

THE BATTLE FOR THE BEGINNING, PART 1

Who Wrote the Book of Genesis?

1. The _____ Hypothesis

A. The J.E.D.P. Hypothesis

1. Specifically, the documents handed down were ...

- The Jehovist Document – 850 B.C.
- The Elohist Document – 750 B.C.
- The Deuteronomist Document – 620 B.C.
- The Priestly Document – 500 B.C.

B. The _____ Theory

1. Man did not know how to write back then; he had not evolved to that point yet.

a. This illiteracy theory has been scrapped by one of their own apologists, evolutionary anthropologist, Ralph Linton, says, “Writing appears almost simultaneously some 5000-6000 years ago in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Indus Valley.” {Ralph Linton: *The Tree of Culture* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1955), p. 110}.

1a. And since we know the Earth – by Biblical revelation – is around 6,000 years old, we know that they already could read and write.

aa. There were 5 days before Adam since he was created on Day 6. Using the Masoretic Hebrew text of Genesis 5 and 11, we add up the time from Adam to Abraham and that is about 2000 years. Most scholars agree that Abraham lived about 2000 B.C., which is about 4000 years ago.

$$5 \text{ Days} + \sim 2000 \text{ years} + \sim 4000 \text{ years} = \sim 6000 \text{ years.}$$

2. The _____ Tradition of Jewish Scribes and Early Christian Fathers

A. Moses is the Author

1. How can this be?

a. Genesis is the first Book of the Pentateuch [the first five books of the Bible] and the Torah, the Law of Moses.

b. Jesus Himself held this view that Moses was the author (**Luke 24:27, 44**).

2. But, we know, however, that the time of Moses was around thirty-five hundred years ago and did not live in the time frame of the Book of Genesis.

a. So, how was it transmitted to him?

1a. The Bible is the inspired Word of God (**2Timothy 3:16; 2Peter 1:21**).

aa. God inspires His Word with three methods:

- ✓ **Visions and Revelations** – these have to do with the prophetic revelations of the future.
- ✓ **The Direct Dictation Method** – where God dictates each and every word, like in the transmission of the Ten Commandments.
- ✓ **The Infallible Guidance of the Holy Spirit in Compilation** – where the Holy Spirit infallibly directs the writer to collect and edit previous documents, or to

record the events he had seen himself or that had ascertained from other who were witnesses [Luke, Acts].

3. _____ of the Patriarchal Records

A. Moses the Compiler

1. Moses was infallibly led by the Holy Spirit to compile and edit the patriarchal records handed down from father to son via the line of the patriarchs mentioned in Genesis.

a. Most likely, these documents were preserved in stone.

2. These documents are recognized by a key phrase found repeatedly in Genesis **(2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 36:9; 37:2)**.

a. The word generations means records of the origins and each phrase is the concluding signature, meaning, that it concludes what was just written; the events took place before their death – they saw it and lived it.