

Biblical inspiration.

## II. Internal Evidence of Biblical Inspiration

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible

Despite being written over centuries by various authors, the Bible demonstrates an extraordinary coherence in message and theme.

How many authors?

How many languages?

How many Countries?

How many subjects?

### B. Fulfilled Prophecy

The Bible contains numerous prophecies that were fulfilled with remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., prophecies regarding Israel, the Messiah).

Is 7:14 / Matt 1:22-23 and Is 53:3-5 and Matt 27:27-31

### C. Self-Authentication of Scripture

The Bible bears witness to its own divine origin through its profound \_\_\_\_\_ and internal \_\_\_\_\_. See verses in Chapter 1 of the textbook

### D. The Testimony of Jesus Christ

Jesus affirmed the divine authority and inspiration of the Scriptures (e.g., Matthew 5:17-18, John 10:35). Luke 24:44

He quotes the OT several time

## III. External Evidence of Biblical Inspiration

### A. Historical Accuracy

\_\_\_\_\_ findings support the historical narratives of the Bible, lending credibility to its claims.

### B. Manuscript Evidence

The abundance of ancient manuscripts and early copies of the Bible demonstrate its preservation over time.

The textual consistency across \_\_\_\_\_ of manuscripts supports the Bible's authenticity and inspiration.

### C. The Influence of the Bible

The lasting impact of the Bible on \_\_\_\_\_, culture, ethics, and \_\_\_\_\_ points to its divine nature.

### D. Testimony of Church History

The early church's \_\_\_\_\_ in the divine inspiration of Scripture provides external confirmation.

Historical writings and the unanimous \_\_\_\_\_ of church fathers underscore the recognition of the Bible as the inspired Word of God.

## Theories

### Theories of Bible Inspiration

#### **Natural Inspiration**

Summary: This theory suggests that the Bible was inspired in the same way that any great literary work is inspired, by human \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible is seen as a product of human effort, with no divine influence beyond the natural abilities of the authors.

Why It's Incorrect:

#### **Mechanical Inspiration**

Summary: The theory holds that God directly \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible to the human authors, essentially bypassing their personalities, reasoning, and intellect. The writers were mere scribes who wrote down God's exact words. (Luke 1:1-3)

Why It's Incorrect:

## Dynamic Inspiration

Summary: This theory suggests that God inspired the **authors'** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but allowed them to express these ideas in their own words and style. The Bible conveys God's truth, but the exact wording is not directly controlled by God.

Why It's Incorrect

## Partial Inspiration

Summary: According to this theory, only \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible are inspired, usually the spiritual or \_\_\_\_\_ sections, while other parts (such as historical or scientific details) are considered fallible and not inspired.

Why It's Incorrect:

## Conceptual Inspiration

Summary: This theory holds that the \_\_\_\_\_ or ideas in the Bible are inspired, but the actual words are the result of the human authors' choice. The emphasis is on the divine inspiration of the message rather than the precise wording.

Why It's Incorrect:

## Verbal Plenary Inspiration (Correct View)

Summary: Verbal plenary inspiration teaches that every word of the Bible is inspired by God (verbal) and that all parts of Scripture are equally inspired (plenary). It asserts that *God worked through human authors, using their individual personalities and writing styles, while fully preserving the truth and authority of the message. Both the ideas and the words are inspired, ensuring that Scripture is without error in its original manuscripts.*

Why It's Correct:

This view maintains that the Bible is fully trustworthy and authoritative, providing a firm foundation for doctrine, teaching, and practice. It also aligns with the Bible's own claims to divine inspiration (e.g., 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21).

Jn 10:35

1 Pet 1:10-12

Is 55:10-11