

The _____ by which the _____ was captured in the _____ through the ministry of the _____

The Locus of Inspiration

① The Author——*Natural Inspiration*

Theological Liberalism

1 Peter 1:10-12	¹⁰ As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that <i>would come</i> to you made careful searches and inquiries, ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.
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The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, Article VII

- We affirm that inspiration was the work in which God by His Spirit, through human writers, gave us His word. The origin of Scripture is divine. The mode of divine inspiration remains largely a mystery to us.
- We deny that inspiration can be reduced to human insight, or to heightened states of consciousness of any kind.

② The Reader——*Neo-Orthodox/Mystical Inspiration*

Karl Barth

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, Article III

- We affirm that the written Word in its entirety is revelation given by God.
- We deny that the Bible is merely a witness to revelation, or only becomes revelation in encounter, or depends on the responses of men for its validity.

③ The Writing

1 Thess 2:13	For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted <i>it not as</i> the word of men, but <i>for</i> what it really is, the word of God , which also performs its work in you who believe.
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Scripture is _____.

The Extent of Inspiration

I. Scripture *Contains* the Word of God

① *Partial Inspiration*

Unknown or Unknowable

2 Tim 3:16	All Scripture is inspired by God
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② *Conceptual Inspiration*

Ideas and Concepts

Formal Equivalence vs. Dynamic Equivalence

Jeremiah 1:9	Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ”
Jeremiah 23:28	The prophet who has a dream may relate <i>his</i> dream, but let him who has My word speak My word in truth.

II. Scripture *Is* the Word of God

① *Mechanical Dictation*

Exodus 31:18; 34:27; Jeremiah 30:1-2; Revelation 2:1,8,12,18; 3:1,7,14

What is the mechanism? 2 Peter 1:16-21

Event	Location	Reference
Baptism	Jordan River	Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 3:22
Transfiguration	Mount of Transfiguration	Matthew 17:5-7; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35
Passion Week	Jerusalem	John 12:27-30

2 Peter 1:19	So we have the prophetic word <i>made</i> more sure, (NASB) And we have as more sure the prophetic word. (LSB) And we have the more certain prophetic word. (BLB)
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Psalm 119:105	Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
Luke 1:78	Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,
Revelation 22:16	“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

interpretation (*epilysis*): loosing/untying something and letting it go.

will (*thelēma*): what one wishes or has determined shall be done.

*For not by the will of man ever a prophecy came,
but by the Holy Spirit, being carried along, spoke from God, men.*

2 Peter 1:21	but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (KJV)
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move (*pherō*): to bear or to carry

Acts 27:15, 17	¹⁵ and when the ship was caught <i>in it</i> and could not face the wind, we gave way <i>to it</i> and let ourselves be driven along . ¹⁷ After they had hoisted it up, they used supporting cables in undergirding the ship; and fearing that they might run aground on <i>the shallows</i> of Syrtis, they let down the sea anchor and in this way let themselves be driven along .
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2 Peter 1:20-21	²⁰ Above all, you do well if you recognize this: No prophecy of scripture ever comes about by the prophet's own imagination , ²¹ for no prophecy was ever borne of human impulse ; rather, men carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (New English Translation)
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The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, Article VIII

- We affirm that God in His work of inspiration utilized the distinctive personalities and literary styles of the writers whom He had chosen and prepared.
- We deny that God, in causing these writers to use the very words that He chose, overrode their personalities.

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Hermeneutics

ARTICLE II: The Written Word and the Incarnated Word

- We affirm that as Christ is God and Man in one Person, so Scripture is, indivisibly, God's Word in human language.
- We deny that the humble, human form of Scripture entails errancy any more than the humanity of Christ, even in His humiliation, entails sin.

② Verbal and Plenary Inspiration

2 Timothy 3:16 *pasa graphē theopneustos*

all (pas): “every, each,” or “all, the whole”

Verbal	
Matthew 22:32	‘I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.
Galatians 3:16	Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed . He does not say, “And to seeds ,” as <i>referring</i> to many, but <i>rather</i> to one, “And to your seed ,” that is, Christ.
Plenary	
Jeremiah 26:2	Thus says the LORD, ‘Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah who have come to worship <i>in</i> the Lord’s house all the words that I have commanded you to speak to them. Do not omit a word! ’
Matthew 4:4	‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’

Scripture (graphē): the sacred writings

1 Timothy 3:15

Did the Apostle know they were writing the NT Scriptures?

(a)	
1 Cor 14:37	If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord’s commandment.

(b)

1 Timothy 5:18

For the Scripture says, “YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING,” and “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”

(c)

2 Peter 3:15-16

¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, ¹⁶ as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, *as they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

God-breathed (theopneustos = theos + pneō)

2 Timothy 3:16	All Scripture is inspired by God	(NASB)
	All Scripture is God-breathed	(LSB, NIV)
	All Scripture is breathed out by God	(ESV)

Matt 22:31

have you not read what was spoken to you by God

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, Article VI

- We affirm that the whole of Scripture and all its parts, down to the very words of the original, were given by divine inspiration.
- We deny that the inspiration of Scripture can rightly be affirmed of the whole without the parts, or of some parts but not the whole

Summary

The Holy Spirit is the _____ of Scripture.

He is the Agent of _____ and _____ God’s message to man.