WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?
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INTRODUCTION
1. The word "Bible" is from the Greek word "Biblos" and means "a book".
2. The Bible contains the mind of God revealing itself to the mind of man.
3. The Bible is here and must be accounted for; someone wrote it.
4. By the process of elimination, it is possible to reach some conclusion from where the Bible did not come.

I. THE ATHEIST DID NOT WRITE THE BIBLE
1. The Atheist denies the existence of God.
2. He believes the world evolved, and that all things we see are here only by "accident".
3. The Atheist would not have written Genesis chapters one and two, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." --Gen. 1:1
4. He would not have written Genesis 1: 26 - 28.
5. He would not have written Psa. 14:1.
6. If there is no God, as the Atheist says, then there are no morals -- so the Atheist would not have written Galatians 5: 19 - 21.

II. THE INFIDEL DID NOT WRITE THE BIBLE
1. While the infidel concedes the existence of God, he denies the Bible is a revelation from God.
2. He believes the Bible to be only a legend and a relic from the past.
3. He would not have written such passages as:
   (1) 2 Pet. 1: 20 - 21
   (2) 2 Tim. 3: 16 - 17
   (3) 1 Cor. 2: 9 - 13

III. THE MODERNIST DID NOT WRITE THE BIBLE
1. The Bible has no greater enemy than the Modernist.
2. He professes to be a friend of the Bible, but proposes to take the supernatural out of it and ascribe to it a human origin.
3. He would not have written such passages as these:
   (1) Isaiah 7:14
   (2) Luke 1: 26 - 35
   (3) Matt. 1: 22 - 23
4. The Modernist is a social do-gooder -- "social gospel".
5. The Atheist, infidel, and Modernist all belong in the same camp -- Enemies of the Bible -- Phil. 3:18

IV. THE CATHOLICS DID NOT WRITE THE BIBLE
1. The basic assumption of Catholicism is the Primacy of Simon Peter.
2. The claim that Peter was the "first Pope" is foreign to Divine truth, and no greater error could possibly be put forth.
3. Reasons are abundant why Peter could not have been a Pope.
   (1) He was married -- Matt. 8: 14; Mk. 1:30; I Cor. 9:5
(2) He was equal with the other Apostles -- II Cor. 12: 11 - 12
(3) He was rebuked for his mistake, hence not infallible -- Gal. 2: 11 - 15
(4) There is no evidence he was ever in Rome, the place the Catholic church originated.
(5) Paul never mentioned Peter in the Roman letter.
(6) Peter refused to allow men to worship him -- Acts 10: 25 - 26

4. The church is built upon Christ, not Peter -- Matt. 16: 16 - 18
5. Christ is the head of the church, not Peter -- Eph. 1: 22 - 23
6. No process of reasoning would justify an assumption that Catholics had anything to do with the writing of the Bible.

V. THE BAPTISTS DID NOT WRITE THE BIBLE
1. Baptists are "creed-bound"; they reject plain teaching of the Bible.
2. They teach one is saved "before baptism" -- Mk. 16: 15 - 16; Acts 2:38; 22: 16; I Pet. 3:21
3. They teach "faith only" saves -- James 2:24.
4. They do not believe that a child of God can so act as to be finally lost in Hell -- I Cor. 10:8; 10:12; Gal. 5:4
5. Certainly the Baptist had no part in writing the Bible.

VI. THE METHODIST DID NOT WRITE THE BIBLE
1. They teach that "we are justified by faith only, and it is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort".
2. The Bible states that:
   (1) Faith alone is dead -- James 2:17
   (2) Faith without works is dead -- James 2:20
   (3) Justification is not by "faith only" -- James 2:24
   (4) Faith, to avail, must work -- Gal. 5:6
3. No Methodist would have written the Bible.

VII. MANY BRETHREN NOW LIVING WOULD NOT HAVE WRITTEN THE BIBLE
1. Some brethren would never have written:
   (1) Heb. 10:25
   (2) I Cor. 16:2
   (3) Gal. 5: 19 - 21

VIII. WHO WROTE THE BIBLE??
1. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" -- II Pet. 1:21
2. The Bible was written by Inspiration -- 2 Tim. 3: 16 - 17; 2 Cor. 2: 9 - 13

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