

Inspiration Part 2

God has spoken to us; we have His Word.

Revelation – God has communicated truth about Himself and His will so that man can know Him and fellowship with Him.

Inspiration – the Unique supernatural quality of the written record of God's Word
Autographs – Product

Inspiration

Meaning
Evidence
Extent
Controversy
Conclusions

Evidence of Inspiration

Unity

40 authors
16 centuries
3 languages
2 continents

A book, message, system of doctrine, plan of redemption
Structural, historic, prophetic, symbolic, doctrinal, scientific

Prophecy

Deut 18:21-22

- 2000/2500 already fulfilled
- Odds for all having been fulfilled without error is less than 1 in 10^{2000}
- Daniel's prediction of the events and timing of Messiah's appearance and death (Daniel 9:25-26)
- Micah's prediction of the birthplace of the Messiah (Micah 5:2)
- Zechariah's prediction of the price paid for Messiah's betrayal and how the money was used (Zechariah 11:23-13)
- Isaiah's prediction of the nation and ruler that would conquer Babylon and subdue Egypt (Isaiah 44:24-28)
- Moses', Jeremiah's, and Jesus' predictions that the nation and people of Israel would be conquered, captured, enslaved, scattered to all parts of the world, then after many generations return to their land and reestablish their nation (Deuteronomy 29-30; Isaiah 11:11-13; Jeremiah 25:11; Hosea 3:45 and Luke 21:23-24)
- Daniel's prediction that travel and information will increase (Daniel 12:4)

Reality

- Realistic descriptions of people
- Realistic accounts of events

Eternity

- The greatest need of the soul is salvation ... man is confronted by two changeless facts ... his guilt ... the justice of God ... Infinite here, infinite there – no bridges between them!
- Infinite guilt, infinite holiness, infinite atonement

The Fundamentals, Vol. II, 86-87

Indestructibility

If the Bible is the Word of God; if it stands on an infinitely exalted plane, all alone; if it immeasurably transcends all the greatest production of human genius; then we should naturally expect to find that it has unique credentials, that there are internal marks which prove it to be the handiwork of God, that there is conclusive evidence that shows that its Author is superhuman, Divine.

Arthur Pink, The Divine Inspiration of the Bible

A book that claims to be Divine revelation, a claim which is substantiated by the most convincing credentials, cannot be rejected or even neglected without grave peril to the soul.