

Example: The Messianic Prophecies

Peter Stoner, the famous scientist, in his book Science Speaks said the probability of even a few Bible prophecies with their specific details being fulfilled by accident would be one chance in two quintillion. This probability would be like filling the state of Texas thirty-five feet deep in silver dollars, putting an “X” on one of them, and giving a blind man one pick. He’d have once chance in two quintillion in picking the one with the “X” on it.

III. THE RESPONSE TO INSPIRATION

“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.” I Thessalonians 2:13

A. Accept the Word (2:13a)

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

B. Activate the Word (2:13b)

*“12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”* Philippians 2:12-13

ARE YOU GROWING THROUGH THE BIBLE?

“Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;....” Jeremiah 15:16a

GROWING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Inspiration: How We Got The Bible

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INTRODUCTION

- A. The normal Christian life is a growing relationship with Jesus. You are to be like Jesus and this means ongoing development. Spiritual growth is not automatic; it requires action. The most important action is growing through the Bible every day.

“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,” I Peter 2:2

If you are not growing you are shrinking and if you are shrinking you are sinning. Remember, a dusty Bible leads to a dirty life!!

- B. In this series, you will you will learn how to grow through the Bible and be a “self-feeder” with the Word of God.

Mar 31	Acceleration: The Bible And Spiritual Growth
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- C. **Text:** II Timothy 3:16-17 (Pew Bible/Pg 217/New Test.)

“Inspiration” means that all the words in the Bible are the very words of God and as such are without error.

HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

I. THE REALITY OF INSPIRATION

“20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

II Peter 1:20-21

II. THE REASONS FOR INSPIRATION

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”

I Peter 3:15

A. It’s supernatural unity

The Bible is unified in general thoughts and specific details. Now if the Bible had been written by one person at one time we could understand how this could happen, but there were many diversities in its formation.

It was written by forty different writers from many walks of life over a 1,600 year period from three different continents in three different languages in many different styles.

B. It’s supernatural indestructibility

“But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

I Peter 1:25

Voltaire said, “Another century and there will not be a Bible on the earth.” The century is gone, and the Bible continues to be printed and circulated throughout the world. After Voltaire died, his old printing press and the very house where he lived was purchased by the Geneva Bible Society where they printed Bibles.

C. It’s supernatural science

“46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”

John 5:46-47

Example: The earth is spherical.

“It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,”

Isaiah 40:22a

“It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel his hand upon me) the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures... For the execution of the journey to the Indies, I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics or maps. It is simply the fulfillment what Isaiah had prophesied...”

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D. It’s supernatural prophecy

“18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

21 And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’—

22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”

Deuteronomy 18:18,21-22