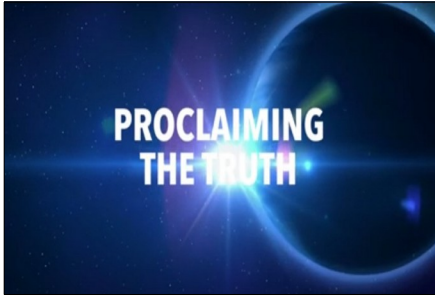


## Modern Versionists Admit: Our Bibles Aren't Inspired

### (Plus Other Lies and Half-Truths)



In a two-part series *Where Did the Bible Come From, and Is the Text Reliable?*<sup>1</sup> with Creation Ministries International's (CMI) Gary Bates (GB) and Lita Cosner (LT), they try to get to the bottom of what the Bible is and if it's still inspired today.

#### Part I

On the inspiration but non-preservation of scripture [4:50-5:08]:

**GB:** "The other thing to point out is, **we're not saying my ESV translation today is inspired, correct?**

**LC:** "**Correct**, when we talk about inspiration, **we're talking about the original documents**, so what Moses originally wrote is inspired by God, **so errors may have crept in over time.**"

The authority behind the CMI [and 'orthodox' seminaries] position is claimed to be Jesus' **words**:

**LC** [10:50-54]: "We get our doctrine of inspiration of scripture from Jesus."

However, as at c30AD, Jesus implied all the scriptures were 100% preserved:

"**Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."<sup>2</sup>

#### Part II

Yes, there are 'errors' in the Bible!

**GB** [0:58]: "We can determine, hang on folks, there are errors in **the Bible.**"<sup>3</sup>

Moving quickly to damage control after dropping this bombshell:

**LC** [2:27]: "No error affects a doctrine."

Which is demonstrably false as their own 'preferred' ESV makes Jesus a sinful liar in John 7.8ab: "You go up to the feast. **I am not going up to this feast.**"<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>[youtube.com/watch?v=or\\_IIH8hels&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=or_IIH8hels&feature=emb_logo), May 28, 2020 [Part I];

[youtube.com/watch?v=zcXn6aD4FsM&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcXn6aD4FsM&feature=emb_logo), June 11, 2020 [Part II]

<sup>2</sup>John 5.39, Authorized Version

<sup>3</sup>While Gary places this in the context of variant *copies*, he later admits small ones do exist in 'the Bible'.

<sup>4</sup>The ESV translators even had the audacity to footnote, "Some manuscripts **add** 'yet'."

LT [5:11-13]: "He [Erasmus] couldn't have dreamed of having the wealth of information available we have today."

Erasmus *rejected* one half of the 'wealth' of today's scholars, i.e., the 1475AD Vatican manuscript, and never saw the other half, the corrupt Codex Simonides, which arose in the 19<sup>th</sup>C. Since he had access to the preserved Greek manuscripts from Greeks, the thought to go dumpster diving in Upper-Egyptian rubbish tips never entered his mind.

LT [6:20-6:38]: Some well known formal equivalent translations are the KJV, NKJV, **ESV**, and **NASB**. If you look at them side by side, they're going to seem very similar because they have a very similar translation philosophy."

This is deceptive since the ESV and NASB are translated from the Westcott and Hort Critical Text line.

LT [8:17-8:25]: "We believe that it's the actual words of scripture that **are**

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inspired, and so that's why scholars even today will try and go back to the original Greek and Hebrew because they want to get as close to the original as possible."

In a cognitive-dissonance induced breakdown, the *is* inspired scripture only *was*, and needs a check against 'the original' inspiration to find out what they might *be* (enter scholars like Dan Wallace to the rescue)?

Rather than "proclaiming truth", this effort to reassure Christians they can have and hold an inerrant Bible in their hands today is as persuasive as looking up the original autographs in your local library.