

# Section 1 – The Bible

## 1. Basic Questions

### Authority of the Bible

- 2 Timothy 3:16
- 1 Corinthians 2:13
- Revelation 22:18-19
- Deuteronomy 4:2
- Psalm 119:105
- John 17:17

1. What claims are made in the above verses for the authority of the bible?

2. Given that there can be no physical proof for these claims, as they concern non-physical things, what are the options for them being true? What do you think?

3. Does the bible need additional books to tell the full story? Alternatively, are there some books that could be deleted?

(a) What does the bible say?

(b) What do you think?

4 (a) What is the stated aim or purpose of the bible?

4 (b) How does this differ from most other books you see, and how would this affect its content?

5. Is the bible wholly true for all time, or are there some parts in error, or no longer valid?

(a) What does the bible say?

(b) What do you think?

### Source of the Bible

What does the bible say about its source, how it came to be written?

- Acts 1:16
- Acts 4:24, 25
- Acts 28:25
- Romans 3:2
- Hebrews 10:15
- 2 Peter 1:21

6. What do the above verses say about the source of the Bible?

7. The word “inspired” is derived from the Latin inspirare (“to breathe or blow into”). So, the meaning of “inspired” for the bible is “God-breathed”. Is the bible “God-breathed”?

(a) What does the bible say?

(b) What do you think?

8. Each book can have a different style of writing. What part did the people who wrote down the bible verses have? Would they have seen it as their task, or were they just carried along with enthusiasm, or were they like machines without a choice?

What can we say about this?

9. What is the difference in meaning of the word “inspiration” when used for the Bible, and for works of human art? What do you think?