



Reflections

“Biblical Inerrancy” by Stefano Mugnaini

The following is an article I wrote some time ago, the original of which is actually lost to me. I found this on a website, and thought “Hey, that’s mine.” I don’t think it is exceptionally well-written, but it is a message we need to constantly reflect on.

We live in a day where everyone from the atheist to the professed believer questions whether the Bible is really of Divine origin. The Catholic Church is soon to release a document that discounts the inerrancy of the Bible regarding all matters other than salvation. Some of our own brethren have espoused this same view. Several professors from Abilene Christian, in a book called “God’s Holy Fire,” made the statement that inerrancy does not apply to minor details, and is unimportant anyway. With the Bible under attack from all sides, it is increasingly important that we take a stand on this issue. If God’s Word is inaccurate, self-contradictory or wrong

on any point, than it contains numerous lies because it claims to be the Law and the Word of a perfect being. The Biblical writers claimed that they were “Moved by God” and that their words were “God-Breathed.” If this is true, as God is, by definition, infallible, then His Word would be inerrant as well. If God’s Word is wrong about creation, location, History or Geography, then why not about Satan, Sin, or Salvation? In truth, the Word of God stands or falls as a whole. And as a whole, we can be confident that it stands, because we can be confident that it is from God.

Consider the words of B.C. Goodpasture: “The nature and contents of the Bible are such that the rank and file of its readers in all generations have recognized God as its author. Man would not have written such a book, if he could; and could not, if he would... Its thoughts are not the thoughts of men.” That statement articulates one of the strongest argu-

ments for the Bible as a revelation from God. Man WOULD NOT produce such a book. I believe that the motivation of many is to reject the Bible on the basis that it does not agree with their choice of lifestyle. Even among other “holy” books, such as the Quran, there is no elevation of meekness, humility, or a peaceful response to persecution. Among the broader scope of Human literature, this is likewise uncommon. Obviously, just disagreeing or disliking an idea does not make it untrue: I wish cheesecake wouldn’t make me fat; but that doesn’t change the nature of cheesecake. Man’s rejection of the Bible doesn’t compromise its accuracy; indeed, it is perhaps the greatest evidence of its Divine origin. If the Bible were a product of man, it would agree with his ideas.

The second part of Good pasture’s statement makes the point that man COULD NOT have produced the Bible. Again, look at other religious

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Class: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

7:00 pm



**For the Record
Week of 08-02-09**

**Elder for the Month
of August**

**Program of
Worship**

Helen Embry
Mark Embry
Polly Fowler
Leonard McNeill
Lois Ott

Bible Classes: 58
AM Worship: 113
PM Worship: 39
Wednesday Evening: 53
Contribution: 3,582.00

Larry Casbeer: 795-0429



Announcements:
Larry Casbeer

Song Service:
Roddy Akers

Opening Prayer:
Ron Herman

Communion:
Hilton Googe

Sermon:
Stefano Mugnaini

Closing Prayer:
Herman Porter



Preparing communion: Sandy Dee

Baptismal Garments: Ginnie Fowler

Military
Robert Bagley
Kristopher Black
Adam Bowles
Chris Branham
Adam Carlucci
Russell Coble
Ryne Collins
James Dalton
Mark Fiorey
Ellis Flenoid
Steven Hilton
Michael Hilton
Matthew Lemieux
Katie McCaskill
Kevin Mitchell
Scott O'Connor
Shawn Reynolds



We Are Praying For...

Larry Cooper, Ruby's son, has lung cancer.

Maxine Doll has some health problems and would like our prayers. Maxine is Pam Ragland's mother.

Michelle & Kenny Drawdy are having some difficult times and requested prayers. Michelle is a co-worker of Terri Fagan.

Emily Fowler, Scott Fowler's mother, has some health problems and would like our prayers.

Duke Gregory, Doris and Janie's brother, has been moved back to Manchester Health Care, in Manchester, TN. He is improving each day.

Clara Haselden is receiving chemo treatments.

Val Mabry, Ann Mabry Standefer's aunt, has Alzheimer's.

Nell McIntire has cancer and is the sister of Lois Ott.

Jim Moore has cancer. He attends Chesapeake Church of Christ.

Bethany Pahl, Jessie Boozer Pahl's cousin, is having complications due to her recent surgery.

Ronnie Rush had surgery on June 22nd to replace both knees.

Louise Shaw, co-worker of Natasha Streets. Louise's husband is very ill.

Sam & Barbara Truscillo, Raymond Boynton's neighbors, are in need of prayers. Sam has health problems and Barbara is the caregiver.

Mille Turley, extended family member of Ray & Ellen Brown, had cardiac surgery to repair an aneurysm and valve issue. She is having complications and recovering slowly.

Here Is What Is Happening...

Ice Cream Social

We will be having our annual ice cream social following the evening service. If you have a churn, please bring it. Everyone else is asked to bring their favorite flavor of ice cream, toppings or dessert.

Fall Quarter

If you would like to teach this quar-

ter, please see Keith Dee or Ginnie Fowler.

VBS 2010

We are looking for 3 volunteers to plan our VBS for 2010. If you are interested, there is a sign up sheet in the foyer.



Happy Birthday!

8/11

Scott Fowler

Thank you...

To My Caring Family at
Essex Village,

I wish to thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement and cards of sympathy during the passing of my brother Ben Patterson. It was very encouraging and it lifted my spirit

and touched my heart. It was very thoughtful of you. Again, many thanks.

With much love,
Earline



**House to House,
Heart to Heart**

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literature. The Book of Mormon and the Quran are full of contradictions and errors. The book of Mormon claims to be a companion volume to the Bible, yet contradicts it, and itself, on numerous doctrines such as marital issues, Baptism and The Lord's Supper. The Quran approves and yet condemns violence against non Muslims. It expressly condemns and yet endorses polygamy. There are no such contradictions in the Bible. There are no errors in Historical or Scientific fact. This shows it to be above man's capacity to create. In these

few words, I have undoubtedly made grammatical or spelling errors, yet 1500 years and 40+ authors were able to produce a perfect document? There have been volumes written on factual errors in the Bible, and volumes written refuting these. Had one succeeded, would it not have made the front page of every paper? Only God could create a perfect book. And He did. And the task is before each of us who believe to be "set for the defense of the Gospel."

The latest edition of
*House to House,
Heart to Heart*
has arrived. They
have been placed on
the table in the foyer
along with some
tracts. Please be sure
to pick up a few to
share with your
friends and
neighbors.

Bulletin Board

Gospel Meeting

Where: Folly Road Church of Christ

When: August 9th—August 13

Time: 7:30 pm

North Charleston Church of Christ Homecoming

When: September 5th & 6th

Saturday drop-in at Fort Dorchester High School located off Patriot Blvd. at 4:00 pm—9:00 pm. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship service will be held at FDHS.

Mid-Atlantic Evangelism Seminar

Where: Brooks Avenue Church of Christ

700 Brooks Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27607

Theme: Leave No One Behind

Date: September 18-20, 2009

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