

**Is the Bible Really God's Word? (from Dake's Annotated Bible)**

**I. Six Proofs the Bible is Genuine and Authentic (p. 513-520 O.T.)**

**A. Claims of the Bible itself**

- 1. The prophets of the O.T. claimed they were sent of God and that their messages were given to them by God. Over 2,500 times the prophets claim that god spoke by them.**
- 2. The whole Bible centers around the person and work of Jesus Christ.**
- 3. The Bible also represents the commission of the apostles as divine. God confirmed their ministry by signs and wonders.**
- 4. The testimony of the N.T. to the genuineness and authenticity of the O.T. is plain to see. The O.T. is quoted about 250 times in the N.T. and alluded to about 850 times. All O.T. books are either quoted or alluded to except Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon.**

**B. The testimony of secular history (i.e., Josephus; Tacitus)**

**C. Ancient Manuscripts - Plus 5,000**

**D. Lectionaries (collections of Gospels and Epistles for reading in the churches) - Plus 1,000**

**E. Patristic quotations - (Bible quotes of Christian writers in the first 3 centuries)**

**II. The Authors of the Various Books of the bible Were Inspired (p. 241 N.T.)  
(*theopneustos* - Greek for "God breathed")**

**A. Some parts of Scripture give the exact words of God (Ex 34:27, Duet 5:4, Matt 3:17)**

**B. Some words were put into the mouths of the speakers who spoke as the Spirit inspired them. (Ex 4:12, Num 23:5, Acts 3:21)**

**C. Some words were written as the Spirit moved men (Ex 34:27, 2 Pet 1:21)**

**D. In some parts of the Scripture it was left up the writers to choose their own words and relate truth by the inspiration and guidance of the Spirit.**

**(Dan 12:8-9, Luke 1:1-4)**

**III. Evidence that the Bible is God Breathed (p.241 N.T.)**

- A. Its wonderful unity**
- B. Its superiority to other books**
- C. Its influence on the world**
- D. Man couldn't have written it (i.e., paradoxes and antinomies)**
- E. The character and greatness of those who accept it**
- F. All man's present and eternal needs are met by the Bible**
- G. Its preservation through the ages**
- H. The response of the soul to it**
- I. Fulfilled prophecy) approx 3,300 verses have been fulfilled)**
- J. Miracles**
- K. Its adaptability**
- L. Its spiritual and moral power**