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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[Who Wrote What in the Bible](#)” is the Doctrinal article for this month. This information is distilled from Dr. Martin’s book, “[Restoring the Original Bible: The Design and Development of the Holy Scriptures](#),” several of his articles and from my articles and commentaries.

Everything that is written, whether you read it yourself, have it read to you, listen to it the radio, or watch it performed on television or movies — all of it was written or composed in the past. When writing is broadcast and transmitted to you, that too was done in the past before you receive it, because it takes time, however small, for the sights, sounds, or letters to reach you. If you read a book, a magazine, a newspaper, or text on a computer or phone, the letters and words were placed there before you see them with your eyes or hear them with your ears. When you speak face-to-face, the thoughts of the person you speak with are from the past.

God our Father does the same. He speaks through intermediaries to His servants, angels, the prophets, and later through His Son Jesus Christ for people to hear or see His words and learn His thoughts from the past. Yet God’s words convey the thoughts of the Living God. The words were written for our future reading in the form of voice or symbols on a tablet, animal skin, parchment.

Something changed when God communicated more openly with us through His Son:

“God, who at sundry [various] times and in divers [different] manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Has in these last [prior] days spoken unto us by His Son, whom he [God] has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds [eons];

Who [God’s Son] being the brightness of his [God’s] glory, and the express image of his [God’s] person, and upholding all things by the word [not “logos” but rather “expression”] of his [God’s] power, when He [God’s Son] had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high ...”

• *Hebrews 1:1–3*

God’s Son emptied Himself and took the form of a servant and became flesh (Philippians 2:5–11):

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation [emptied Himself], and took upon Him[self] the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.”

• *Philippians 2:5–9*

His act of emptying Himself communicates to us the kind of person He was. He communicated to us from the past to our present. This is similar to what John says in chapter 1 of his Gospel. As you read letters and words or hear words, remember that the function of words is to communicate **from** the past **to** our present moment without the originator of the words being present to communicate the message.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same [Word] was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him [the Word] and without Him [the Word] was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.”

• *John 1:1–4*

In all three passages, communication was done, from the past to the present moment by the person receiving the message whether by reading or hearing that message.

1. In the Hebrews passage, the prophets spoke God's message, then the Son spoke **"unto us,"** meaning "us" believers.
2. In the Philippians passage the Son emptied Himself to communicate with us [all humans] as flesh.
3. In the John passage, the enfleshed Word (the Son) communicated light and life to people.

John the Baptist,

"... came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that ALL MEN through him might believe. He [John] was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lights EVERY MAN that comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not."

• *John 1:7-10, KJV*

This all occurred in the past. What you view on television has happened in the past, even live shows. It may be a fraction of a second in the past, even at the speed of light, but it is in the past, nonetheless. Most things you watch or hear are written or composed by someone in the past.

God speaks to us today through His written word in the Holy Scriptures. This is as effective a means of communication as it would be if God, or Christ, or the apostles, or the prophets were in front of you speaking God's words directly to you. While you are reading Scripture, God's thoughts, the thoughts of Jesus Christ, are received into your mind. They are alive. The thoughts of the apostles and Old Testament saints are being received by you even though they have been dead for thousands of years.

Yes, God communicates with us through time and space, from the past, to **touch our hearts and minds** in the present. He does this through His Holy Spirit to **change our hearts and minds S-L-O-W-L-Y** to align with the thoughts and minds of our **"One God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"** (1 Timothy 2:5). Christ is the only Mediator between God and each one of us. They do all this to build our character to be like Christ. Also, they communicate with words from the past so we can learn from Scripture about Christ's ministry, death, resurrection, ascension to heaven, and His certain return at some future time.

Read or reread Dr. Martin's book *Restoring the Original Gospel*. If not, then try to read the last chapter, **["Chapter 29: The Autographs of the New Testament Books."](#)** That single chapter of Dr. Martin's book will clear away confusion about the canonization of the Holy Scriptures, and how God's Word became the written Word of God, yet remains relevant today.

Thank You

I wrote this Newsletter in your past, and you read it now in your present time in my future. We should thank God for the marvelous ability He gives us to use our minds to learn about our Creator God and His Son Christ Jesus, as well as recall our individual past (when we were young), our present older age, and future as glorified Children of God. We need to acknowledge each other and our place in the grand scheme of God's creation as His future mature children.

I am amazed how fearfully and wonderfully made all human beings truly are. Whenever I meet someone new I think this thought: in the future I will know this new acquaintance better than I know any human being now. That may be true because "time" may not exist in the glorified future when we have immortal bodies of flesh, bone, and Spirit, when God has become **"all in all"** (1 Corinthians 15:28).

How marvelous God's plan will be for every human being. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you by producing basic and useful biblical information. Thank you for supporting our work. May God bless you all during these "interesting" times. Your support sustains our work for you and others. Keep praying for us, as we pray for you. God Bless You All!

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