

The Scriptures: Are They Authoritative?

2Peter 1:19-21

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

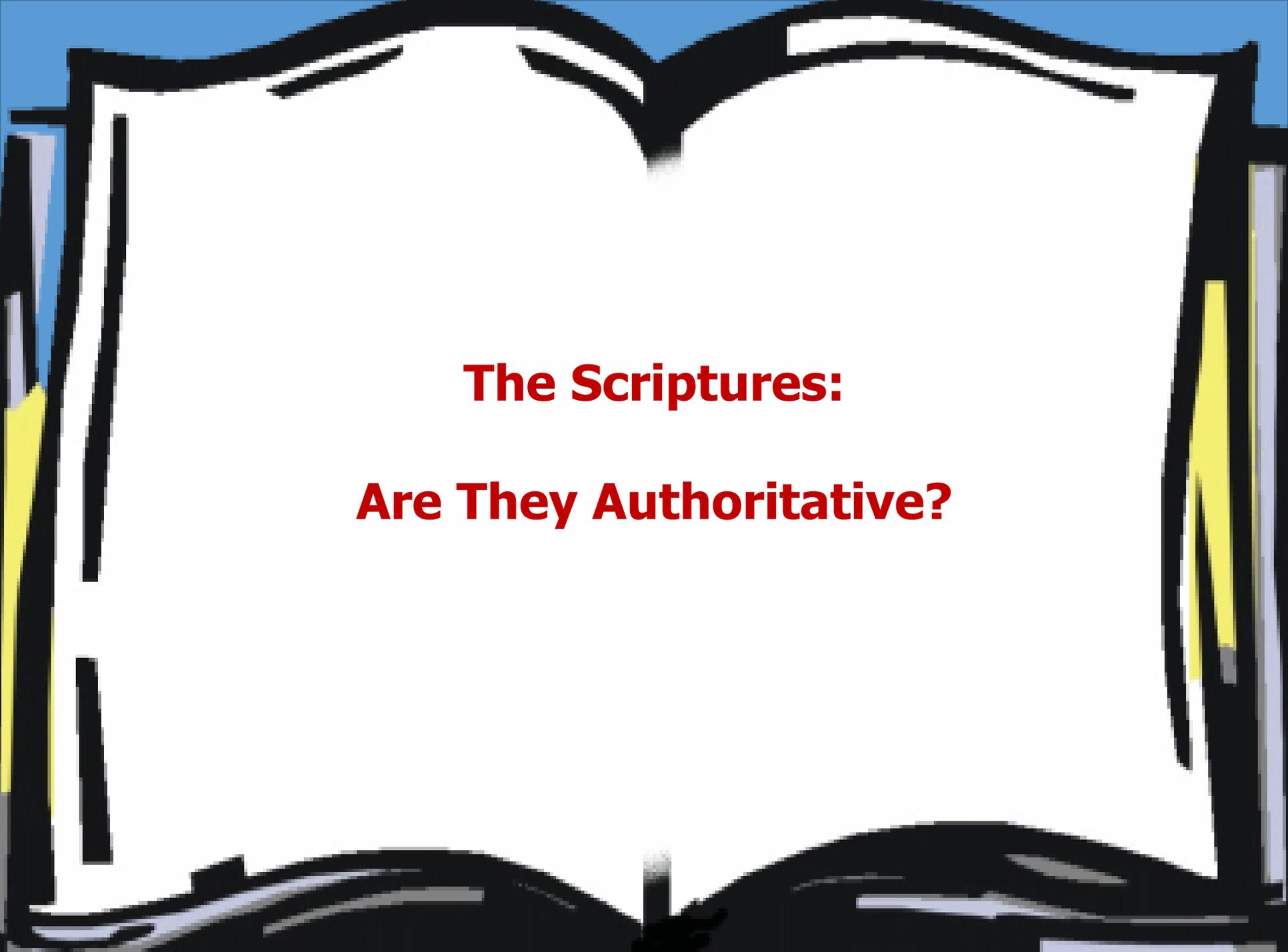
20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

“Scripture”

- gráphō - to write (Luke 4:21)
- The mind of God, including His wisdom, commands, promises, warnings: the Word written in what we know as the Bible.

2Tim 3:14-15 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the **Holy Scriptures**, which are **able to make you wise for salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus.



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Religion's Treatment Of The Scriptures

Neo-orthodoxy

Not word for word revealing but inspired witness in man's words.

Mysticism

God still adding more truth according to cultural direction or personal needs.

Romanism

Church controls, interprets, adds to word when necessary.

Cultism

Add own work of "truth" with or above Scripture thus devalue the true word of God.

Rationalism

The mind is supreme authority and Scripture to be rejected when "unbelievable."

