

## Authorship

*The Scripture was inspired by God – by the Holy Spirit – there was no “co- authorship.” Just a human writer, or scribe. Under inspiration the prophets were taken over – possessed (in a positive way) by the Spirit. The original inspired words have suffered corruptions from man in transmission – copying and translation – we are responsible for applying our critique to these, and using our minds and intelligence (with the help of the Holy Spirit) to affirm what was originally transmitted.*

*There was no “joint transmission” – Moses gave a false impression of this when he hit the rock twice and said “must **we** bring water out of this rock” – failing to give all the glory to God. Moses was the instrument – who should have directed **all** the glory to God. The same with the words he was inspired to write – they, like the waters of Meribah, were provided solely by God. (Num 20:7-13)*

**Numbers 23** <sup>4</sup> And God met Balaam, and he said to Him, “I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered on *each* altar a bull and a ram.”

<sup>5</sup> Then **the LORD put a word in Balaam’s mouth**, and said, “Return to Balak, and **thus you shall speak.**” <sup>6</sup> So he returned to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, he and all the princes of Moab.

<sup>7</sup> And he took up his <sup>(a)</sup>oracle and said: etc

<sup>11</sup> Then Balak said to Balaam, “What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have blessed *them* bountifully!”

<sup>12</sup> So he answered and said, “**Must I not take heed to speak what the LORD has put in my mouth?**”

**Amos 3** <sup>7</sup> Surely the Lord GOD does nothing,  
Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

<sup>8</sup> A lion has roared!

Who will not fear?

The Lord GOD has spoken!

Who can but prophesy?

**2 Peter 1** <sup>16</sup> For **we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup> For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**” <sup>18</sup> And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> And so **we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed** as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; <sup>20</sup> knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation (or origin), <sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but **holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.**

**2 Tim 3** <sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that **from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

<sup>16</sup> **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,** and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

*Once we have sorted out problems from human transmission, we are to deeply respect what is written and approach it with all humility of mind (Isaiah 66:1).*

*It is interesting that Paul wrote this to the Thessalonians – (1, chapter 2)*

<sup>13</sup> For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when **you received the word of God which you heard from us,** you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but **as it is in truth, the word of God,** which also effectively works in you who believe. <sup>14</sup> For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans, <sup>15</sup> who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are <sup>16</sup> *contrary* to all men, <sup>16</sup> forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up *the measure of their sins;* but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.