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- From Latin: errāre hūmānum est
- “To err is human; to forgive, divine”  
(Alexander Pope, “An Essay on Criticism”).
- Horace (65 - 8 B.C. Latin poet) wrote  
“Sometimes even the noble Homer nods.”

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- In contrast to this, the authors of the Bible never made mistakes.
- They were not great scholars
  - Acts 4:13 - “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.”
- Yet they wrote with such great precision, we can only conclude that God oversaw their work.

# Humans Err; God Does Not

- Herodotus, Greek historian of the fifth century B.C.
- Aristotle, Greek scholar, teacher, and philosopher of the fourth century B.C.
- Flavius Josephus, gifted Jewish historian
- Samuel Johnson, author of the first English dictionary

# Humans Err In Doctrine; God Does Not

- The Qur'an, Muslim holy book (Sura 23:14)
- The Book of Mormon (Alma 7:10; 1Nephi 16:10; 2Nephi 5:12)
- Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science ("Science and Health with Key to the Scripture")

# Bible Writers Never Erred

- 2Sam. 23:2 - “The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue.”
- Luke 1:70 - “As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began”
- 2Peter 1:20-21 - “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

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- 2Tim. 3:16-17 - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

# Bible Writers Never Erred

- The Beginning
- Medicine
- Geography
- History

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- The noble Homer nodded, but those guided by the Spirit of God never did.
- Humans err; God does not; neither did those men He inspired to deliver His word to us.
- We can trust the Bible in every point of fact
- And if we can trust the Bible in every point of fact, we can trust it in every point of faith, including those matters that address salvation from sins and eternal life in heaven