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2 Peter 1:16-21

Is the Bible True? How Can I Know It?

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I. By Personal Experience (vv. 16-18)

Stories in the Bible are based on historical places, actual people, and certain dates—verifiable events

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What Peter Saw

Peter referred to the transfiguration, one of the highlights of his life

see Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8;
Luke 9:28-36)

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What Peter Heard

the vision Peter saw was accompanied by a
soundtrack

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The problem with personal experiences is that they are subjective

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By Scriptural Evidence (vv. 19-21)

The Bible Is Confirming

The Bible Is Enlightening

The Bible Is Unerring

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Moved (v. 21) is a sailing term that speaks of a ship being carried along where the wind determines

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Not mechanical inspiration: God dictated what to
write

Not concept inspiration: God gave the author the
general concept or idea

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Not natural inspiration: the kind great artists and musicians have

When you add human experience to divine revelation, now you have a powerful combination; you have truth set on fire

Closing Thoughts

When it comes to Scripture, are you like the butterfly: flitting from this church to that church?
Or are you like the botanist: you take intense notes at church, but leave forgetting what you wrote?
Or are you like the bee: you go in empty and come out full, and it's fuel for your life?