



“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for **the old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls...”

Jer. 6:16

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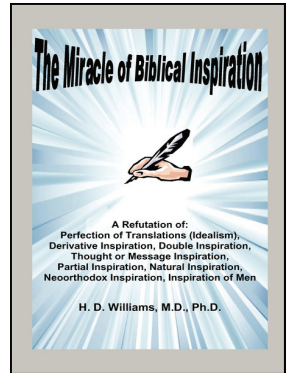
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THE FEATURED BOOK OF THE MONTH

Dr. Williams’ new book, *The Miracle of Biblical Inspiration*, defends the process and product of inspiration. Inspiration is a specific Biblical doctrine. The most neglected aspect of inspiration is the failure by most authors and teachers to explain that the Words are a miracle, “once delivered,” and foundational. Biblical inspiration relates to the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Words that were recorded by the Apostles and prophets.

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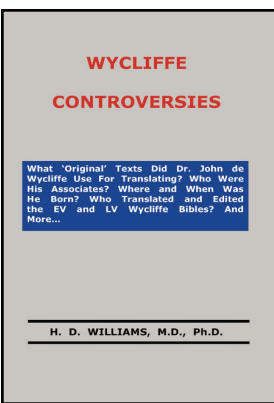
Each book has to meet certain qualifications (click [here](#)).

EACH MONTH WE WILL FEATURE A BOOK.

There are currently three excellent books in the pipeline that will be published very shortly. When they are published they will be featured. They are: *A Critical Answer to James Price, 225 of Price’s Statements Analyzed Carefully for Errors, Misrepresentations, and Serious Falsehoods* by Dr. D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D.; *One Tittle Shall In No Wise Pass, Destroying the Scholarly Myth that God Did Not Inspire the Vowels of the Old Testament* by Dr. Chester Kulus; and *Jesus is God* by Dennis Helton. The Old Paths Publications is anxious for these much needed books to be in your hands.

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There are many controversies that surround the work of Dr. John de Wycliffe.



TOP has received a number of phone calls and emails precipitated by the book, *Wycliffe Controversies*. The most frequently asked question is: “Did Wycliffe use the Latin Vulgate or the Greek Textus Receptus/Traditional Text to translate the Bible?”

If one considers the evidence currently available, a researcher would have to conclude that the Wycliffe Bible was based upon the Latin Vulgate. There are many questions being raised by researchers who claim to have proven that Wycliffe used the TR/TT. Although recent evidence is suggestive of the use of TR/TT manuscripts, it is not conclusive.

It is hoped that the manuscripts housed in the libraries and museums in England would be examined carefully for any corrections or changes made in the handwritten manuscripts. If the changes reflect a significant modification from the TR/TT to the Latin Vulgate, then this would be important evidence for corruption of the Wycliffe Bible by Roman Authorities. Otherwise, current information is too circumstantial to make absolute claims that counter the present historical information.

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GLEANINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

BALAAMITES

The current state of affairs in the U.S. Congress, on Wall Street, in the mortgage and banking industries, in political leadership such as in the state of Illinois, and in many “religious” ministries, reminds this author of the report of Balaam and Balak in Numbers, chapters 22—24. This account is so serious that it is mentioned at least 70 times in scripture (i.e. with Baalpeor and Peor).

If you recall, Balaam was a prophet and soothsayer who was called upon by the Moabite King, Balak, to curse the nation Israel (Nu. 22:6). Balaam was offered “the rewards of divination,” which was gold, silver, and honour (Nu. 22:7, 17,18). Repeatedly, Balaam approached God for permission to go with the princes of Moab and Midian. Yet, God had given Balaam his answer, which was “no,” on his first inquiry. Once should have been enough for Balaam, but at the behest of the pagan leaders he continued to inquire (Nu. 22:12). Obviously, God gave him over to his own lusts just as he did Pharaoh in Egypt at the time of the exodus of Israel.

As the account in Scripture unfolds, the reader discovers some interesting aspects garnered from this passage and from many other books of the Bible. It becomes obvious that God turns Balaam over to his own perverse heart. Although God’s omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence can be observed controlling the circumstances, in the end, he allows Balaam to demonstrate his corrupted heart. Before presenting the aspects revealed about Balaam’s character and its application to the sad current situation in America (and elsewhere), be aware of the following important theme.

First, note that God controls the very words spoken by Balaam. Second, God is able to cause a donkey to speak or to be heard by Balaam as if the donkey were speaking. Whatever the case, God can exert control over a man and even an animal so that only His Words are spoken. Is this not the case with the very Words of Scripture recorded in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek? God’s apostles and prophets received and recorded the precise Words of God. This account of Balaam is typologically the way Scripture is God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16). God does the giving; man does the recording. Precise, perfect, amazing, infallible, inerrant Words are the product of this process. We should cherish them more than all the silver and gold that the world has to offer.

This is not the case with Balaam. We discover that Balaam found a way around the explicit commands and warnings of God, even His very Words, although he was a prophet of God. God “answers the fool according to his folly” and “gives him up to his own desire” (Prov. 26:5; Psa. 78:29-30). His name means “not of God,” “foreigner,” or “destroyer.” His name corresponds to “Nicolaitans” mentioned in Rev. 2:6 cf. 2:14. The Apostle Peter tells us that Balaam “loved the wages of unrighteousness” (2 Pe. 2:15). In the end, Balaam was the cause for many Israelites to fall into fornication, worship of idols, and run greedily after reward (cf. Jude 1:11, Rev. 2:14). These sins were the great downfall that occurred at the place called Baalpeor. Washington D.C., Wall Street, and many other places in our nation have typically become “Baalpeor.”

Are we seeing the same character defects in the leaders of our government, important institutions, banks, and “religious” organizations? I think so! They should be our examples, but instead they have turned “to the wages of unrighteousness” secondary to greed. For these reasons, I call them Balaamites. They have typically become Judas Iscariots or the likes of Ahithophel who joined King David’s son, Absalom, in rebellion against his father (2 Sam. 15:12; 31, 16:21, Jn. 12:6). Are we seeing rebellion, fornication, greed, and worship of idols in Washington and elsewhere in our nation? Yes, the land is full of Balaamites. Pray for our country.

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