

What is The Bible? Part II: Inspiration

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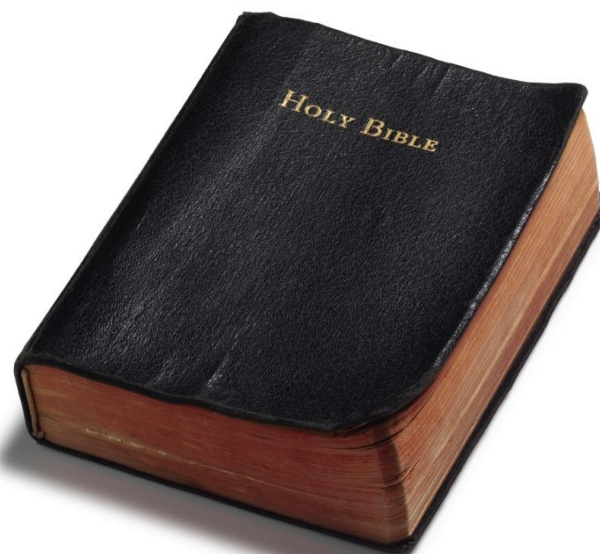


The AIR we
breathe...

Authority
Inspiration
Revelation

Recap on Authority

- ◆ The Bible is our authority for faith and conduct
- ◆ Not science
- ◆ Not History, but history regarding faith



The Bible is Trustworthy



- ◆ King lists name Nabonidas the last king of Babylon
- ◆ Historians were certain the Bible was wrong until 1881
- ◆ The Cylinder of Nabonidas was found referring to his son, Belshazzar.
- ◆ Co-regency hence Daniel's promotion to 3rd ruler in the kingdom – Daniel 5:29



The Bible has authority to...

- ◆ Reveal God and His mission
- ◆ Shape us to be like Jesus
- ◆ Direct us to walk & work with Him

2 Timothy 3:14-16

- 💧 Wisdom for salvation
- 💧 Inspired by God
- 💧 ‘Useful or profitable’ for
 - 💧 Teaching
 - 💧 Reproof
 - 💧 Correction
 - 💧 Training in righteousness
- 💧 To equip us for good work



Inspired by God



- So we don't worship it
- To allow us freedom
- So we don't stop thinking!



No

but



God-breathed



Ever wondered why?



God Breathed?

- ◆ Just like man – Genesis 2:7
- ◆ People recording their stories
 - ◆ Experiences
 - ◆ Encounters
 - ◆ Revelations
- ◆ Through their language & culture
 - ◆ Slavery, shepherding, kings
- ◆ A library of wisdom collected through the ages



God Breathed?

◆ Inerrant and infallible

or

◆ Trustworthy and reliable





Inspired to help us hear...

- ◆ ...the voice of God
- ◆ That's its authority
- ◆ Things like "Do not fear"
- ◆ One of our greatest privileges
- ◆ A secure foundation to seek inspiration through
 - ◆ As for Jesus & Peter, so for me & you

Inspired to Inspire!



- ◆ Calling us towards our destiny
- ◆ Individually & as a race!
- ◆ The Word is alive!
Hebrews 4:12
- ◆ The Spirit guides us – John
16:13