

Divine Inspiration

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**“All Scripture is God-breathed
& is useful for teaching, rebuking,
correcting & training in
righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).**

Ruah (Heb): Breath/Spirit of God

Creator Spirit (& Creative Word):

**“By the word of the Lord were the
heavens made, their starry host by the
breath of his mouth” (Psalm 33:6).**

1. Scripture study glorifies the Creator Spirit, the primary author of Scripture.
2. The Spirit wills authentic partnership in communicating the Word of life.
3. Thus, Scripture has many human authors who are authentic authors: Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Paul, 4 evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) James, etc

Dei Verbum (DV): Konstitusyon ukol sa Pagbubukas-loob ng Diyos (1965):

“Sa pagbuo ng mga kasulatang banal, pumili ang Diyos ng mga taong gumamit ng kanilang buong lakas at talino kaya’t, habang nasa kamay sila ng Diyos, at kumilos ang Diyos sa pamamagitan nila, isinulat nila ang anumang niloob ng Diyos bilang mga tunay na may-akda” (DV, 11).

Value of Context of the Text
(history, culture, language of the
human authors & their society)

“In the beginning was the Logos...&
the Logos became flesh & made his
dwelling among us” (John 1:1,14)

Value of Context

“In the beginning was the Logos”

logos (Greek): *dabhar* (Hebrew):

effective or active word

“My word will not return to me empty
but will do what I will” (Isaiah 55:11).

Christ is the Word that works:

“My Father is working to this very day
& I too am working” (John 5:17).

“It is accomplished!” (John 19:30)

“Preach the Word in season & out of season” (2 Timothy 4:2).

Study the Word, in the mood or not.

Duty to learn lessons of the Spirit

“Duty does not rest at all on feelings, impulses & inclinations.”

Discipline in Duty:

“Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus” (2 Tim 2:3).

How much time daily or weekly do I give for studying Scripture?

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Tim 4:7).

Spurn “bad breath” in life.

People of bad breath (by the book):

“lovers of themselves,

lovers of money,

boastful, arrogant, abusive...

slandrous, without self-control,

brutal” (2 Timothy 3:2-5).

1. Scripture is God-breathed (inspired by God) & thus Scripture study glorifies God in the Spirit, the primary biblical author.

2. The Spirit wills authentic partnership in communicating the Word & thus Scripture has many human authors.

3. Discipline & endurance are necessary to study the text & the context of the biblical authors to enable us to fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.