



☐ It was written over about 1500 years by about 40 different authors, ranging from fishermen to kings, doctors to shepherds and scholars to prophets. The Bible claims that its human authors wrote down words that were inspired by God: “For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (1 Peter 1:21); “All scripture is God-breathed” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Where significant doubts existed over the reliability and authenticity of manuscripts, those books were rejected from the Canon, and are not accepted as part of the Bible. Some of these are collected in The Apocrypha, which many (but not all) Christians do not consider to have the same authority as the Bible.