

Other Challenges: Errors, Authorship and Miracles

Wednesday Night, 2024

Errors:

- We have such a large number of manuscripts to compare each one to and against. If a scribe made an error or a section of scripture was changed, we can be confident that, given our amount of manuscripts, we can find the original reading.

Errors:

- In essence, the majority of our manuscripts agree save for several sections where readings impact the meaning of the text. However, we can find the original because we have enough manuscripts to parse through. We also have the context and the theology of any given book. We are confident we have the original wording.

Authorship:

- The first question we want to ask is this: *Does it matter who wrote the books of the NT and where they got their information from?*

Authorship:

The burden of proof: *Who has it?*

Authorship:

What answer do Christians have?

- We accept that teaching that was given to the apostles and communicated through them.

- Matthew 28:16-20

- Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53, and Acts 1:1-9

Authorship:

What answer do Christians have?

- What about:

> Luke and Acts? (Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1-9)

> Hebrews? (Heb. 2:2-4)

> Jude? (Jude vv. 1-3)

Apostolic Teaching, which carries the authority of Christ

Authorship:

What answer do Christians have?

- Our (often) books tell us who the authors are
- The teaching is consistent across the board
- Though we don't know some authors, they base their teaching on the Apostles, which carries the authority of Christ

Authorship:

What answer do Christians have?

- We have complete trust in our authorship because history attests to it and our books bear the name or authority of the apostles.

What would you say to someone who continues to just disagree with our notion of authorship?

Authorship and Miracles:

- Remember our conversation on

Presuppositions

- The reason they don't believe is because of their presuppositions and the work the Holy Spirit is doing—whether for salvation or not.

Miracles:

- Simple!

- > The unbelieving worldview does not allow for supernatural events.

- > They say it can't be real because of the natural function of the world and universe

Miracles:

- Christian Response:

> Our worldview accounts for supernatural events.

> We have no problem with them not because we believe in “magic” but a capable God.

Miracles:

- Non-Christian Thought:

- > Cannot provide an adequate answer to the Resurrection of Christ

- > The change of the apostles from fear to fearless

- > Paul, James, Peter, and so on

Miracles:

- What do we do?

- > Push back and critique the worldview and show their inability to answer questions or concerns about the natural world.

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