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## Unit 1 Reading Guide

# God's Original Revelation

## Chapter 1: God's Original Plan

### Article 1: The Divine Architect and His Plans

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Creation accounts are true. Each one expresses the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ truths that God wanted to convey for the sake of our salvation.
2. This belief that all of creation is \_\_\_\_\_ is an essential part of our faith because it guides our interaction with other human beings and all of creation.
3. Because everything he creates is good, we can conclude that \_\_\_\_\_ is also good.
4. The union of Adam and Eve with God prefigures the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ called together to be the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is something that shares in the goodness of God, but ultimately leaves us unsatisfied (like food, entertainment, and so on).
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the source of our complete fulfillment, found only in our union with God.

### Article 2: The Bible or Science—Which One Is Right?

1. It is important to note that science deals strictly with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The most important truths revealed in the Bible are not scientific truths but \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach ignores the literary forms used by the Bible's human authors and the historical settings in which the writings were developed.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach takes into account various contexts in order to understand the truth God is revealing.
5. These contexts include the \_\_\_\_\_ used, the \_\_\_\_\_ at the time, the human authors' cultural \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and a number of other things.



### Article 3: Right People, Wrong Turn

1. Genesis depicts Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden in a state of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The account symbolically expresses several important truths: \_\_\_\_\_ is a free choice that destroys the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ humans have with one another and God.
3. Adam and Eve hid from God after their disobedience because of their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is a number indicating a period of testing, trials, or purification.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a solemn agreement between human beings or between God and humans in which mutual commitments are recognized.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ are a way that God expresses his desire to be in communion with his people.

### Article 4: Sin's Ripple Effect

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ are quite natural: a loss of unity, harmony, and justice.
2. All human beings have inherited this tendency toward sin, which is called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Salvation history is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in human history through which God clearly reveals his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Bible communicates salvation history, particularly how God never \_\_\_\_\_ on his people.

## Chapter 2: God's Revelation

### Article 5: Natural Revelation: Finding the Artist in the Art

1. By observing the \_\_\_\_\_ we can learn something about God.
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is what reflects the image of God.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the process by which God makes himself known to human reason through the created world.

### Article 6: Logic: It Just Makes Sense

1. These theologians were called \_\_\_\_\_, and they used philosophy to better understand revealed truth.
2. Grounded in Sacred Scripture and the Church Fathers, \_\_\_\_\_ employed the use of logic to argue for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.



3. \_\_\_\_\_ provides his “five ways” or proofs of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. These “proofs” should be understood as “\_\_\_\_\_” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, number 31) that lead us toward the truth of the existence of God.
5. We are still only human and, because of Original Sin, we often do not use our \_\_\_\_\_ honestly or effectively.

## Article 7: Divine Revelation: The Word from On High

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is God’s self-communication through which he makes known the mystery of his divine plan.
2. God established a \_\_\_\_\_ with his Chosen People and gave them his Law. God’s Law is summarized in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ were chosen by God to speak his message of salvation.
4. In \_\_\_\_\_, God is most fully revealed.
5. This is a very brief summary of \_\_\_\_\_, the pattern of events recorded in the Bible, through which God clearly reveals his presence and saving actions.

## Article 8: Inspiration: From God’s Mouth to Our Hearts

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the divine assistance the Holy Spirit gave the human authors of the books of the Bible so they could communicate through human words God’s message of salvation.
2. With this assistance, the human authors of the Bible were able to teach “that truth which God wanted put into sacred writings for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_” (*Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*, number 11).
3. This does not mean that the Holy Spirit dictated the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, God’s truth was expressed using the human authors’ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Because it is God’s Word being conveyed, \_\_\_\_\_ is the true author of Sacred Scripture.
5. To properly grasp what the \_\_\_\_\_ were trying to communicate, we “must take into account the conditions of their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the literary \_\_\_\_\_ in use at that time, and their modes of feeling, speaking, and narrating” (CCC, number 110).



## Chapter 3: Overview of the Bible

### Article 9: From Word to Text

1. The handing on of the message of God's saving plan through words is called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A crisis that occurred in the sixth century BC, when many of the Jewish People were captured and taken from the Promised Land to slavery in \_\_\_\_\_ was called the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The third stage, called the \_\_\_\_\_, is the synthesis in written form of the message of salvation that was passed down in the oral tradition.
4. Scholars today believe that many of the books of the \_\_\_\_\_ were written during this time (the Babylonian Exile).

### Article 10: When Did It Happen? When Was It Written?

1. Sometimes there was a long period between the actual events in the Bible and when the \_\_\_\_\_ occurred.
2. At some point, guided by the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ expressed how God acted in the lives of their ancestors who lived years, decades, or sometimes even centuries beforehand.
3. The Bible tends to bounce around in time, going backward and forward, and sometimes events found in one book are \_\_\_\_\_ in another book.
4. It is always helpful to learn about the \_\_\_\_\_ in which the events most likely occurred, as well as the \_\_\_\_\_ the book was probably written.
5. Ultimately, all of these \_\_\_\_\_ help us to better understand what God is \_\_\_\_\_ through the words of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible.

