

the inspired Word of God. The N.T. says however - as the scripture says, - thus spoke the prophet Isaiah. Many other words and phrases which treat these books as part of the inspired word of God and it quotes in this way a great part of the O.T. It also occasionally quotes other books without attributing to them any such authority as this. Paul quotes on Mars Hill from two or three Greek poets, that doesn't mean he thought they were authoritative or even inspired. I heard Dr. _____ telling once how even the less valuable passages in the Scripture, those which seem less valuable to us, are sometimes of the most help. He said one time he was in a coffee house in Arabia while it was under Turkish control and he had a lot of copies of the N.T. for sale. These people were buying them and were interested in them. The coffee house belonged to a Creten and he belonged to the Greek Orthodox Church and he got one of them aside and he said - Look here that isn't a good book, that fellow is putting something over on you. Pretty soon the man came around to Dr. _____ and said I wish you would give me my money back, this isn't a good book. So he gave him his money back and others came and it began to look as if he would lose all his sales. So he said - No wonder he doesn't like this book, it says something about Cretens and he turned to where it said something about the Cretens are _____ and the Turkish officer said that was true, that is a good book. It is a quotation from an/inspired writer. When, of course, you get to this matter of this book of Enoch you have a little more difficulty because of the way it is said. Jude says that Enoch the seventh from Adam prophesied saying this -- and he does not say as it is written in the scriptures, he doesn't say as it is contained in the Holy Scriptures, there is a reference there to an individual rather than a reference to a book. In this case there is not a specific reference to a book, there is merely a statement that Enoch said it. I think we must say, Jude being inspired, Enoch did say it but does this mean that the Holy Spirit inspired the whole book of Enoch. I know of no Protestant group which says that the book of Enoch is inspired. It has not been the judgment of the Roman Catholic church or of The Greek Catholic Church. The other Christian churches feel that is not a reference to that book as an inspired book, though, of course it does mean that he believed that Enoch said this as a prediction. Now how does the book of Enoch come into existence? Was a true statement that Enoch made preserved and recalled? This is the only place in the N.T. where it refers to a book in a similar way, to the references to the books of the O.T. and you see it is not identical, it refers to the man and not to the book. The book of Enoch is one which no scholar