

# One Book

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## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

False doctrines emerge when...

### 1. **SCRIPTURE IS INTERPRETED ERRONEOUSLY**

That's why it's best to:

- Read (and study) Scripture for yourself
- Engage the Holy Spirit as you read and interpret Scripture
- Assess for harmony with other Scripture

False doctrines emerge when...

### 2. **HUMAN IDEAS ARE ADDED TO SCRIPTURE**

2 Peter 2:1-3

1 ... there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them-bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

False doctrines emerge when...

### 3. **SCRIPTURE IS SOFTENED BY DISTORTING THE MEANING IN AN EFFORT NOT TO OFFEND** (today we call that Political Correctness)

2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather

around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

## WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE IN THE AUTHENTICITY OF GOD'S WORD?

1. Jesus himself constantly referenced the OT writings.  
"It is written..."
2. The gospels are rooted in multiple eyewitness testimony.  
2 Peter 1:16  
We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
3. The gospels were written too close to the actual events to be untrue.  
(written approximately 50 years after actual events, in the lifetime of many witnesses)
4. The NT contains embarrassing and hard to explain material that the authors would have deleted if they weren't true.
5. Science, archaeology and ancient historical writings tend to corroborate the Bible.
  - Pool of Bethesda described in John 5 – discovered in 1800's
  - Dead Sea Scrolls dating back to 100AD – discovered in Qumran, 1947
  - Ruins of Jericho described in Joshua 6 – discovered in 1950's
6. Most of the NT authors were martyred for their beliefs. Would they have died for a lie?
7. It CHANGED MY LIFE !!