

# "Inerrant Bible" Dogma Among Conservatives

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First, let me say that I love the Bible and see it as being full of great, inspired wisdom. It's a miracle that it has come down to us through millennia as crisp as it is.

That said, the Bible does have problems: contradictions between historic accounts; a few incorrect teachings such as, "Let your women keep silence in the churches" (1 Cor. 14:34); bad/weak translations...

I'm actually grateful that it's this way. It puts the onus on us individually to discern things. That encourages us -- no, it requires us -- to turn to God / intuition / the still, small voice / common sense to discern truth for ourselves.

As humans, despite our best efforts, we still make mistakes. Even the most pure among us are not absent of error. There have been thousands of inspired humans involved in bringing the Bible to us: prophets, scribes, repository holders, translators, editors, etc. They did a fantastic job, but not without problems.

Look at it this way. If the Bible were without error, that would tend to make us lazy, because we would-

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n't need to discern for ourselves.

I say this in response to a sample dialogue I heard on RAV TV (Real America's Voice—excellent conservative perspective) during the Turning Point USA SAS conference in Tampa, FL. Dr. Gina Laudin and Karen Turk were touting the inerrancy of the Bible. Dr. Gina said she stopped attending her church because the pastor doesn't believe the Bible to be inerrant. A couple of other ladies were part of that segment, and they also agreed with the inerrancy concept.

I found this disappointing. Usually, people who are politically awake (e.g. about the Marxist conspiracy) are also more awake spiritually.

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