

## “All”

The word “*all*” includes “the whole of (with reference to quantity, extent, duration, amount, or degree); ...everything...a totality of things or qualities...” (**The American College Dictionary**, P. 33).

It’s use in the Scriptures is very significant. Jesus has “*all power*,” or authority (Matt. 28:18), which leaves none for a priest, pope, rabbi, clergymen, pastor, or any other person. “*All things*” (Matt. 28:20), which the Lord has “*commanded*” must be taught and observed. We must “*do all in the name of the Lord*” (Col. 3:17), suggesting that we must not “do many things (or **any** thing, b.w.) for which we have no authority.” We are to “*prove all things*” (I Thess. 5:21) lest error be taught and accepted. The apostles were guided into “*all truth*” (John 16:13), which proves that any “later day revelation,” creed book, manual, or dogma, which has been written since the time of the apostles is not a part of “*all truth*,” is erroneous and must therefore be discarded. Let’s watch that word “*all*.” It is important!

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