



Inspiration of Scripture



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This passage teaches that every or all scripture is “God-breathed,” or literally “breathed out” of God. What is true of one scripture is true of every scripture, that is that they are uniquely the product of God.

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:21)

This scripture states that men were moved, or carried along, by the Holy Ghost to write the scriptures, thus the scriptures are directly given by God and transferred to men through the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

We hold firmly to the relevance and authority of scripture for today and for future generations.

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever .” (Isaiah 40:8).

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A Policy Statement of Global Christian Ministry Forum International

We believe the Bible to be the authoritative Word of God, not only because it was handed down to the fathers through the prophets, not only because it has preserved and copied and translated, but also because of what it says about itself.

It is the revelation of the truths of God conveyed by inspiration through His servants to us. As such, it is infallible and without error. We conceive the Bible to be, in actuality, the very word of God. The divine Author, God, prompted the original thought in the minds and hearts of the writers.

“The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?” (Amos 3:8).

He then guided their choice of words to express such thoughts.

”Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shall say.

And thou shall speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.” (Exodus 4:12,15).

God illuminates the mind of the reader of scripture in such a way that the reader potentially may comprehend the same truth as was originally in the mind of the writer.

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God”. (1 Corinthians 2:12).

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Fa-

ther of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints...” (Ephesians 1:17-18).

Thus, both thought and language are revealed and inspired. We understand “inspiration” to mean that special act of the Holy Spirit by which He guided the writers of the scriptures. We also define “infallibility” as exempt from error or incapable of error. Such inspiration and infallibility applies to all of scripture.

Jesus Christ vouches for the inspiration of the details of the scriptures.

“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” (Matthew 5:18)

Whether we take this reference literally, that the jot represents the smallest Hebrew letter and the tittle the minor stroke that distinguishes one letter from another, or figuratively, that the jot and tittle represent the particles of scripture, the force is the same.

Jesus thought of the scriptures as being consequential even in their slightest detail. If Jesus did not believe in full inspiration and the quality of infallibility, the force of His argument is lost.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:” (2 Timothy 3:16)