



INSPIRATION AND PROVIDENCE

**CLAIM & EVIDENCE OF
INSPIRATION**

CLAIM OF INSPIRATION

The Boldness of the Claim

- Written by insane liars if false. Written by God if true.
- If it's just a good book, then it's not a good book, and it's not God's book.
- The claim of inspiration must be proven true, or the Bible is self-defeating.
- The claim of inspiration is risky and foolish unless it is true.

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- It does not claim inspiration and accept other books as inspired. Compare:
 - Qu'ran – "This Quran could not have been composed by any except Allah; but it is a confirmation of that which was revealed before it (*Bible*), and an explanation of the scripture (*Bible*); there is no doubt thereof; sent down from the Lord of all creatures." (Sura 10:37).

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 - Book of Mormon – “For behold, this (*book of Mormon*) is written for the intent that ye may believe that (*Gospel*); and if ye believe that (*Gospel*) ye will believe this (*Mormon*) also; and if ye believe this (*Mormon*) ye will know concerning your fathers, and also the marvelous works which were wrought by the power of God among them.” (Mormon 7:9)

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The Claim – What is inspiration?

- Claims of inspiration – 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Corinthians 2:7; 1 Corinthians 14:37; Exodus 20:1; Hebrews 3:7; 10:15-17

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The Claim – What is inspiration?

- What inspiration is NOT:
 - **Illumination** – noble insights of great people of faith, or from men of unusual ability.
 - **Dynamic** – thought inspiration, God inspired thought by thought, but not word by word.
 - **Partial** – only some of scripture is inspired.

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The Claim – What is inspiration?

- **2 Timothy 3:16** – *theopneustos* – “*Theos, ‘God,’ pneo, ‘to breathe’*” (VINE); “divinely breathed in” (STRONG)
- Origin and Power:
 - Profitability – **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
 - Breath of life – **Genesis 2:7; Acts 17:25, 28; John 5:26-27; 6:63, 68; Hebrews 4:12; Ezekiel 37:4-6, 9, 14**
 - Originates with God – **2 Peter 1:20-21**

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The System of Inspiration

- **2 Peter 1:20-21** – Divine revelation, human employment.
 - Instruction in Limited Commission – **Matthew 10:19-20**
 - Promise of Holy spirit to apostles – **John 14:16-17, 26; 16:12-15; Acts 2:39; 10:28-29, 34; 1 Peter 1:10-12**
 - Examples – Moses and Aaron (**Exodus 4:13-17; 7:1**); Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 1:4-9**)

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The System of Inspiration

- Plenary (full) Verbal (words) Inspiration (God-breathed)
 - Not illumination, dynamic, or partial.
 - *pas (all) graphe (writing) theopneustos (God-breathed) – 2 Timothy 3:16*
- **1 Corinthians 2:12-13** – “*combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.*” (NASB)
 - **Galatians 3:16; Matthew 22:31-32** – arguments based on a single word.

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The System of Inspiration

- “Mechanical dictation” FALSE accusation – believers of plenary verbal inspiration believe “the Bible writers were only dictaphones or typewriters, hence, their cultural and personality factors did not enter into their works”
 - Apostles’ own testimony – **John 15:26-27**
 - Luke’s research – **Luke 1:1-4** (physician language, cf. **Col. 4:14**)
 - Paul’s writing style/difficulty – **2 Peter 3:16**
 - 1,600 years, 40 different authors, 3 continents, 3 languages – UNIFORMITY – **Romans 11:33-35**

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Conclusion if the Claim is True

- Man must live by every word – **Matthew 4:4;**
Deuteronomy 8:3
- Man will be judged by every word – **John 12:48**

The Bible claim of inspiration is bold! Is it true?



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