

The Academy for Christian Thought

Thinking Things Through *in a Theological Safe Space*

If thou seest a man of understanding, get thee betimes with him (Ben Sira, Eccles 6:36)
It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than the praise of fools (Eccles. 7:5)

Date: November 8th and December 6th, 2008
Time: 10.00am-11.30am with Free Breakfast@9.30am
Registration: \$20 online (www.actministry.org) or \$30 at the Door for each seminar
Location: The American Bible Society, Broadway & 61st, New York, New York
Tutor: Rev. Ron Choong, ThM (Princeton), STM (Yale), Executive Director, ACT

In recent years, critical biblical studies have uncovered many hitherto lost documents showing that the process of biblical transmission is imperfect. This is because we humans are imperfect. The task of recovering corrupted texts became the most important role of biblical theologians. In these two seminars, we shall examine what happened and how scientific investigations helped us to understand the true meanings of textual error and inspiration of divine revelation. In the Bible, we have God's Word in human words, an infallible message transmitted fallibly. How then can we trust the Bible we read?

BL4 Is the Bible Accurate?

Transmission, Corruption, Restoration and Inerrancy

- 1. The Corruption of the Bible.**
- 2. The Restoration of the Bible.**
- 3. Is the Bible Inerrant?**
- 4. So, Can We Believe the Bible?**

BL5 Is the Bible Trustworthy?

Inspiration and Authority

- 1. Can Human Words Convey a Divine Message?** *The fallible transmission of an infallible message*
- 2. How Were the Scriptures Inspired?** *Was it the text, the writer, the reader, the events?*
- 3. Divine Diachronic Authority.**
- 4. So, Can We Trust The Bible?**

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