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God-Authored

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" ~ 2 Timothy 3:16–17.

"Inspiration" (theopneustos) means "God-breathed." 1 Corinthians 2:10-13 tells us that Divine thoughts have been conveyed to us by Divine words. Hence, the Bible is "verbally inspired" (every word is from God). No substantial error can be found in the Bible, even in the most reliable translations.

Plenary

"Plenary" means "complete, entire, perfect, not deficient in any element or respect; absolute, unqualified" [Shorter Oxford English Dictionary]. When applied to the Bible it means that the Bible is so inspired that you can trust every word found therein. A good example is found in Galatians 3:16 ~ "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, 'And to your Seed,' who is Christ." Paul's entire argument is based upon the singular versus the plural of one word!

Jesus likewise affirmed that "the Scripture cannot be broken," John 10:35. Jesus' argument to the Jews was that the Scripture refers to some men as "gods" and therefore they could not stone Him for blasphemy because He claimed to be "the Son of God" (verses 34-36). One cannot hold the Bible in low esteem and make that argument!

Simple & Profound

Throughout the Bible you see unbelievably deep, incomprehensible thoughts that are couched in the simplest of language! Anyone who has done much speaking can attest to the fact that this is a great proof of Divine inspiration. The Gospel of John has a prologue of the simplest words with the most profound meaning — "the Word" names the Divine Being who has come down to man in physical form! The Greek word is logos. So simple, yet so profound! He is declared to be God (theos), Creator, Life (zōē), Light (phōs), Preferred One (ginomai), the Fullness (plērōma), the Only Begotten Son (monogonēs), and the Father's Glory (doxa). Every one of these terms would take pages of paper to define, describe, and explain. And when we are done the human brain cannot comprehend it all, much less devise it! Thus it must be from the Divine Mind of God to the intelligent, but limited, mind of Man!

Eternal

"Eternal" means "that will always exist; that has always existed; without a beginning or an end in time; everlasting" [ibid.]. God's Word is that, too!

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