

The Inspired Bible

- Opening Scripture: II Timothy 3:16
 - What do we mean when we say that the Bible is inspired?
 - inspired (dictionary)- aroused, animated, or imbued with the spirit to do something; by or as if by supernatural or divine influence; to communicate or suggest by a divine or supernatural influence
 - Greek definition- “divinely breathed in;” “God-breathed”
 - my summary: the Bible was written through supernatural influence from God
- What are some proofs that the Bible is inspired?
 - historical accuracy (not sufficient proof alone; other books have accurate facts)
 - it claims inspiration (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:20-21, I Corinthians 14:37)
 - prophecies fulfilled (Isaiah 53:3-9, Psalms 22:1,16-18- Christ’s crucifixion and atonement)- the New Testament stated multiple times that things were done concerning Christ in order for prophecy to be fulfilled
 - it transforms human character (Matthew 1:21, II Corinthians 5:17)
 - unity of the books of the Bible- several different men from different time periods wrote of a common revelation of the one, true, living God; this suggests a common source of divine inspiration
- What is the most convincing argument to you personally that the Bible is inspired?
 - for me,
 - the way that the Bible changes lives is the most convincing argument; exactly what the Bible said would happen, when a person becomes a Christian, happened to me
 - what is your opinion?