

Scripture and Its Nature

2 Peter 1:16-21

The Bible is a book that answers life's most important questions, while faithfully reflecting reality, and speaking about it with clarity in language that is clear and understandable to all.

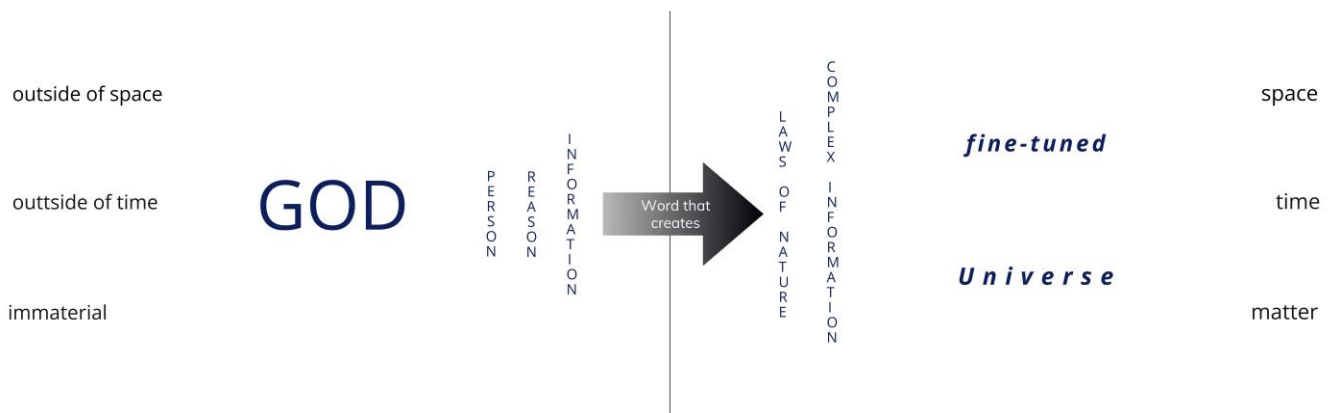
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I. The Bible Is the Word

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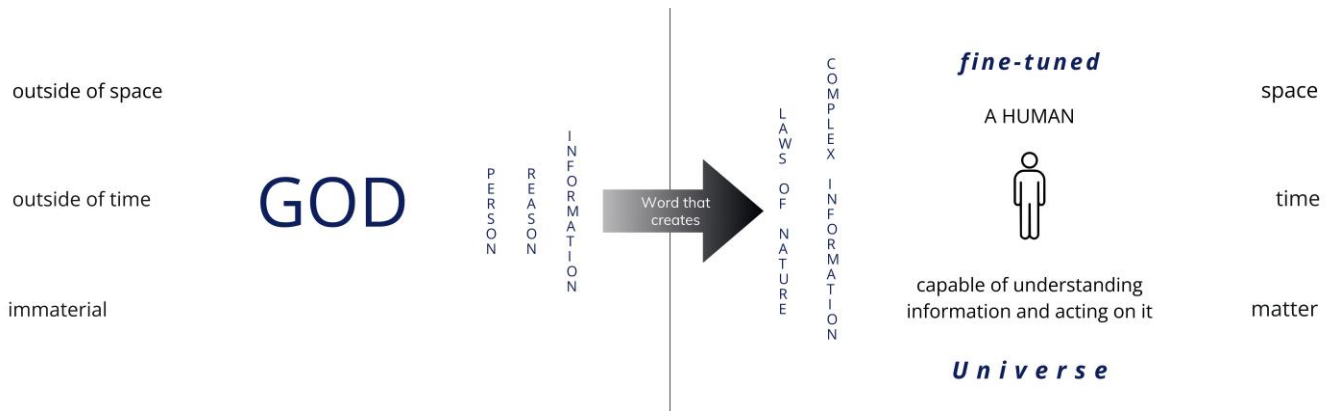
John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word (Logos), and the Word (Logos) was with God, and the Word(Logos) was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.



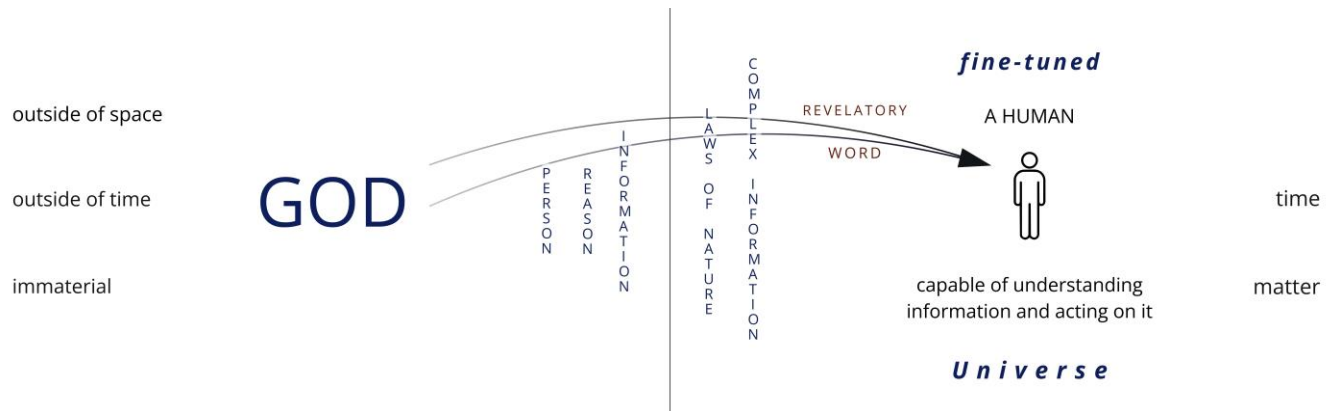
Gen. 1:26 Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'

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Gen. 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.



Ps. 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.



Deut. 4:12 Then the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice.

Deut. 4:15 Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

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2 Tim. 3:16-17 All Scripture is **breathed out by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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Luke 1:1-4 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Luke 2:1-2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Luke 2:3-4 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

1 John 1:1-4 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

John 21:24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

The Bible is a book that answers the key questions of life, accurately reflecting reality, and doing so in a documentary style, using clear and understandable language.

- The Bible is the Word—God's revelation of Himself, God's information, which human beings are able to understand.
- The Bible is the God-inspired Word. It was written through a unique supernatural process in which the Word of God was expressed accurately and without error through real people in the real circumstances of their lives.
- The Bible is a document. It stands in sharp contrast to myths.

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Questions for Prayerful Reflections

- Do you pay attention to Scripture as to a lamp for your life?
- Do you understand divine nature of Scripture?
- Do you recognize its absolute authority?
- Do you nourish your soul with it to be obedient to it?