

new truth. All that he claims to be able to do is to correctly interpret the Word of God or tradition which he claims has come down through men whom God has used as the writers of the Word of God. His claim actually when examined rests back upon the Word of God. The Word of God is our foundation and everyone has a right and a duty to examine any alleged interpretation of the Word of God and to see whether it is a correct interpretation. Our protestant principle is the universal priesthood of believers, that every believer, everyone who has been born again through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ has the Holy Spirit within Him and has a right and a duty to study God's Word and to study for himself whether the interpretations of it that he hears are true interpretations or are false.

We then look to the word and see whether we find anything which is a revelation from God and there are very few books in these which make such a claim and no other has proper evidence to support it aside from this one. This book makes a strong claim to be a natural revelation of God to us. Now how did God make this revelation? There are people who like to throw scorn upon it and say, how could it be a dictation? They don't believe in verbal inspiration because they don't believe in dictation. Well, verbal inspiration does not mean dictation and what would be wrong with dictation anyway. I dictate a letter to a stenographer, why should not God dictate to a man if He chose to do so. However, that is not what we mean by inspiration. We do not mean that God dictates the Bible word for word. He dictated certain portions of it, but the Bible as a whole does not claim to be dictated by God. God built up and trained certain human beings to be instruments for His revelation and then He gave them the thoughts that He wished expressed and then His Holy Spirit oversaw their selection of the thoughts that should be written in the words which He wished to be part of His Holy Bible and lead them in the selection of thoughts and in the writing of it down and using words of their own vocabulary which had been built up in their vocabulary in the light which God had directed in previous days. Consequently, inspiration is a living vital