

Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1-3

The Bible is a Human Book, But It's Not Just a Human Book
Divine Inspiration Did Not Erase the Unique Personalities of the Human Authors

2 Peter 1:20-21

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but **men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

The Doctrine of Inspiration

God the Holy Spirit superintended the human authors of Scripture such that they composed and recorded without error, the exact message God desired as timeless Scripture in the words of the original manuscripts.

Volume 1: The Gospel of Luke

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word have handed them down to us, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in logical order, **most excellent Theophilus**; so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

Volume 2: The Book of Acts

The first account I composed **Theophilus** about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when He was taken up after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over forty days, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

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This This To Heart

The Living Word of God-our Lord Jesus Christ is the God-Man
ONE Person with TWO natures

The Written Word of God-The Bible is the Word of God and the Word of Man
ONE Book with ONE overall message produced by Dual A/authors
God the Holy Spirit and uniquely inspired human writers.

Uniquely inspired by the HS, the human authors made no errors in what they wrote even though they wrote from their limited personal frame of reference. EX: John the human author of Revelation used 1st century terms to describe 21st century (or beyond) events. The expression: “the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up” in Rev 6:14 is a good example of a 1st century man speaking from his human frame of reference describing the explosion of super (probably a nuclear) weapon.

Two Objections You May Hear on the History Channel and Elsewhere:

1: Jesus Didn't Write Any of the NT Books...Didn't Quote/Confirm Them!?!

1: Jesus taught His Apostles directly/designated them as His unique, official spokesmen
John 15:27; Acts 1:8; Luke 24:48; Acts 10:39-43

2: Jesus promised His Apostles special guidance and inspiration John 14:26 and 16:12-13

3: The Apostles affirmed “brand new” NT books as Scripture 1 T 5:18 (quotes Luke 10:7)
2 Peter 3:14-16 (calls Paul's books “Scripture”); Jude 1:17-18 (quotes 2 Peter 3:2)

2: Didn't Church Committees Select the Books of the NT in the 300s AD!?!

In the process of formally rejecting certain heretical books that had begun to circulate in isolated circles starting in the mid/late 2nd Century, several Church Councils in the 300s contrasted those counterfeits with the real deal by formally listing the 27 NT books as directly Apostolic/uniquely authoritative. This was consistent with what had already been widely understood by the C/church from the 1st century to that time.

But: why did they wait until the 300s to do this? A: Emperor Constantine's conversion in 313AD. The Church Councils that formally canonized the 27 NT books did not CREATE the New Testament, anymore than Isaac Newton CREATED gravity! He simply identified the reality of that force/described it...ditto the Church Councils that formally canonized the books of the NT. No conspiracies, simply a strong consensus led by the work of the Holy Spirit in the C/church from the time of the Apostles. The result: formal affirmation by key C/church leaders in the 4th century after Christianity was finally free to openly function, no longer demonized and persecuted by the Roman Empire.