

Ref.	Catholic Perspective	Biblical Fundamental
DVn9.... DVn10 DVn5	Revelation One source/single disclosure, but via 3 channels: Scriptures, Tradition, Magisterium (independent & mutually interpreting) Scriptures & Tradition comprise the Sacred Deposit of Faith. Scriptures not identical to Revelation, but its witness. Calls forth obedience of faith (reciprocal gift):personalistic, relational.	Bible as only necessary source of Revelation (sola scriptura) Words of Bible equated directly with revealed Word of God. Faith minimalistic; boils down to loyalty; depreciates personalism.
DVn7..... PDnC.a DASn.1	The Church The Church is a world-wide community of faith w/authority from Christ Himself to teach, preach,& proclaim the Word of God, in continuity with Peter, Apostles & successors. Bible & Church: a mutual constitutive reciprocity.	Elimination of the universal teaching Church with its creeds, doctrines, liturgy, sacraments, devotions. Church exists only in a spiritual sense; a privatized religion
PDn10 PDnD1	Authority Magisterium apostolic organism created by Christ by which Church authoritatively proclaims, interprets, & applies the Word of God; Magisterium is the "organ" of Revelation, giving access to the Sacred Deposit which keeps Scriptures & Tradition alive. Unity of doctrine.	No visible teaching authority; no authority for canonicity. "General infallibility" of Scriptur Ignores Tradition & its role in forming canons & its interpretation. Multiplicity of doctrines; interdenominational chaos.
DVn.11 SPn.11.1 PDn.1D3a DASn.1.3	Inspiration Scriptures testimony to Word, inspired by Holy Spirit; God principle author collaborates with sacred writers who are instrumental authors; Unity of human & divine: 2 authors, 2 intentions.	Inspired by Holy Spirit-but as direct Word of God (as dictation); contribution of author (human language,expression,etc.) ignored. Confuses divine substance of message with human contribution.
PDn. D3 DVn11,12 SPn.11.3	Inerrancy Inerrancy of Scriptures (w/o error); but regard for historical context. Not solely literal truth, nor applied to science, but salvific truths expressed in variety of literary forms & expressions. "History-like", expressed in human language.	Inerrancy of Scriptures (w/o error); but truth objective & absolute. Applied to literal interpretation of Scriptures to include science and historical matters (exact historicity facticity in every event detail). Rigid doctrinal points and ideological positions.
DVn. 8 DASn.11 SPn.V13 PDnCb PBC 64n.1 PBC 93n.111	Interpretation Holy Spirit guides the Church by interpreting the Word infallibly within the context of sacred, living Tradition (holistic/doxological). Bible is book of the Church: interpreted within the context of faith, life, & spirit of the "canon forming" community in which it arose. Not to be read literalistically; events transmogrified; narrative format. Magisterium authentic interpreter. Attentive to historical context, totality/unity/content of whole canon. Analogy of faith applied. Cautious/limited use of critical methods: for what lies <u>behind</u> text. Spiritual (deeper) meaning behind the literal; multiple meanings. Unity of individual works.	Holy Spirit guides the average person using their bibles. Bible alone has all the answers to living (creates false certitude). Private interpretations; limited # of answers; inductive methods. Fixed literalistic meaning of past; valid always, ahistorical world view. Often out of context, ignoring original languages, etc. Historical facility has precedence over literary forms. Opposes critical methods; only original meaning by author valid-(monosignification of texts); do not incorporate spiritual senses. Primary focus of meaning in the text, not result of interpretive effort. Direct Word of God: thus all of Bible a common unifying perspective.

Comparative Analysis: Catholicism vs. Biblical Fundamentalism