



# Tale of Two Trails

Part 2 The Trail From Beyond the Universe

**Subject:** Isn't the Bible just another ancient book written by men?

## I. God's Word brings salvation to humans

1 Peter 1:10–12 <sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours, searched and inquired carefully,...

Salvation... from what?

Two distinct definitions of humanity:

- a. Evolved from monkeys
- b. Bear the image of God

Genesis 1:26-27 define what it means to be human- We are image bearers of the Living God.

What does that mean?

- a. We are free moral agents – we know right and wrong
- b. We have been given language so we can communicate complex ideas to each other

Important point: We could not know what it means to be human nor could we know what is wrong with humans in that we harm one another without God communicating to us how we were created and how we went astray.

Is your life valuable?

- If we descended from monkeys and originally from amoebas, well then your life is as valuable as an amoeba!
- If we are sons and daughters of the Living God created in His Image, then your life is extremely valuable!

You are so valuable that Christ came and died to save you!

## II. What is the prophetic Word?

What are prophets?

The Bible describes a very select group of people called 'prophets.' They are the ones who penned the words of the Bible in the language of their day.

Okay... but how did they get the words?

2 Peter 1:16-20

Vs 16- Peter addresses this very question: Is the Bible made up ideas of men?

His answer: Two-part answer

- 1) Vs 16b-18 Peter describes his personal experience witnessing the glorified Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration described in t Luke 9:28-36. Peter is saying that this event that he personally witnessed is major evidence that the Christian story is not some myth. It originates in Heaven.
- 2) Vs 19-20 The prophets who wrote the Bible obtained the thoughts,... the wisdom,... the words from God Himself. The Holy Spirit came upon them and gave them the thoughts that they spoke in words.

a. Application:

The Bible is the most unique document in the world. It demands our attention! It changes our lives! There is nothing to compare to its power to change people. That's because its origins is before the stars... giving us information we could not discover.

### III. The Confused Authors

1 Peter 10b-11

This gives us real insight into what inspiration of the scriptures was like for the prophet. They spoke words. These are words that came to them as the Holy Spirit moved upon their hearts. Either the prophet or his scribe wrote the words down. Then the prophet himself reviewed what was written.

And WHOA! What does this mean?...he asks himself!

The prophet spoke the words in his own style but did not fully understand what this meant.

1 Peter 1:12

- Revelation Defined: Generally, this word means something that is supernatural; a **supernatural revelation**
- Inspiration is when revelation is written down. It results in **inspired** text.
- Illumination –This is what happens to us when we study, read, listen to understand. We have an “Ah Ha!” moment.

Note: The prophets came to understand that they prophesied a mystery that was to be understood by later generations. And that means us!

IDEA: The Prophetic Word is so grand the authors and the angels longed to understand what it was trying to say...

We, on the other hand, can understand with the coming of the Messiah!

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**Answer:** The Bible is wisdom originating in the mind of the Creator before time began giving people information that has the power to dramatically changes our lives

**Big Idea:** The Bible: The Oldest, Most Powerful Book in History... actually before history