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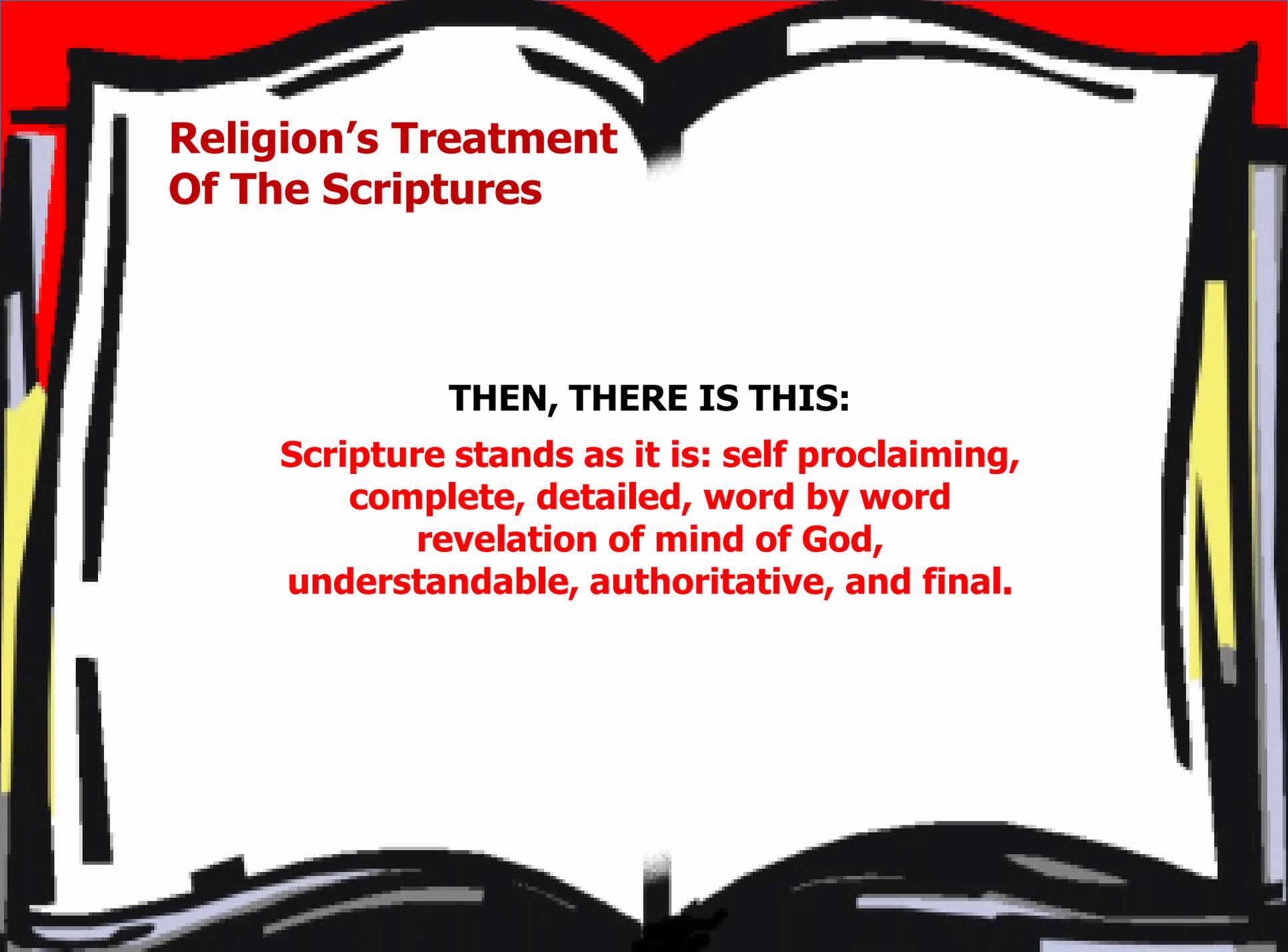
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THEN, THERE IS THIS:

**Scripture stands as it is: self proclaiming,
complete, detailed, word by word
revelation of mind of God,
understandable, authoritative, and final.**

Is The Scripture "Authoritative?"

What Does "Authoritative" Mean?

**Power in an entity
which may be
expressed by that
entity.** 

The constitution is an entity with residing power of chosen leadership (authoritative) expressible in many avenues of our lives.

Let us see that God's word truly is authoritative to earthdwellers.

Why Shouldn't The Scripture Define Its Own Nature?

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The Residing Power
Of God.**

2Timothy 3:16-17

**All Scripture is given by
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profitable for doctrine, for
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17 that the man of God may
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Thus Jesus could make
use of technical aspect
(tense) of OT Scripture.



1Corinthians 2:13

These things we also speak,
not in **words** which man's
wisdom teaches but **which
the Holy Spirit teaches,**
comparing spiritual things with
spiritual.



Matthew 22:32

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...made known
...written down
...readable
...understandable,
...instructs in things of God



Eph 3:3-6

3 how that by revelation **He** made **known** to me the mystery (as I have briefly **written** already,
4 by which, when you **read**, you may **understand** my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),
5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been **revealed by the Spirit** to His holy apostles and prophets:
6 **that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs**, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

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It Claims To Be Truth.

John 16:13

However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 17:17-19

17 Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.** 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, **that they also may be sanctified by the truth.**

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*It Is In Belief Of Truth That
God Calls Us.*

2Thess 2:13-14

13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning **chose you for salvation through** sanctification by the Spirit and **belief in the truth,**

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**The Word Instructs
Authoritatively For
Salvation**

Jas 1:21

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the **implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**

Acts 20:32

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the **word** of His grace, which is able to build you up and **give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.**

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2Peter 1:12

(1:3-11: life of godliness...)

For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the **present truth.**

Thus, 1Cor 13, etc.

About The Scriptures...

- Writings from God, possessing His power.
- Legitimate and powerful source for purposes of knowing God, self, and eternal life.
- Treat with great respect, awe, and caution.
- We can reap the great understanding, perspective, and joy of God...through the Word!!
- Take and live them – they are God's gift to us!!

Faith In Jesus As Son Of God (John 3:16)



Commitment to change of life (2Peter 3:9)

Confession of Jesus (Romans 10:9-10)

Enter into Jesus in baptism (Galatians 3:26-27)

DEAD TO SIN - ALIVE TO CHRIST

BAPTISM

The word 'BAPTISM' is written in large, bold, white capital letters with a blue outline. It is set against a background of dynamic, splashing blue water. The water splash is centered behind the letters, creating a sense of movement and immersion.

