

They are human beings that are fallible but are guided by the Spirit so that in general they will give the thought. They are not like the Lord Jesus Christ knowing all things, but they are guided and they are kept from ~~what~~ error in what they write. They couldn't just be ^rpartially inspired--either all or none--They had no errors. Human writers either have a greater or smaller portion of error mixed in with their writing but that is not the case of Inspiration, there is no error involved. It is either inspired or not inspired.

That there are three phases involved in this work of inspiration should be noted--the Spirit prepares the man and chooses which ones should take part in Inspiration. They say if you want to train a child right you must begin with his grandparents--it isn't long before the child will do something which reminds one very much of what the parents once did. The Holy Spirit picked out some even before they were born to be writers for His Word. The Lord could prepare a man for any such type of work, beginning with his grandparents--Jeremiah was called while still in his mother's womb. God plans individuals long before they are born for the special work which He has for them to do. God carefully selected individuals--their lives were carefully overseen so they would have those special experiences. Then when they began to write there was supervision to keep them from error, and then in directing their thoughts as to what should be put in the book--there doubtless were many revelations given to the prophets which were of vital interest to the people of their day which we don't have today--so there was a guidance of the writer as to what he should include--he selected certain matters and the Holy Spirit guided in the selection in this matter also. Then we notice that the Holy Spirit kept certain things from entering which were doubtless in the minds of the writers--they had many incorrect ideas but the Holy Spirit kept these things from being put in. A large portion of the work of the Spirit was the keeping out of erroneous ideas in the minds of the writers. Their minds were like our minds--full of misconceptions etc. Thus we have the claims of the writers as to what they wrote down as being inspired. ILL. Prof. at Princeton Seminary saying that if something were found today written by Paul, that would be part of Scripture, but there is no foundation to this. It would be possible that the Lord could have lead Paul to write something that would ~~be~~ ^{have} been of real value in that day and then be lost for a while and then be found for our day but that is rather unlikely--we have the Bible and no doubt Paul wrote many things that we don't have in the Bible but that wouldn't mean that these other things were inspired--whether he wrote epistles of length we do not know except to know that what is in our Bible today is what God wished to be there.