### Article 11: Not One Book, but Many

1. The word *bible* comes from the Latin term *biblia*, which means "\_\_\_\_\_."
2. The Old Testament in a Catholic Bible contains \_\_\_\_\_ books. The New Testament contains a total of \_\_\_\_\_ books.
3. Taken together, the seventy-three books of the Bible make up the \_\_\_\_\_ of Sacred \_\_\_\_\_.
4. To be considered inspired by the Holy Spirit and included in the canon, each book had to meet these four criteria: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.



## Article 12: Bible Translations

1. The Bible was originally written in three different languages: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Saint \_\_\_\_\_ completed one of the earliest translations of the Bible. Called the \_\_\_\_\_, the Church used this translation of the Bible for over a thousand years.
3. There are four Catholic English translations that are used most often today: The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (NABRE); the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, *Catholic Edition (NRSV)*; the \_\_\_\_\_ (NJB); and the \_\_\_\_\_ in *Today's English Version Second Edition (GNT)*.

## Article 13: The Old Prepares Us for the New

1. Almost two-thirds of Sacred Scripture is the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We call the Old Testament "Old" because it reveals God's covenants and saving actions prior to the coming of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The writings of the \_\_\_\_\_ were sacred to Jesus. In fact, he would often quote from the Old Testament in his teachings and used these Scriptures in his prayer.

## Article 14: The New Fulfills the Old

1. By becoming flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, God established a \_\_\_\_\_ that fulfilled and perfected the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus' followers were well versed in Old Testament writings and began making the connections between the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and things they had witnessed.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ are considered "the heart of all the Scriptures because they are our principal source for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Incarnate Word, our Savior" <sup>1</sup> (CCC, number 125).

## Chapter 4: Interpreting the Bible

### Article 15: Reliable Guides: The Magisterium and the Holy Spirit

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the Church's living teaching office. It consists of all the bishops in the world, in communion with the \_\_\_\_\_, the bishop of Rome.
2. God has given the Magisterium the responsibility and the gifts required to interpret \_\_\_\_\_ correctly. The Magisterium acts under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to faithfully teach the message that God revealed to the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. "Inspired by the Holy Spirit" (*Divino Afflante Spiritu*, 1943) calls for new \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible into modern languages.



4. The *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum, 1965)* encourages scholars to recognize the different genres or types of \_\_\_\_\_. The Council also supports studying the \_\_\_\_\_ in which the various books of the Bible were written.
5. In the document *Interpretation of the Bible in the Church (1993)*, the Church offers more specific directions and guidelines for \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 16: Exegesis: What Does It Mean?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the critical interpretation and explanation of Sacred Scripture.
2. To understand what the human author (of the Bible) was trying to say, the document (*Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*) goes on to say that we should pay particular attention to the following: the \_\_\_\_\_ used by the author, the characteristic ways people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their time, and the \_\_\_\_\_ people interacted with one another at the time.
3. To understand what God wants to reveal to us, the document goes on to say that we should pay particular attention to the following: the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the whole Scripture, the living \_\_\_\_\_ and teachings of the whole Church, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 17: Making Sense of the Bible

1. The literal sense considers the \_\_\_\_\_ of the text. The literal sense is the meaning \_\_\_\_\_ by the human \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Because the human authors often used poetry, symbolism, metaphors, and even exaggeration, understanding the literal sense of the writing requires \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is interpretation that builds on the literal sense, considering what the realities and events of Scripture signify and mean for salvation.
4. The three categories, or sub-senses, of the spiritual sense are the \_\_\_\_\_ sense, the \_\_\_\_\_ sense, and the \_\_\_\_\_ sense.

## Article 18: The Literature of the Bible

1. History and poetry are two different literary genres. Each one has its own set of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for grasping its meaning.
2. These books (of the Bible) use numerous literary forms or genres: religious history, \_\_\_\_\_, song, \_\_\_\_\_, proverbs, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, among others.
3. Scholars employ various forms of \_\_\_\_\_ to deepen their understanding of how the human authors expressed God's Word.
4. The word *criticism* does not refer to a negative viewpoint. It refers to an \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.



## Article 19: Biblical Archaeology: Digging for Answers

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the study of \_\_\_\_\_ and history by means of excavating and analyzing the artifacts and other physical materials.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was a wealthy Roman city at the center of trade for the area. Tradesmen like Jesus and his foster father, Joseph, were probably in great \_\_\_\_\_ there. Because it was located just a few miles from \_\_\_\_\_, it is quite possible that Jesus took this \_\_\_\_\_ to get work.
3. Though we do not have the \_\_\_\_\_ versions of any of the biblical books, we have older copies and more copies of the books of the Bible than for any other \_\_\_\_\_ text! Every ancient copy found has \_\_\_\_\_ biblical scholars' certainty in the \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical text.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ are a collection of ancient scrolls, found on the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea, which possibly belonged to the \_\_\_\_\_, a group of pious, conservative Jews who lived during the time of Jesus.

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