

traditionally understood relates to the words. Now you're suggesting this relates to the ideas. Traditionally understood it relates to the original MSS; now you are tying it to transmission. I would not say any transmission but most of them. Traditionally understood it relates to inspiration; now this is where I have the most trouble I guess, you tie it to interpretation in a way. It perplexes me and I just can't work it through. I'm not disagreeing strongly; I'm just perplexed.

AAM: Yes. I believe that inerrancy applies to words((Before you said it applies to ideas)) I don't think there is any such thing as inerrancy of ideas((Just the opposite of what you had said before)) The ideas God has revealed are true. They are authoritative for us. We refer to the words but we mean by inerrancy that these words properly interpreted will not give us an erroneous idea. They will only give us ideas that are true. That's what I'm trying to say, but I haven't thought it through as fully as I would like to either. My thoughts have developed much in recent weeks on this subject.

Peterson: That helps me. Would you talk about the transmission? Is there no way you can say the original MSS are more inerrant than the copies which disagree in so many ways? Is it possible? The Adultery Bible for example, or changed the meaning now?

AAM: You mean the section in John about Jesus and the adulterous woman?

Peterson: The Bible that said, Thou shalt commit adultery.

AAM: O you mean that one!

Peterson: indistinct(??)

AAM: No, I'd say it is important. The question is how close a standard has God given us. When he says the circumference is 3 x the diameter, he is speaking truly and correctly but he is speaking in units of 10. If instead of that he was speaking in units of one --you say 3 1/3 speaking in units of one instead of 10. One statement is no more correct than the other. One statement is more precise than the other. But when you say it must be absolutely precise you must place your 3.14159 etc. for hundreds and hundreds of decimals and you'd still keep going.

It is possible for human beings to get truth that is absolutely true and correct, but it's not possible for human beings to get truth that is absolutely precise. God gives us as much precision as we need and for understanding the construction of Solomon's temple the units of 10 are sufficiently precise for our needs.

Question: God at the time he gave the Scripture, was he giving Scripture to men in language they could understand and write down as they were, God did not give Scripture to them in a way that they did not understand but that we might understand in the future? Did he not give the Scripture in language that they could write down and understand, the idea was communicated to them but whereas not just communicate an idea(???) the precise words.

AAM: He gave them ideas to them in a way they could understand. But he gave parts of it in such a way that these would be ideas