

could compact into one volume of 66 books the messages that he wished conveyed to his people through all the ages. AS we compare Scripture with Scripture we find the great outstanding messages that are vital for God's people at all times; in addition we find those messages that are particularly vital for God's people at all times. In addition we find those messages that are particularly appropriate and vital for us in our particular point in world history. There may well be sections of the Bible that are extremely difficult for us to understand that could have been quite simple a few centuries ago because they contained God's specific message for His people at that time. There may be sections that can be fairly easily understood by us that would have been very difficult for people at a different time because these messages were particularly adapted to our needs.

Therefore I feel that taking the Bible as a whole as God's message to His people and interpreting each part by the other parts, not being over concerned when we do not understand certain passages but standing clearly on the passages that are clear to us, this is what is involved in true inerrancy. The Bible truly conveys to us the thoughts God wishes to convey.

Christian truth has been attacked through the ages from many different angles. The frontal attack has consisted of denying its authenticity or its authority. Equally harmful from another direction is the attack trying to destroy its intelligibility by insisting that a great number of ~~xxx~~ additional tools and instruments are necessary in order to understand it. [cf. the RC notion that it cannot be understood by the laity but must be interpreted by the Church] One of the great points of the Reformation was this: that God had expressed himself in such a way that we can get the thoughts; that Scripture should be interpreted in its ordinary sense.