

In the book of Enoch--it just tells us something that Enoch said, but it doesn't say that the Spirit inspired him--there might have been many other things that might have been attributed to Enoch which weren't true, but this we know --that this is something that Enoch actually said. Every human book is filled with errors of greater or less importance. Inspiration is only thought of as applying to the books of the Bible and not to any other books--books of the Scripture may refer to outside sources for information.

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4. Inspiration is ~~primary~~ and verbal. ILL. of man from great divinity school that used to say that the world was in great need of regeneration of the Holy Spirit--I mean that when a man becomes a Christian his inner action takes place on other members of the community. He would use Christian terminology and yet mean something entirely different therefrom. People 100 years ago would ask if others believed in the divinity of Christ or not--and that was the catch work--it soon developed that these hypocrites believed that all men are divine, and hence they got into positions which they never would have attained if they had been frank with the ones who asked them. Jesus was just a little more divine--thus divine was used until that time and then dropped because it was used in such a loose way and deity was then used. Now we speak of the deity of Christ. This man who was ordained in one of the largest churches in the Presbyterian denomination even though he didn't believe in the virgin birth, etc. The Bible is not just a bunch of isolated material but it all fits together into an intrinsic whole--it is the Word which God has given. There are many who would claim that they believed in inspiration but not that the words are inspired but that the ideas are inspired. I believe in inspiration but not a verbal inspiration, a dynamic inspiration. Well, they might as well say I believe in the resurrection of Christ, it is the great principle of permanence of personality or I believe in God, He is a symbol like Uncle Sam. Inspiration since the early history of the church has has a definite, specific, direct meaning and it is a different meaning from revelation. Ideas are revealed, words are inspired. Inspiration has nothing to do specifically and directly with ideas. Inspiration relates to words, the Holy Spirit has caused the writers to use words which are free from error. He has caused them to use words which do not bring in erroneous ideas. He has caused them to use words which give us a correct presentation of the idea which He has revealed or of the thing which they have seen. Revelation then is the means of communicating ideas. You may communicate ideas by a picture,