

The Attackers: The Doctrine of Inspiration: Internal Testimony: All Scripture is God-breathed, 2 Tim 3:16; Scripture's Four-Fold Benefits: Teaching of Doctrine, Conviction, Correction, & Instruction; Inhale Is Revelation of the Word to the Author, Exhale is Inspiration of the Word to the Written Page; Blessings for Inculcation & Application, Heb 10:35–36

2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is God-breathed [θεόπνευστος (*theópnēustos*): inhale and exhale] and becomes beneficial for the teaching of doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

7. The opening clause does not have a verb but rather an emphatic ellipsis in which the nominative subject "Scripture" demands the verb "to be" – εἰμί (*eimí*): "is," followed by the statement that it is God-breathed.
8. This divine revelation is then said to be beneficial in four ways:
 - (1) **The teaching of doctrine**: the pastor-teacher under the ministry of the Holy Spirit studies the Scripture and develops the doctrines contained in its inventory. After they are developed, he incorporates them when led by the Spirit into his teaching: διδασκαλία (*didaskalía*).
 - (2) **Reproof** [ἐλεγχός (*elenchós*)]: A legal term for conviction of wrongdoing by means of biblical evidence that motivates the accused to acknowledge the truth of the matter. This leads to:
 - (3) **Correction** [ἐπανόρθωσις (*epanóρθōsis*)]: To make straight; to correct by means of rebound and followed by altering one's behavior patterns to prevent future occurrences which is accomplished by:
 - (4) **Instruction in righteousness** [παιδεία + δικαιοσύνη (*paideía + dikaiosúnē*)]: Training that results in the development of doctrinal integrity in the soul.

9. The inhale of Scripture is accomplished by the power of God. This is classified as *revelation* by which divine thought is communicated to the human author.
10. The exhale of Scripture occurred when the writer accurately transferred to parchment the message inhaled. This is classified as *inspiration*.
11. Inspiration guarantees the accuracy of the canon in its original autographs, the languages used being Hebrew and some Aramaic in the *Tanach* and Koine Greek, some classical Greek, and some Aramaic in the New Testament.
12. The intent of God's preservation of the canon is so that believers of every dispensation can learn the precepts pertinent to their spiritual lives.
13. The writer of Hebrews presents instructions on the application of the Word along with the benefits of doing so:

Hebrews 10:35 - Do not throw away as worthless your confidence, which keeps having and holding a great and rich distribution of anticipated blessings.

Hebrews 10:36 - For you keep on having need of perseverance [**regarding spiritual growth**], in order that when you have accomplished the will of God [**spiritual maturity**], you may carry off for yourself the promise [**escrow blessings in time**].

14. We have been discussing the creation of the universe by our eternal Father who chose to bring into existence an environment in which both angelic and human life could exist.
15. The contents of the creation are four-fold: matter, energy, space, and time. For matter to move there must be energy and a space in which to move, which movement transpires through time.

16. It is in this environment that human life functions and also the environment in which spiritual advance functions.
17. The Word is reduced to matter in the written canon, the energy to extract its data is GAP, space is provided for the process, and time is the capital used to accomplish the objective.
18. The ability to move forward in the spiritual life requires spiritual stability, the ability to isolate distractions for concentration on priority 1: intake, retention, and application of Bible doctrine.
19. These things cannot be accomplished without a system to resolve both internal and external distractions. This system is composed of the ten problem-solving devices.