

it, you don't believe much. ILL. Student who forgot what electricity was. The same is true of light - what is light? We don't understand how we see what we see, why we don't have two pictures! The Bible teaches that human writers wrote it inspired by the Holy Spirit to keep it free from error. We have the various personalities of the various writers--e.g. Mark with his short choppy sentences or Isaiah with his superior writing--you read a chapter of Paul and then a chapter written by Peter and no one would dream for a moment that both had written the same. It is a picture of their personalities but all the time they were kept from writing error even though their own minds might have had misconceptions therein. The more we know, the more we learn that we didn't know before. The more problems we solve the more we have to solve--we would agree that we can learn certain things so well that it practically becomes a law to us, but then we learn about other things that belong to the same realm which we didn't realize even existed before, so the field of knowledge is limitless. God is the only who knows it all and He kept them from error in their writing--he kept out their own misconceptions from being put in.

9. Inspiration results in making the entire OLD TESTAMENT a revelation of God (Of course this includes the whole Bible). He gave us parts of the Bible by revelation and God dictated certain parts of it to the writers and gave them new ideas--that was revelation. Inspiration kept them from error in writing down; in selecting the ideas to tell us about the revelation which God had given them. # 21. To us it all comes as a revelation of God. It is all right to say that the whole Bible is a revelation of God to us and it is all right to say that part of it was a revelation of God to the writers. One is the process of the matter and the other is the matter of the result. Once we realize that all of it is a ~~revelation~~ revelation of God to us, it only becomes a matter of interest as to how the writer received his information but it is not vital. ILL. of Gen. 1:1,2--how did this information come to Moses? Maybe it was dictated to Moses or maybe he saw a vision or maybe some other ~~writer~~ ^{person} had a vision and then Moses wrote down what he had heard through word of mouth--at least he was kept from error. The whole Bible then reveals the whole matter of what is vital for us to know from God's viewpoint.

10. A word of caution--a note regarding inspiration: Inspiration is not the proper starting point of Christian apologetics. The way to bring a man to the proper knowledge of the Lord is not to prove to him that the Bible is free from error. It would be ridiculous to start proving every statement in the Bible is correct--in fact an impossibility to prove every detail.