

attempt to understand the reality of the biblical claim. They have neither tested nor examined the Bible; and not being gripped in heart by it, they cannot understand in their minds its claims. To many the Bible is like a bogus insurance policy — with tons of unread fine print — and the value is unknown until the fine print is understood. Our point is not to argue with those who doubt the Bible; but to point out to them that if a proper line of reasoning is given to the Scripture (and if the normal method of proof for any other work is accepted), it will stand out as God's Word.

## The Role of Men in Giving Us the Bible

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It is apparent that along with the divine origination of the Bible man had a very real part in its production. Knowing it came from God, our purpose is to see what role man had in giving it to us. Historically some think man did it all, while others think he did nothing! Neither is correct. The truth lies between the two, and no discussion of the character and composition of the Bible is complete without this

interesting picture.

Briefly, the role of men in giving us the Bible may be summarized in three aspects: men were the writers, preservers, and teachers of the Bible.

That men were the writers of the Bible is not so simple a statement as it appears. By writers we do not mean un-intelligible dictaphones, but rather the true authors in that they com-

municated to us the mind of God. The Scripture of 2 Pet. 1:21 tells of the prophets' speaking as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Their writings are