

embodied in ~~the~~ Holy Scriptures. There are only two possible alternatives compatible with elementary logic. We can reject both the Bible and the biblical God, or we may accept them both. While both solutions accord with logic, it is obvious that only the former can be squared with scholarship. PAGES 186,187.

..... Brutal and obscene passages are exactly what we expect to find in the literature of culturally undeveloped peoples. We discover this sort of material sprinkled throughout anthropological literature dealing with primitive peoples and embodying the early historic legends of all great cultures. The only reason why any one could be shocked by the discovery of cruel, vulgar and obscene passages in the Bible is that we assume the Bible to be a sacred work and the product of divine revelation. That God could have dictated such passages as these is indeed a shocking thought. Once one abandons the hypothesis of the Bible as the product of the Deity, all cause for astonishment disappears. Rather we should be amazed if we did not find exactly what the record reveals, namely an account of the evolution of culture from the crudities of the early Hebrew nomads to the remarkable sophistication of the age of Philo. PAGE 176.

The orthodox share the belief that the Bible was dictated directly by God to faithful scribes, beginning with Moses. The majority of the orthodox imagine that God used the vernacular of some modern language group when dictating Holy Writ to his faithful human secretaries. The legislator who introduced in the Tennessee Legislature the bill under the terms of which Mr. Scopes was prosecuted in the summer of 1925 expressed the belief under cross-examination by Mr. Darrow that the Bible had been dictated by God in the classic English of the King James Version. .... A somewhat more sophisticated order of believers imagine that God spoke in the Hebrew language and assume that there was a specific Hebrew language distinct from the other Semitic tongues of the near Orient. A Catholic is likely to believe that God revealed himself in Latin. PAGES 144, 145.

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on Inspiration, I.S.B.E.