

Now let's see the complex phase. And the complex phase is this: here is a little child, and the mother says to the child, "Pretty soon you'll be a ~~XXXX~~ little bit older and you'll be going to school." And the child says, "Well, I don't want to go to school; what's it all about?" And the mother tries to explain, and the child finds it difficult to understand. As we grow older ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ we learn more and more about the meaning of words, and more and more about the facts of life, until when you get to be my age you get to feel that you wish you could go back and start over again knowing as much as I know and, think, how much better you could do so many things! But I know that ~~MM~~ there's much more to understand if I go on; and words come to mean more to me. I understand them. The parent says something that is clear and definite to them but they have to put it in language that the child can understand.

Now God looked upon this world, a world ^{where} ~~with~~ sin had come, a world where man had ~~XXXXXX~~ fallen, Man ~~MM~~ deliberately put God out of his mind, man didn't want to be bothered with God. Man wanted to go on in his own sinful way and God knows that the end of that way is death.

So God comes to man who has a mind clouded by sin and He wants to give him an explanation, an understanding. So He gives us, not a set of mathematical formulas, nothing of the kind. He gives us some of the greatest literature the world has ever seen; He gives us poetry; He gives us history; He gives us hymns; He gives us music. He gives us all kinds of literature in here through which He conveys to us the ideas He wants us to have. Well, that's what I call revelation, the conveying of the ideas from God to us. In the Bible there is an added feature which I call "inspiration".

Inspiration, I define, as the protecting of the writers as they wrote this down to keep them from error. That means, when these writers wrote this, out of the many ideas they had in their minds ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ which may have been, many of them, erroneous, the Holy Spirit of God