

## **Inspiration includes:**

- **The Holy Spirit controlling the author**
- **The author using his personality**
- **Truth written down without error**
- **Words chosen carefully**
- **Entirely inspired original manuscripts**
  - **Sometimes called autographs**

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## The “go to” for inspiration

- 2 Tim. 3.16 – *Theopneustos* “God-breathed”
- Appears only here – a “hapax legomenon”



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## Ways not to view inspiration

- Natural inspiration – authors were normal scholars, their books just became important.
- Spiritual illumination – the writers were inspired men, but their writings were not.
- Partial\dynamic inspiration – sections related to faith and practice are inspired, but not those referring to science and history.
  - Rejects both that the words are inspired as well as the whole book.

## Ways not to view inspiration

- Conceptual inspiration – the concepts or topics were inspired but not the words.
- Divine dictation – that God told the authors exactly what to write at all times, like an amanuenses (secretary).
  - No room for personality
- Neoorthodox opinion – as you read the Bible and “experience” God revealing Himself, it becomes inspired.
  - You decide what is “God’s Word” and what isn’t.

## Ways we should view Biblical inspiration

- **Verbal Plenary inspiration**

- Verbal = words
- Plenary = whole

- **Matthew 5.18**

- Jot = the smallest letter – I
- Tittle = the smallest stroke of a pen – Q O



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