

Bibliology- The study of the Bible

I. Dual Authorship.

A. Divinely Inspired

1. 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 “*All Scripture is inspired by God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness*”

The above phrase, *given by inspiration of God*, translates a single Greek word. Literally the word means *God-breathed*. The words *divinely inspired* have probably the nearest English meaning of what is equivalent.

2. 2 Peter 1:21- “For prophecy never came by the will of man, but men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”
3. The Bible shows God taking ownership.
*(Hosea 8:12) “*I have written to him the great things of my law, [but] they were counted as a strange thing.*”

B. Spokesmen for God. To be scripture the message had to be written.

1. That word “moved” means, literally, “to be carried along,” like a ship is carried by the wind. God carries each writer.
2. The Bible is the combined product of God and man, yet, being the product of God it is infallible and inerrant. *Incapable of error*
3. God is the author.

C. Supports for the Inspiration of Scripture

1. The Bible claims to be the Word of God- New and Old Testament
2. The Uniqueness of the Bible--Chafer—“It is not such a book as man would write if he could, or could write if he would.” It exposes man, it centers around God- being the revelation of Himself. It presents unique teachings about God like the Trinity—one God yet three persons: salvation - a gift: The person of Christ- one person yet 2 natures.
3. The Continuity of Scriptures—same message from cover to cover. 66 books; Over 40 different authors, covering hundreds of years of time, from various countries, and authors from all walks of life—prophets, farmers, kings, priests, scholars. Continuity would be impossible in any other book under these conditions, yet the Bible is a marvelous harmonious whole. The only answer is that God is the Author behind every human author.
4. Agreement of Science and the Bible—Archeology has wonderfully supported the Bible: Modern science has found agreement with the Bible when honestly considered. Note: in 1851 the French Academy of Science published a list of 51 scientific facts, so called, that contradict the Bible. Years have gone by and the Bible remains unchanged, but science has changed its mind concerning every one of those 51 assertions. (Rimmer *The Harmony of Science and Scripture* Pg. 59, publisher- Eerdmans)
5. It’s Prophecy and Fulfillment—the Bible accurately foretells specific events-in detail-many years, sometimes centuries, before they occur. Approximately 2500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible, about 2000 of which already have been fulfilled to the letter—no errors. (The remaining 500 or so reach into the future and may be seen unfolding as days go by.) Since the probability for any one of these prophecies having been fulfilled by chance averages less than one in ten (figured very conservatively) and since the prophecies are for the most part independent of one another, the odds for all these prophecies having been fulfilled by chance without error is less than one in 10^{2000} (that is 1 with 2000 zeros written after it)!