II Tim. 3:16, 17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

**Scripture**: in Greek – *graphe*, 1124

Holy Writ; Scripture; a thing written; the sacred books (of the O.T.); the holy scripture; also the books of the N.T. already begun to be collected into a canon

(Accordance Greek Strong’s Dictionary and Thayer).

**Inspiration**: in Greek is *theopneustos*:

God-breathed, inspired by God, relating directly to God’s Spirit (pneuma). The word occurs nowhere else in the N.T., only in II Tim 3:16

“*Theopneustos* is also used more generally of the divine influence which enabled the human instruments of revelation – prophets, psalmists, apostles – to speak as well as to write God’s word” (*The Origin of the Bible*, page 30).

**Profitable**: ophelimos in Greek:

Beneficial, useful, profitable

**Doctrine**: in Greek: *didaskalia*: 1319

Teaching, instruction, that we might be taught (for our learning); precepts; doctrine (Accordance Greek Strong’s Dictionary and Thayer).

**Reproof**: in Greek *elengchou*; 1650

A proof, that by which a thing is proved or tested; that by which invisible things are proved and we are convinced of their reality; conviction (Accordance Greek Strong’s Dictionary and Thayer).

**Correction**: in Greek *epanorthosis*: 1882

Restoration to an upright or a right state; correction, improvement, of life and character (Accordance Greek Strong’s Dictionary).

**Instruction**: in Greek *paideia*: 3809

The whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment;

Whatever in adults also cultivates the soul, especially by correcting mistakes and curbing the passions; instruction which aims at the increase of virtue:

Chastisement, chastening (Accordance Greek Strong’s Dictionary and Thayer).

**Righteousness**: in Greek *dikaiosune*: 1343

The state of him who is such as he ought to be, righteousness, a state approved of God; walking in the way of righteousness equivalent to an upright, righteous man, integrity, virtue, purity of life, uprightness, correctness in thinking, feeling, and acting; to live uprightly, to perform completely whatever is right.

**Perfect**: in greek is *artios*: 739

Fitted; complete, perfect (Accordance Greek Strong’s Dictionary and Thayer).

**Furnished**: in Greek is *exartizo*: 1822

Equipped; to complete; finish; to furnish perfectly; accomplish; to render the days complete (Accordance Greek Strong’s Dictionary and Thayer).

**“It should be natural for Christian Scientists to speak the mother tongue, to think spiritually, to talk spiritually, to read the Scriptures spiritually, and thus declare themselves and their generation on God’s side, yea, to characterize their language and their love as spiritual not material.”**

*(Mary Baker Eddy Library Accession #A10320)*

SH 497:3-4

    1. As adherents of Truth, we take the **inspired** Word

of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.

Inspired can be thought of as *prophetic*. We take the ‘prophetic Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life.’ Prophetic means ‘God-breathed, ‘the breath of God,’ the ‘out-breathing of inspiration.’

Isabella Stewart records Mrs. Eddy as saying, **“when the early church lost the spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures, they lost the healing power.”**

SH 117:6-7

    God is Spirit; therefore the language of Spirit must be, and is, spiritual.

Mis. 363:30-2

    I foresee and foresay that every advancing epoch of

Truth will be characterized by a more spiritual apprehension of the

Scriptures, that will show their marked

consonance with the textbook of Christian Science Mind-

healing, “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.”