

## Inspiration-

*“Who wrote the Bible?”*

Who wrote the Bible? The easiest way to answer this question is to go to the Bible itself, in 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) it says, “**All Scripture is God breathed** and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.” This verse says that all Scripture, meaning the Bible, is given to us directly by God. So God wrote the Bible, but somehow used human authors to communicate His message (in theology, this is called inspiration). How does this work?

There are several different views\* of how God could have used human authors to write the Bible, and each one has valid arguments, but it seems the best way to think about how the Bible was written is by what is called the Plenary Verbal Inspiration theory. This theory states that the Holy Spirit interacted with human authors to produce the Bible.

The word “Plenary” means “full” or “complete,” meaning God had a hand in writing the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. The word “Verbal” refers to the actual words that the human authors wrote. This means that God allowed the writers to have their own voice and personality in the way they communicated, but at the same time He guided the process in such a way that His message would be clear, unified, and distinct.

So, who wrote the Bible? God balanced the writing of Scripture in a way that only He could. He gave the message He wanted in the words of humans from different cultures and backgrounds...thus all Scripture is “God breathed.”

\*other views include Neo-orthodoxy theory, Dictation theory, and Limited Inspiration theory