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THE RELIABILITY OF SCRIPTURE

Review

- Apologetics—
- Worldview—
- Four elements of a worldview—
- The two tactical questions—
- Examining evidence—
- Evidence for God—

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Christian Beliefs about the Bible

- **Inspired:**

- **Infallible & Inerrant:**

- **Sufficient:**

Canon



Hebrew word meaning “reed.” Reeds were cut and used as measuring sticks. Canon means a rule or standard by which other books, beliefs and practices are compared and evaluated.

WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT?

- **Providential exposure:**
- **Attributes of Canonicity:**
- **Internal testimony of the Holy Spirit:**

FINGERPRINTS OF GOD



Six Evidences of the Bible's Supernatural Authorship



Prophecy



UNITY



LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS



THE 5 MOST CONSEQUENTIAL QUESTIONS IN LIFE

- **ORIGIN:** Where did we come from?
- **IDENTITY:** Who are we?
- **MEANING:** Why are we here?
- **MORALITY:** How should we live?
- **DESTINY:** Where are we going?

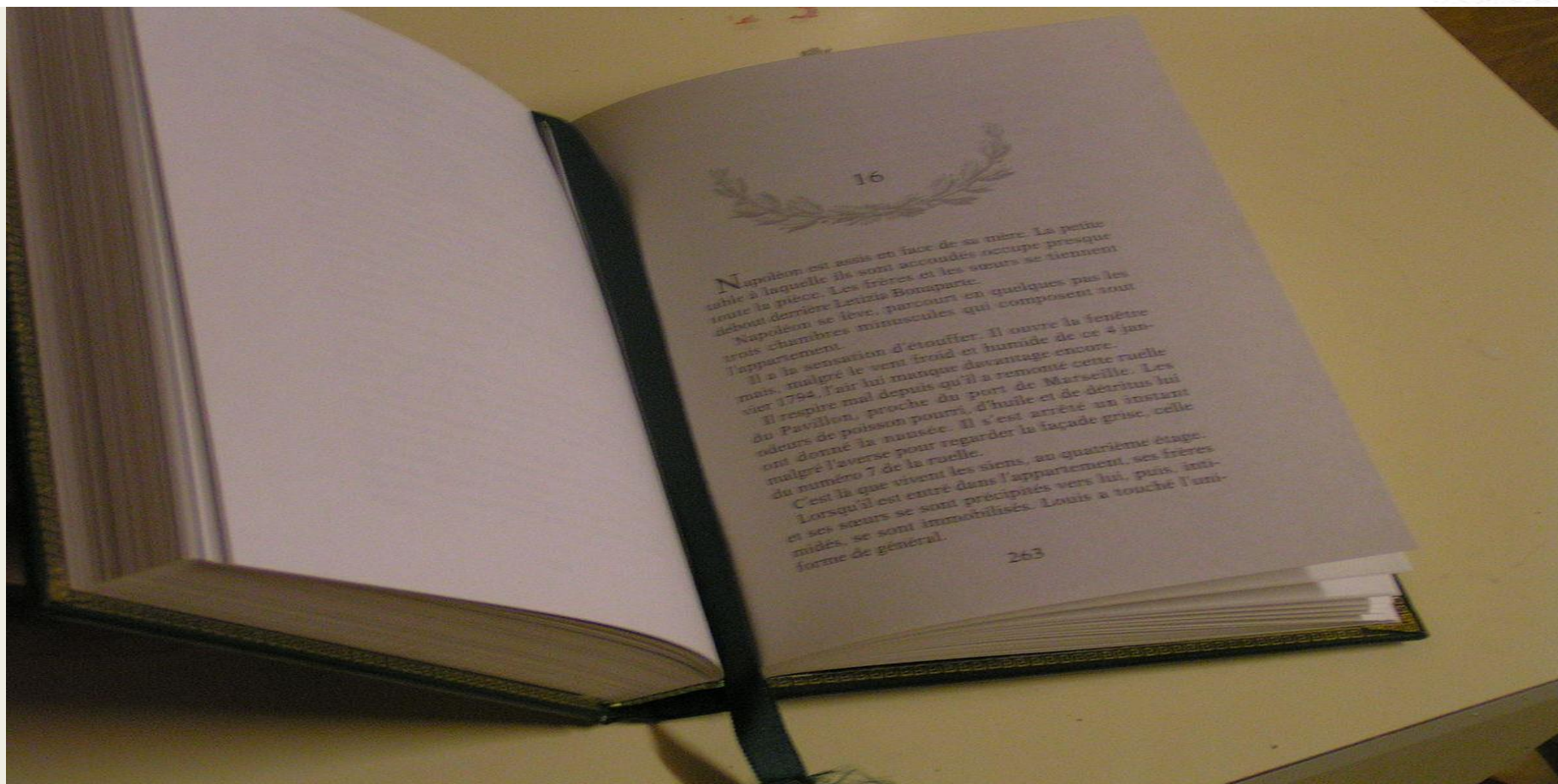


Four elements of every worldview

- **Creation:** Why is there something rather than nothing & what's the point
- **Fall:** Something is wrong in the world! What is it?
- **Redemption:** What is the solution to what is wrong with the world?
- **Restoration:** What will a repaired world look like?

