

# **The Azimuth Institute**

## **Directional Study Notes**

### **Bible Doctrine**

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#### **Bibliology – The study of the Bible**

We believe in what is called the plenary verbal inspiration of the Bible.

Let's take a look at each of those words to see what they mean.

**A.** Plenary means “full” or “all.”

In other words, we believe that all of the Bible is inspired.

**B.** Verbal means “by means of words” or “word for word”.

This means that not only is the message of the Bible inspired, but the very words in that message are inspired.

Cf. Matt. 5:18

A “jot” is the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

A “tittle” is a small appendage that differentiates two similar letters.

They are the equivalent of dotting an I and crossing a T.

Therefore, verbal inspiration of necessity requires dictation.

**C.** Inspiration means “God-breathed” (2 Tim. 3:16).

**1.** Peter declares that the Word is a more sure eyewitness account (Matt. 17:1-5 & 2 Pet. 1:16-21).

In other words, even if you see it and hear it; the Bible still has the final say.

**2.** The inspired Word of God is superior to eyewitness.

**B.** What inspiration is not.

It is not the same thing as a musician or artist being inspired to create something. The inspiration of the Bible was a unique event in that God spoke His words to man who then wrote them down.

In conclusion we believe in the plenary verbal inspiration of the Bible.

Literally that means, “All Words God-Breathed.”

### **How Did God Write the Bible?**

**A.** God set apart a special group of men (2 Pet. 1:21).

We must note that these men were “holy” men.

That means that they had a relationship with God.

**B.** They wrote things they couldn’t have possibly known or understood.

I.e. Moses and the creation account (Genesis 1)

I.e. Daniel in 12:8-9

**C.** They wrote things that they were eyewitnesses to (1 John 1:1-3).

**D.** They wrote about things that human nature would normally ignore or minimize.

The Bible does not ignore Moses’ anger issues, David’s adultery or Peter’s denial.

No one like to acknowledge weaknesses and failure.

**Illustration:** Job Interviews that ask for strengths and weaknesses

### **The Proofs of Inspiration**

**A.** The Bible itself claims to be inspired.

2 Tim. 3:16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**

2 Pet. 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Sam. 23:2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

Ezra 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

Actually the term “Thus saith the Lord” appears over 3800 times in the Bible.

**B.** History has shown that the Bible is indestructible.