

What is The Bible?

Part II: Inspiration

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The AIR we
breathe...

Authority
Inspiration
Revelation

Recap on Authority

- ◆ The Bible is our authority for faith and conduct
- ◆ Not science
- ◆ Not History, but history regarding faith



The Bible is Trustworthy



- ◆ King lists name Nabonidas the last king of Babylon
- ◆ Historians were certain the Bible was wrong until 1881
- ◆ The Cylinder of Nabonidas was found referring to his son, Belshazzar.
- ◆ His co-regent hence Daniel's promotion to 3rd ruler in the kingdom – Daniel 5:29



The Bible has authority to...

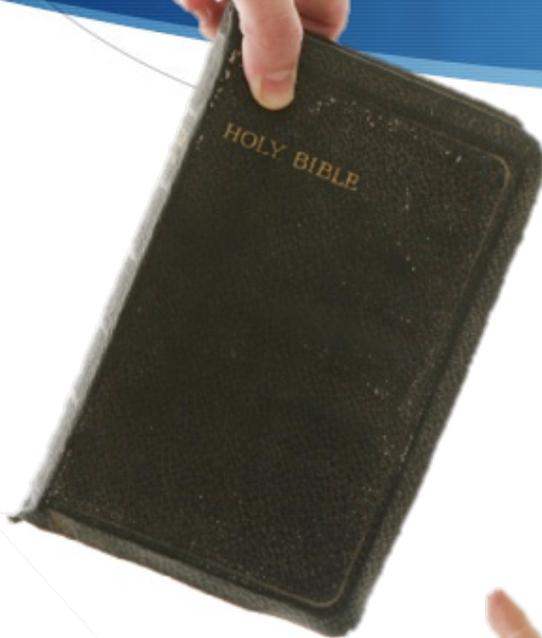
- ◆ Reveal God and His mission
- ◆ Shape us to be like Jesus
- ◆ Direct us to walk & work with Him

1 Timothy 3:14-16

- ◆ Wisdom for salvation
- ◆ Inspired by God
- ◆ ‘Useful or profitable’ for
 - ◆ Teaching
 - ◆ Reproof
 - ◆ Correction
 - ◆ Training in righteousness
- ◆ To equip us for good work



Inspired by God



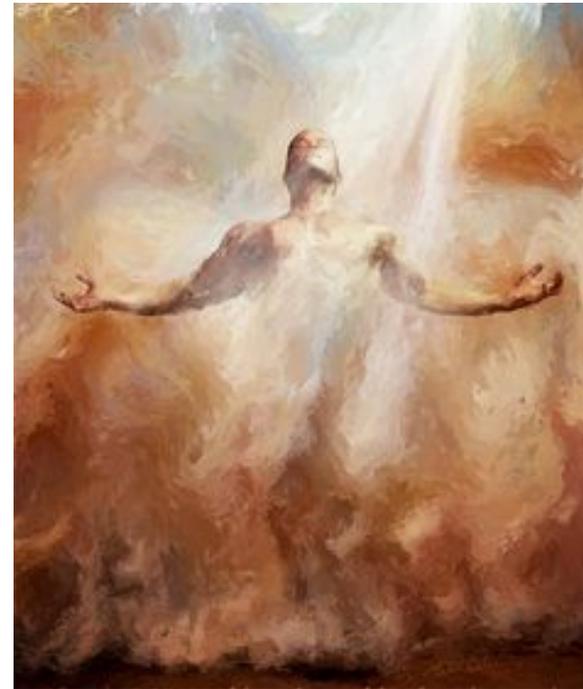
- ◆ Not written by God
- ◆ Not handed down from God
- ◆ Not even dictated by God

but

- ◆ God-breathed
- ◆ Ever wondered why?

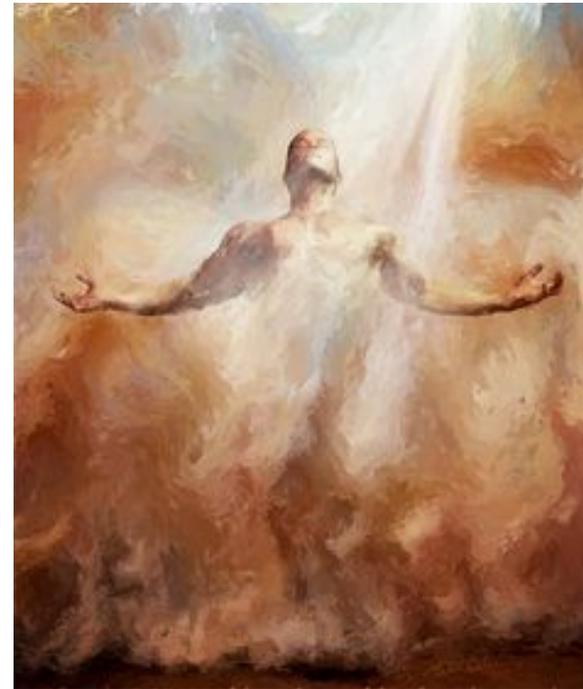
God Breathed?

- ◆ Just like man – Genesis 2:7
 - ◆ Inspired with life but free
- ◆ Inspired through
 - ◆ Experience
 - ◆ Revelation
- ◆ A library of wisdom collected through the ages



God Breathed?

- ◆ Inerrant and infallible
- or
- ◆ Trustworthy and reliable





Inspired to help us hear...

- ◆ ...the voice of God
- ◆ That's its authority
- ◆ Things like "Do not fear"
- ◆ One of our greatest privileges
- ◆ A secure foundation to seek inspiration through

Inspired to Inspire!



- ◆ Calling us towards our destiny
- ◆ Individually & as a race!
- ◆ The Word is alive!
Hebrews 4:12
- ◆ The Spirit guides us – John
16:13