



WHERE DOES IT ALL COME FROM?

Wayne's Weekly Words Some people wonder how it is possible to come up with "weekly words" week after week! Right now there are over one hundred of them available to you at:

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to obtain a listing of them. So, where do these all come from?



The Apostle John already gave a hint at the answer.

John 21:25 (NKJV)

And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

I suppose I am just helping to do my part in filling the world with these "books."

The real answer to the question has to do with inspiration. We claim that the Bible was written under the inspiration of God

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

While, doctrinally, this applies to the 66 books of the Bible, God, through the Spirit inspires teachers and preachers today. The day that I write a "weekly word" completely on my own, I shall quit writing.

Many times when I sit down to write one of these, there is an idea that God planted in my head so I start writing, and I have no idea where it is going to go and end.

Writing by inspiration can be of a special form by which the Bible was created, but remember this.

When Paul wrote his epistles to Timothy, he was writing letters to Timothy (and Timothy's church). Paul did not say "Gee, I think we need a couple of epistles to Timothy in the Bible." He had no idea, at the time, they would become part of our Bibles.

Dillmann more scientifically claims that "history knows nothing of the individual books having been designed to be sacred from their origin. These books bore indeed in themselves from the first those characteristics on account of which they were subsequently admitted into the sacred collection, but yet always had first to pass through a shorter or longer period of verification, and make trial of the Divine power resident within them upon the hearts of the church before they were outwardly and formally acknowledged by it as Divine books."

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia.

Today, hundreds of years have passed since we established the 66 books to be the Bible. The Roman Catholics (at least some of them) add the set of books call the apocrypha.

Getting back today, I believe every true preacher and teacher relies on some inspiration from the Holy Spirit to guide his writing (or speaking).

Then, there is experience to consider. I started writing and teaching Bible studies about 1965 so I have about 45 years of experience in writing. I also have a library of over 500 books (on my computer) from which to draw information (including almost 40 Bible versions.) If you want John 3:16 in Latin or Spanish, I've got it.

John 3:16 (Vulgate)

sic enim dilexit Deus mundum ut Filium suum unigenitum daret ut omnis qui credit in eum non pereat sed habeat vitam aeternam

John 3:16 (LBLA)

Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que dio a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que cree en El, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna.

So, to write week-after-week, one needs much practice, many references, but, most of all, guidance from the Holy Spirit and encouragement from those who read them.