

LESSON # 30
HARD QUESTIONS SERIES
“WASN’T THE BIBLE WRITTEN BY PEOPLE?”

(I) 2 Timothy 3:16

“All Scripture is God-breathed (*inspired according to some translations*) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...”

A) The Greek word for “inspired” means “*God breathed.*” God inspired or _____ to men what to write, so when we read the Bible, we are literally reading the words of God.

B) John MacArthur explains, *Men were in the process but it didn't originate with them and it didn't come from their desire and their will, they were used as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit and enabled to speak from God. They spoke divine words. God used them. It was their personality. It was their background, some of their insights, their experiences, their perceptions, but ever word was the word of God. That's the miracle of inspiration. Men...they were used...carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. That's what the Scripture says.*

C) There is only _____ of the Scripture: God, but many ‘writers’ those that penned the scripture

D) The claim is not made that those that penned the scriptures were perfect human being beings, only that God used them and directed them while they were penning the scriptures.

1) The apostle Peter Made many errors in his life and his speaking

2) The apostle Thomas doubted

3) The apostle Paul expressed anger at John mark

4) Those used to ‘pen’ the scriptures were not perfect in any sense of the word, but God nevertheless used them and guided the process through them in the formation of the scripture.

5) While there may have been faults in their lives, when penning scripture, God _____ them _____ / _____.

E) _____ is the doctrine in Christian theology that the authors and editors of the Bible were led or influenced by God with the result that their writings may be designated in some sense the word of God.

F) Charles Ryrie says it this way: *“God's superintendence of the human authors so that, using their own individual personalities, they composed and recorded without error His revelation to man in the words of the original autographs “*

G) Larry Thiel, for InterVarsity, outlines some assumptions and talking points. For this session have the students work through his talking points.:

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- The Bible is not trustworthy, because it was written so long ago.
 - Men (and not God) wrote the Bible for their purposes.
 - All religions claim to have their own truth.
 - It is arrogant to place the Bible above other religious texts.
 - Books like The Da Vinci Code disprove the Bible.

