

All scripture inspired by God is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17



Revelation



Christians and Jews believe:

- that God loves human beings.
- that God desires for human beings to know him.
- that throughout history God has offered to reveal himself to human beings.
- many humans have responded to God's invitation and come to know him better.
- in the course of human history some human beings were inspired by God to record their experiences of him. These records of God's revelation have come to be formalized through a process of editing and today form what we call the Sacred Scriptures.

Revelation



Christians and Jews believe:

- that God inspired all aspects of the formation of the canons of Sacred Scripture: composition, oral transmission, written recording, copying, editing, and canonization.

Catholics, Orthodox Christians, Jews, and some Protestants believe that while the Sacred Scriptures contain an incredibly important portion of God's revelation, they do not and cannot contain all of what God has revealed of himself to humanity.

- Catholics call this portion of God's revelation **Sacred Tradition** and believe that it continues today as God continues to reveal himself to human beings.

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Abraham
our father in faith



Revelation



Christians and Jews believe:

- that Abraham, a shepherd from the Mesopotamian city of Ur who lived between 2,000 and 1,500 BCE, was the first person in human history to come to the formal understanding that God is one.
- that God used Abraham and his descendants to reveal himself more fully to the world.
- that Abraham and his descendants entered into a covenant with the God whom they came to know and understand.
- the Old Testament, therefore, is the record of the Jewish people's growing understanding of God's self-revelation.



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Jesus

the anointed one

Revelation



Christians believe:

- that in the fullness of time, God chose to reveal himself to humanity in a very personal way.
- that God did this by humbling himself and taking flesh, fully becoming a human being like us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.
- the New Testament, therefore, is the record of the early Christian community's understanding of Jesus as God's "Word" or revelation.