HISTORY

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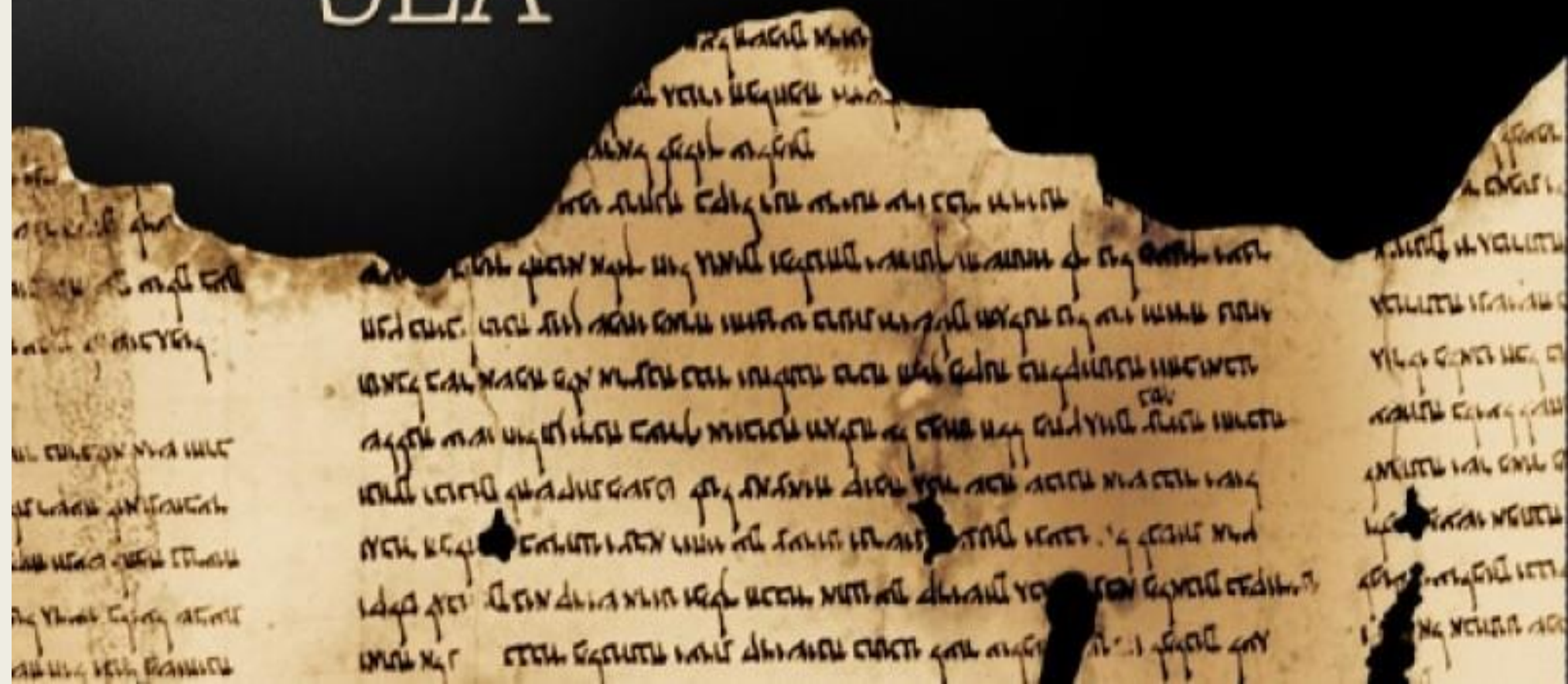
CHANGED LIVES



The Fist: smashing through history



DEAD SEA SCROLLS



1 THESSALONIANS 2:13

*AND WE ALSO THANK GOD CONSTANTLY
FOR THIS, THAT WHEN YOU RECEIVED
THE WORD OF GOD, WHICH YOU HEARD
FROM US, YOU ACCEPTED IT, **NOT AS
THE WORD OF MEN, BUT AS WHAT IT
REALLY IS, THE WORD OF GOD, WHICH IS
AT WORK IN YOU BELIEVERS.***

2 Peter 3:15-16

*...just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the **other Scriptures.**"*

Who knows?



Textual *VARIANT*

- A *variant* is simply any words which disagree in the manuscripts.
- A textual variant arises when a scribe makes an alteration — whether intentionally or inadvertently — to the text he is copying

Determination of *Variants*

- **Meaningful** – changes the meaning of the text
- **Viable** – Potentially represents the original wording of the text

The Truth about *Variants*

- When you total up the textual variants that don't change the meaning of the text, they represent over 99% of all textual variants.
- In fact, Dan Wallace argues that it's more like 99.75% of all variants.⁶
- None of the variants effect any core doctrine of the Christian Faith.

An exercise in textual criticism

- But as for you, O man, flee this thing. Pursue godliness, righteousness, faith, love, steadfastness, tenderness.
- As for you, O man of God, flee things. Seek righteousness, faith, love, steadiness, gentleness.”
- But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue rightness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness, and self-control.
- But as for you, man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.
- But for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.