

Carried Along by the Holy Spirit:
Human Authorship

I. THE CHICAGO STATEMENT ON BIBLICAL INERRANCY (1978)

II. GOD'S WORD WRITTEN AND HUMAN AUTHORSHIP

A. What we don't mean.

B. What we do mean.

“In cases where the ordinary human personality and writing style of the author were prominently involved, as it seems the case with the major part of Scripture, all that we are able to say is that God's providential oversight and direction of the life of each author was such that their personalities, their backgrounds and training, their abilities to evaluate events in the world around them, their access to historical data, their judgment with regard to the accuracy of information, and their individual circumstances when they wrote, were all exactly what God wanted them to be, so that when they actually came to the point of putting pen to paper, the words were fully their own words but also fully the words that God wanted them to write, words that God would also claim as his own.”

~ Wayne Grudem

III. 2 PETER 1:19-21

A. What do we mean by 'prophecy'?

B. Men spoke

C. Men spoke from God

- produced
- carried along

D. Concurive Operation

“We are to think of the Spirit’s inspiring activity, and for that matter, of all His regular operations in and upon human personality, as concurive; that is, as exercised in, through and by means of the writers’ own activity, in such a way that their thinking and writing was both free and spontaneous on their part and divinely elicited and controlled, and what they wrote was not only their own work but also God’s work.”

~ J.I. Packer

IV. HOW WELL DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD?

Spring Equip Classes 2019

The Bible: The Word of God for the People of God

(This course runs for 9 weeks from April 7 to June 16, excluding Easter Sunday and Memorial Day weekend.)

A general outline of the course:

- I. Introduction: *Rejoicing in God and His Word*
- II. What is the Bible? (dealing with doctrinal issues)
 - a. *God’s Word Written: Inspiration & Inerrancy*
 - b. *Carried Along by the Holy Spirit: Human Authorship*
 - c. *Attributes of the Bible: Clear & Authoritative*
 - d. *Attributes of the Bible: Necessary & Sufficient*
- III. Can I really trust the Bible? (dealing with apologetic issues)
 - a. *Copies of Copies of Copies?*
 - b. *Why These Books and Not Those?*
 - c. *True Events from Trustworthy People?*
 - d. *Taking the Resurrected Jesus at His Word*

For how to better study, interpret, and disciple others with the Bible, join us for our upcoming *Impact* workshops:

- June 8 for men – *Fundamentals of Reading the Bible Well*
 - June 21 & 22 for women
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Resources used for the structure and content of this course:

- Craig Blomberg, Can We Still Believe the Bible?
- F.F. Bruce, The Canon of Scripture
- F.F. Bruce, The NT Documents: Are They Reliable?
- Kevin DeYoung, Taking God at His Word
- Greg Gilbert, Why Trust the Bible?
- Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology
- Walter Kaiser, The OT Documents
- Michael Kruger, Canon Revisited
- J.I. Packer, 'Fundamentalism' and the Word of God
- Derek Thomas, The Bible
- B.B. Warfield, The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible
- Paul Wegner, The Journey from Texts to Translations