

Divine Revelation

WE BELIEVE: THE CATHOLIC FAITH RE-PRESENTED
SESSION 2

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Dei Verbum: Dogmatic Constitution on Divine
Revelation, 1965
Second Vatican Council

How do we know about God?

Reason
(Romans 1:13-23)

Revelation:
Private
Public

Sources of Revelation

Sacred Tradition

Matthew 28:16-20

2 Thessalonians

2:1-2, 11-15



Magisterium

Acts 15:1-21

2 Peter 1:12-21



Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.)

“This is the faith of the fathers, this is the faith of the Apostles. So we all believe, thus the orthodox believe. Anathema to him who does not thus believe. ***Peter has spoken thus through Leo.*** So taught the Apostles.”

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Sacred Scripture

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Dei Verbum 11

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Dei Verbum 11

“For holy mother Church, relying on the belief of the Apostles, holds that the books of both the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, with all their parts, are sacred and canonical because written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on as such to the Church herself. In composing the sacred books, God chose men and while employed by Him they made use of their powers and abilities, so that with Him acting in them and through them, they, as true authors, consigned to writing everything and only those things which He wanted.”



Where did the Bible come from?

ta biblia = the books

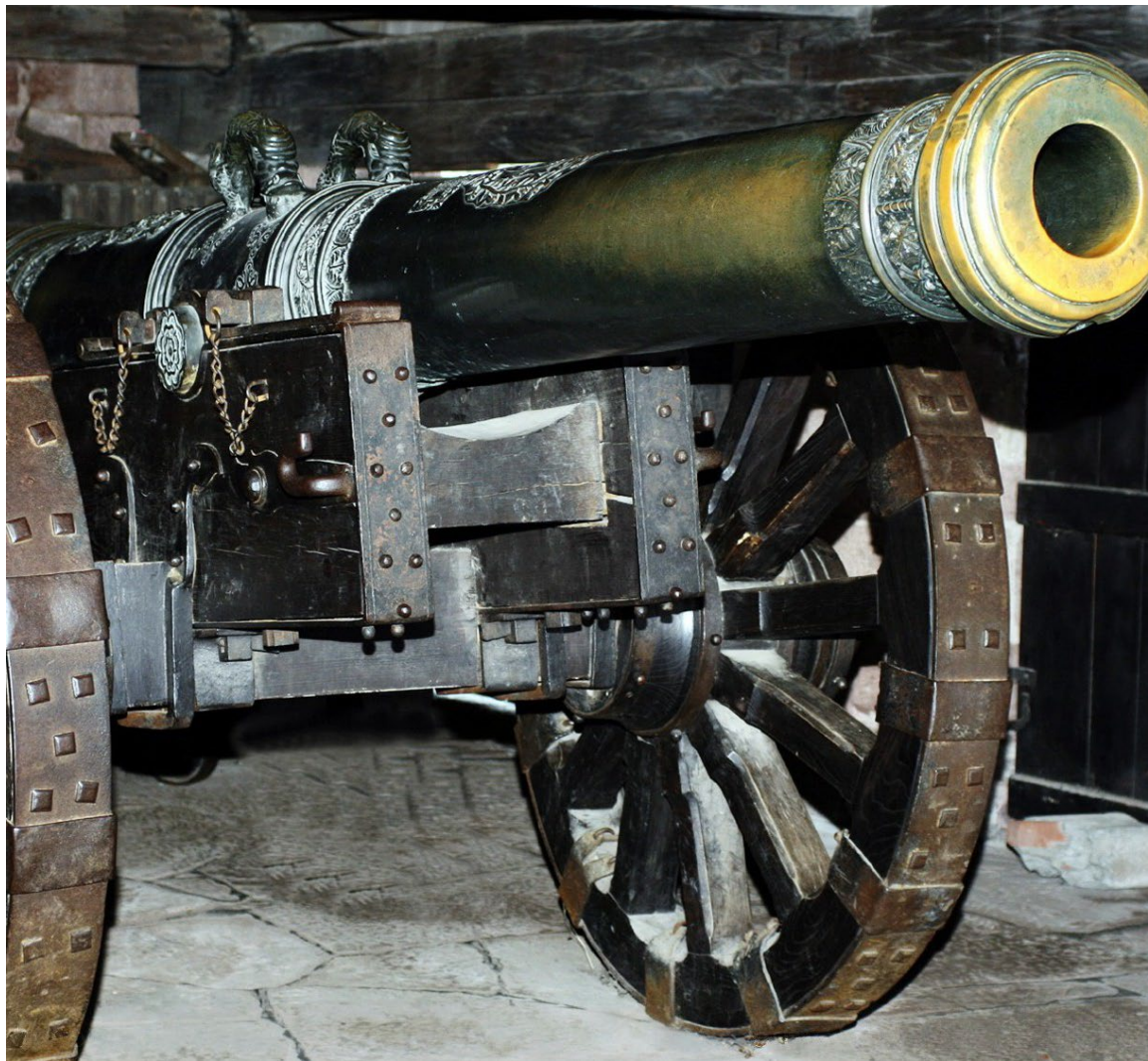
Authorship

Old Testament

- 12th to 2nd centuries B.C.
- # books disputed
- Catholics: 46
- Mostly Hebrew, also Aramaic and Greek

New Testament

- 1st and early 2nd century A.D.
- 27 books
- Greek



Nope.

Cannon?



Canon

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Matthew	1 Timothy		
Mark	2 Timothy		
Luke	Titus	Hebrews	Gospel of Thomas
John	Philemon	James	Gospel of Mary
Acts	1 Peter	2 Peter	Gospel of Peter
Romans	1 John	2 John	Gospel of Barnabas
1 Corinthians		3 John	The Acts of Paul and Thecla
2 Corinthians		Jude	The Didache
Galatians		Revelation	First Epistle of Clement
Ephesians			The Shepherd of Hermas
Philippians			
Colossians			
1 Thessalonians			
2 Thessalonians			

Criteria for Canonicity

Orthodox
Universal
Liturgical
Apostolic

Late 4th century

46

Old Testament

27

New Testament

Deuterocanonical Books

Tobit

Judith

Wisdom of
Solomon

Sirach

Baruch

1 Maccabees

2 Maccabees

Additions to
Esther

Additions to
Daniel

Magisterium



Sacred Tradition

Sacred Scripture



“And let them remember that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that God and man may talk together; for ‘we speak to Him when we pray; we hear Him when we read the divine saying.’”

—*Dei Verbum* 26 quoting Saint Ambrose