

How can an inerrant book come from errant men?

Christians know that every human being is sinful and prone to be wrong about so many things. Yet Christians also believe that the Bible was written by men who are sinners and prone to be wrong..

1. What is meant by inerrant?

2 Peter **1:19**

Isaiah **55:11**

Revelation **22:18-20**

The idea behind the scriptures being inerrant is that the Bible is without error in what is written in its pages. It means that the scriptures will accomplish what it was intended to accomplish. The prophetic content, which is ultimately most of it, is understood to be sure and accurate. Ultimately, it is the original manuscripts that are considered truly inerrant. The copies we have now are considered to be accurate representations of the original manuscripts. This means that the current copies are not absolutely perfect in every detail but the differences between them and the originals does not negate any message of the originals nor will it lead the reader astray from the original message.

2. Where did the Bible come from?

2 Timothy **3:17-17**

2 Peter **1:20-21**

1 Thessalonians **2:13**

Exodus 17:14; **34:27**

The scriptures are considered to be effectively authored by God. The Holy Spirit of God either guided the writings of the scriptures in order to ensure the outcome or the Holy Spirit of God directly dictated what to specifically write down. When the Holy Spirit guides with writing of the scriptures, it provides for leniency in regards to the choice of words and phrases that are being used to communicate the message that God wants to be communicated. There are many different ways to say the same thing and the Holy Spirit guides the human author to use his own writing style and personality for God's divine purpose.

3. How can we know for certain that God is the ultimate author of the Bible?

Exodus **3:15**

Jeremiah **2:1-2**

Deuteronomy **18:22**

Isaiah **48:4-8**

The first reason to understand that the scriptures are the product of God's thoughts and mind is that the scriptures claim to have come directly from God and not from man. Another reason to understand the scriptures as coming from God and not from man is that it speaks consistently of things to come. The knowledge that God delivers to His prophets is knowledge that could have come from no other source.

4. What safeguards were put in place to ensure the writer did not make a mistake?

Jeremiah **20:8-9**

1 Corinthians **9:16**

Deuteronomy **18:20**

Jeremiah **14:14-16**

One of the safeguards that God put into place is the internal spiritual pressure to speak what God has for them to speak. To abandon speaking the very words of God was considered to be harmful to them. Furthermore, for a prophet to speak anything other than what God specifically told them to speak is an offense that is punishable by death by God.