

The Bible – Reliability, Accuracy and Authority

Huge Diversity Yet Agreement

Plenary

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed...

Verbal

John 14:26

...the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 16:12-13

¹²“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Inspiration (“God-breathed”)

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...

2 Peter 1:19-21

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

How Did We Get Our Bible?

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The Four Classifications

1. Homologomena (“one word” “same word”)
2. Antilegomena (“not the same word” or “against the word”)
3. Apocryphal (“hidden” “hard to understand”)
4. Pseudepigrapha (“false writings/authors”)

The Four Proofs of Inspiration

1. A _____ – Divine Qualities

2. A _____ – Authoritative Leaders

3. A _____

4. A _____ – Corporate Reception

Reasons to be Confident

1. The Bible is unsurpassed among I _____

Readership

Influence

Conspicuousness

2. The Bible is still here after years of a _____

3. The Bible is accurate after years of h _____ t _____

Manuscripts

Variants

Time Gap

Dead Sea Scrolls

4. The Bible continues to be verified by a _____ d _____

Moses and the Pentateuch

Hittites

Jacob and Rachel and Laban's Idols