

Bible merely as a set of proof texts and a collection of illustrations, but rather as an inexhaustible source of truth. The faith of John Robinson that God would yet cause more truth to be found in His Word is still valid.

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b2-24 / Important as it is that we do not allow our theology to have too great an effect on our interpretation of individual verses, still greater caution needs to be exercised in deriving ideas of Bible interpretation from writers who hold views opposed to Bible truth. We would laugh at the idea of a gardener making suggestions for improved production of airplane motors. One who does not take the Bible as God's Word may gather material on history or archaeology that can be helpful in understanding something of the background of the Bible, but when suggestions about Bible interpretation are made by unbelievers they should be examined with great skepticism. Aside from the apologetic purpose of preparing to answer attacks upon Christianity the study of books on hermeneutics written by men who deny biblical inerrancy is more apt to be misleading than helpful. At times it seemed that the paper was too ready to take as fact ideas or suggestions presented by writers whose presuppositions are quite different from ours, and to show far less skepticism toward their statements than toward the ideas of men who believe the Bible. Unless the Holy Spirit is helping a student, how can he be expected to interpret God's Word correctly?