

So we see that Christ had the attitude that all the books that were compiled in that day were God's Word. We know that all 66 books are the Word of God.

Now I would like to take up something, perhaps of secondary importance but nevertheless of real importance. How did we get this revelation? How did He give it to us? He could have written it Himself and then dropped it down from heaven, Etc. Could have sent it down by a parachute or spoke with a loud voice, or taken a single individual and dictate it to him but God used neither of these ways. The Bible is written by many individuals--He did not dictate it to any individuals. We notice that parts of it were given by direct message--cf. the 10 commandments. Later the Lord dictated the law to Moses--a direct revelation. Then we have what Christ said which is dictation. We do not believe in the dictation theory of the Bible though a portion of it is thus given. The disadvantage of the red-letter editions. He has human personality coming up in the different writers--cf. Paul writing to Timothy asking him to bring his cloak since he was going to depart--this was not dictation but it still is part of God's Word. It is all the revelation of God to us but we got it in different ways--other parts were written from an eye-witness account of the events. We don't hear Christ saying to the the two men going to Emmaus, "You should have believed everything that God gave to the prophets--everything that God spoke to Moses--" He rather spoke of the whole Law and the Prophets and nothing would pass away--all that they had spoke--Paul says all Scripture is inspired of God. That is where we get "inspiration"--"God-breathed"--Cf. II Pet. 1--in the last few verses--no prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation--that is of itself. Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The whole of it is inspired though parts of it were given by direct revelation--

What does "inspiration" mean--ILL. of Noah and the ark and then then ark of the covenant being thought of as being the same thing. ILL. of explaining to a German out in wester U.S. what "refrain" meant--a sort of chorus and then in a different sense--"refrain" from putting your head out of the window. We can use a word now and later it will have an entirely different meaning. In the technical field we change words around to mean exactly what we want them to mean but in the field of religion we use terms