


influence.

- * The inexhaustible character of the Bible is another illustration of our point.
- * The scientific accuracy of the Bible displays a definite supernatural influence.
- * The universality of the Bible reflects a supernatural influence.
- * The character of those inspired to write the Bible.
- * The superiority of the Bible over all other “religious books.
- * The conciseness of Scripture is extraordinary!

These twelve supernatural characteristics of the Scriptures testify that God has influenced the writing of this Book. This influence was exerted through inspiration of the writers. The unavoidable conclusion:

The Bible is God’s revealed Word!



TAKE-HOME LESSONS

1. The validity of the Bible’s Inspiration is fully established by multiple facts.
2. God has provided a light revealing spiritual truths (2 Peter 1:19).
3. The Bible is always accurate when stating scientific facts.
4. The Bible IS, beyond question, God’s revealed word!



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Peter’s assertion for the inspiration of the scriptures (2 Peter 1:19) is bold. God has graciously provided us with a lamp, the scriptures. IF we adhere to them, we will walk safely; IF we neglect them, we will be engulfed by darkness. As substantiation Peter offers this evidence-Verse 16-they did not follow fables in their revelation; Verse 17-18-this is further proved by the transfiguration; Verse 20-21-scriptures were the products of God.

How can we properly determine that the scriptures are “God-breathed?” Investigate the internal evidences (unity, theme, etc.), the external evidences (variants, testimony of the early church, etc.) and the revealed characteristics of its author. Every book ever written bears the imprint of its author. Such is true with the Bible. If there are supernatural characteristics within the writing, then it **MUST** be authored by a supernatural being-God!

THE ETERNAL YOUTH OF THE SCRIPTURES REVEAL A SUPERNATURAL INFLUENCE.

God never grows old (Psalm 41:13; 102:24-27) and the Bible shares this characteristic. (Matthew 24:35; Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:89, 96, 142, 160).

Being the book of the eternal God, the Bible is bathed in an atmosphere of eternity. It leads us from eternity to eternity,

from that which proceeded the great beginning right up to the final consummation of all things. The Book reveals the heart of God and the heart of man in a way which is never outdated.

Such cannot be said of mortal writings! What book of antiquity could ever endure comparison to the Bible on this point? All human books become “dated” so rapidly that textbooks used in one year are often promptly cast aside by the next year.

THE INEXHAUSTIBLE CHARACTER OF THE BIBLE ILLUSTRATES INSPIRATION.

A text never has its last word for us. We can read it many times, yet we will never appreciate the fullness of the text. We constantly experience afresh its perennial quality with a new study period. The Bible addresses itself to us, our lives, here and now. Let us hear it gladly!

THE SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE DISPLAYS A DEFINITE SUPERNATURAL INFLUENCE.

Obviously, the Bible is not a textbook on science, yet the Bible is always accurate concerning scientific matters it records. In 1861 the French Academy of Science published a book which listed some 51 scientific facts that were contrary to the Bible. Today not a reputable scientist will accept these 52 facts. Never once has a scientific statement been proven false. In fact, scientists are amazed at the accuracy of the facts.

In Moses’ time the Egyptians taught that the earth was hatched out of a great cosmic egg. This egg had wings and could fly, and from this flying egg came the earth! The Egyptians also taught that man evolved from little white worms cast up by the overflow of the Nile River. Yet Moses never recorded such ideas as he recorded the creation events (Acts 7:22; Genesis 1:27).

Many have criticized Isaiah 11:12, “the four corners of the earth,” saying that the Bible teaches that the world is flat with our corners. Actually, the Hebrew idiom means the “greatest extremities.” National Geographic recently reported in an article that the earth actually has four extremity. Thus, the critics are

again silenced!

THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE BIBLE REFLECTS A SUPERNATURAL INFLUENCE.

The Bible is a book for every man. It speaks to all people, languages, races, and nations; to all ages; different types of personalities; to all social classes. Only God as the author could give such a book as this! The Book is found quoted in every sort of writing-historical, judicial, legislative, social, moral, biographical, poetic, etc.

“While kings and philosophers find wisdom in this inspired volume, it is the companion of the artisan and merchant, the comfort of the widow, the instructor of the unlettered and uneducated. There is no age of man when it is not suitable. It gives milk to babes, guidance to the youth, strength to men, and consolation to the aged. It is an armory to those who do battle, a storehouse to those who are lonely...a rod and staff to the dying.”

SEVERAL OTHER SUPERNATURAL ELEMENTS BRIEFLY LISTED

The character of those inspired to write the Bible.

The superiority of the Bible over all other “religious books.

The conciseness of Scripture is extraordinary!

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS...

We have noticed twelve definite supernatural characteristics of the Scriptures. These testify to the fact that God has influenced the writing of this Book. Unfortunately, all this which to us is irrefutable proof, seems not at all to touch the unbeliever.

- * The sublime facts of the revelation of God and Christ.
- * The frank discussion of humanity.
- * The plan of salvation.
- * The predictive prophecies.
- * The power to change untold thousands to godly people!
- * The eternal youth of the scriptures reveal a supernatural