tendency to gossip, consciously work on not gossiping (negative), and work to develop meaningful relationships with others to minimize the need to gossip.

**DEFINITION OF GOSSIP:** Groundless rumor, chatter, a news monger, (Archaic: a godparent, friend, or crony)

**WHAT IS GOSSIP?** Gossip is generally considered today to be saying or repeating things about other individuals which 1) one does not know to be true and 2) is detrimental to the character or activities of the person gossiped about (Flattery is also condemned!). The term carries negative connotations, with busybody (Unintended) being at one end and slander (Malicious) being on the other end of this type action.

Gossip is an attempt to elevate your position or importance by tearing down another individual. It is generally reflective of one who is not able to otherwise fulfill his or her need for social gratification.

To say something cruel about another person which you know to be true may not be very Christian like, but it is not gossip.

### **LEVELS OF CONVERSATION**

The following are the general levels or types of communication between individuals.

- \* **LEVEL 1: CLICHÉ CONVERSATION**  
LIKE A SIGN ON YOUR DOOR OR THE WORDING ON A "WELCOME" DOORMAT.
- \* **LEVEL 2: REPORTING THE FACTS**  
LIKE TALKING ON A FRONT DOOR INTERCOM
- \* **LEVEL 3: MY IDEAS AND JUDGMENTS**  
CRACKING THE DOOR TO YOUR PERSONALITY OPEN TO TEST THE WATERS, BUT KEEPING THE CHAIN ON THE DOOR JUST IN CASE.
- \* **LEVEL 4: MY FEELINGS (EMOTIONS) (GUT LEVEL)**  
OPENING THE DOOR TO YOUR PERSONALITY WIDE, TAKING A CHANCE TO MAKE MYSELF VULNERABLE TO YOU.
- \* **LEVEL 5: PEAK COMMUNICATIONS**  
INVITE YOU THRU THE DOORWAY OF MY PERSONALITY INTO ME, WE BECOME A ONE PERSON.

These levels of conversation between standing acquaintances generally relate to the maturity of the relationship between the individuals. The ability to communicate with other individuals is an indication of mutual trust and growth of the persons individually and together.

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## **GOSSIP (SINS OF THE TONGUE)**

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Generally, it is reasonable to conclude that gossip is not possible as long as you are only trading clichés so gossip would not normally be done at Level 1 communication.

The implication of being able to converse at the deeper levels of conversation such as Level 4 or Level 5 generally implies that you are more mature as a person and as a social being. These maturities would provide a tendency for you not to need to tear down of other persons to improve your status. This would mean that the probability of gossip at Level 4 or Level 5 conversation would be low (But could still exist).

This would mean that the most likely types of conversation to support gossip would be Level 2 and Level 3. Characteristically, these levels imply that you are not fully secure as a person and would prefer to examine the potential faults of other person rather than risking rejection by discussing your own feelings.

This means that if we can build to a more secure relationship with our associates, we will be able to spend our time discussing more personal and weighty subjects. We will not be dependent on raking potential faults of others over the coals as conversation material.

### **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES RELATING TO SINS OF THE TONGUE**

1. **SPEAKING EVIL:** Matt 5:22, Matt. 12:34, Acts 23:5, Rom. 1:29, Rom. 3:13, I Cor. 6:10, Eph 4:25, Titus 1:10-11, Titus 3:2, James 1:26, James 3:5-10, James 4:11, I Peter 2:1, I Peter 3:9, II Peter 2:7-10, Jude 8-10 (17 verses).
2. **ACCUSATION, FALSE:** Matt. 5:11, Luke 3:14, II Tim. 3:3, I Pet 4:14 (4 verses).
3. **BUSYBODY:** II Thes. 3:11-12, I Tim. 5:13, I Peter 4:15 (3).
4. **FLATTERY:** Luke 6:26, Gal. 1:10, I Thes. 2:4-6, Jude 16 (4).
5. **SLANDER:** Titus 2:3, I Tim. 3:11, Jude 8, Romans 3:8, I Peter 4:4, I Peter 3:10, Eph. 4:31, Titus 3:1-2, I Peter 2:12, I Peter 3:16, I Cor 4:13, Matt 5:11, I Cor. 4:13, II Cor. 12:20, James 4:11. (15 times).
6. **"YOU WILL BE JUDGED BY WHAT YOU SAY",** Matt. 12:36-37 (1)

There are a total of 44 instructions against sins of the tongue and only 8 against drunkenness and 13 for sobriety (Ref: Nave's Topical). Perhaps we are not fairly placing the emphasis on subjects such as these.

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