

although a <sup>man</sup> peasant (~~MMMMM~~/highly educated/by that time) stood before the great emperor of all the dukes and leaders of the Holy Roman Empire. And they said, "Martin Luther: are these books here on the table your books? Habe you written these?" And he said, "Yes." And they said, "Martin Luther, will you retract what is in those books?" And Luther answered, he said, "The material in those books could be ~~XXXXX~~ divided into three parts." He said, "There are ideas in those books which are incorrect: my theories, my ideas, some of which are incorrect; I'd gladly retract anything incorrect in those books." And, "Then," he said, "there are ideas there which I can't prove, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ they're my guesses on things." And he said, "They may be right and they may not, and I'll retract them to ~~XXXXX~~ please you if you want me to, because I can't prove they're right. But," he said, "in those books there is a great deal that is taken directly from the sixty-six books of the Bible." ¶ He said, "There's a great deal in there that gives what I find taught in this book, and," he said, "that is God's Word and I can't ¶ retract God's Word." And he said, "Anything I've ever said contrary to this Book, throw it out. But anything I've said that is in line with the Bible, I must stand on it, so help me God."

And to my notion, that is the only way we can learn beyond a few elementary things. The only way we can learn much in the spiritual realm is to get a revelation from God. And I consider this book the Word of God because I consider it the book which tells us the ideas which God wants us to have about life, its meaning, ~~the purpose~~ its destiny, about our sin, how we can be saved from it through ¶ Jesus Christ who died on the cross.

Now, as you see, this is no mechanical theory of inspiration. I don't believe God dictated the Bible to a stenographer. Now He could have dictated it to a stenographer; I dictate to a stenographer every day; there's nothing ~~XXXXX~~ wrong in dictating to a stenographer,