

## THE DOCTRINE OF INSPIRATION

Rev concns material; inspir method; inter, meaning.

### I. The Data concerning Inspiration.

- A. 2 Tim. 3:16. 1. Inclusiveness: "every Scripture" Graphe 5lx in NT and always refers to Bible. OT or body of sacred writings or particular passage (Lk 24:44-45; Jn 10:35; Lk 4:21). Here refers to OT and portion of NT already written bec of "pasa" in cf to "holy scriptures" (lit., sacred letters) v 15. Of course if every is inspired then all are. 1 Tim 5:18
2. The means: theopneustos. Passive (tos ending) meaning is-the-result-of the-breath-of-God or God=breathed. Active would mean scripture which breathes the presence of God. ASV says every Script inspired of God is also profitable. Only implies inspiration. KJ and RSV state. 1 Tim 4:4 similar const.
3. The purpose. profit in teaching, reproof, correction or restoration, child-training in rtness. To be fitted, capable, proficient, and furnished completely in balance in every area of his being  
Concl: God gave all Scripture.
- B. 2 Pet. 1:21. v 20 means (1) prophecies (all counsels of God, not just foretelling) must be interpreted in light of other Scripture; (2) prop are capable of several fulfillments; (3) must be interpreted only with God's help since given by God; (4) not of private disclosure, Mk 4:34 (similar word) and take as ablative of source=Scripture did not come from men but God. Seems redundant with next vs.
1. Method. Not by will of men. But by HS bearing men. (hol/y)  
Concl: HS used men.
- C. John 10:35. Ps 82:6. Called law giving it legal authority along with Law. Cannot be broken, annulled, rendered void, bec it is authoritative. Focuses on single word, gods, but says that bec this word belongs to this verse which belongs to body of writings known as Scripture, it is true and authoritative bec whole Script possesses an authority so absolute in character that it cannot be broken.  
Concl: it is authoritative, all of it.
- D. 1 Cor. 2:13. Words. Speak can refer to writings too, 2 Pet. 3:15. Same laleo.
- E. Diff. kinds of material.
1. Dictated, Deut. 9:10.
  2. Researched material, Lk 1:1-4
  3. Freely expressed material, Rom. 9:1-3
  4. Heathen material, Tit. 1:12
  5. Erroneous material, Gen. Gen 3:4-5.
  6. Non-canonical material, Rev. 1:7.
  7. Diff variety; e.g. historical, devotional, biographical, doctrinal, prattical.

*realization on meaning of it*

### II. The Definition of Inspiration

- A. Essential ingredients. God related to men to produce in some fashion His message.
- B. Some def. That inexplicable power which the Divine Spirit put forth of old on the authors of holy Scripture, in order to their guidance even in the employment of the words they used, and to preserve them alike from all error and from all omission. Gausson.
- a supernatural influence exerted on the sacred writers by the Spirit of God, by virtue of which their writings are given Divine trustworthiness. Warfield
- The supernatural influence exerted on the sacred writers by the HS by virtue of which their writings are given divine truthfulness, and constitute an infallible and sufficient rule of faith and practice. Berkhof
- God so directed...LSC
- God's supervised human authors so that using their own individual personalities they composed and recorded without error His ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> man in the words of original auto.

### III. The Defections from Biblical Inspiration

- A. Natural inspiration. Writers were men of great genius like many others. Bible not from God and fallible. This kind of insp applies to other books. "But the line of demarcation between it and other religious writings,... is not so sharp and final as to establish a qualitative difference between all other writings and every part of the canonical Scriptures." Cecil J. Cadoux, A Pilgrim's Further Progress, 1945, p. 11.
- C. Degree inspiration. Some parts more inspired than others. "within this one great function of inspiration considerable variety exists. The inspiration of Isaiah or Paul is different from that of the compiler of Proverbs or the annalist who drew up Chronicles." Marcus Dods, The Bible, 1905, p. 127. This confuses degrees of inspir with legitimate concept of degrees of functional importance of parts of Scrip within equally inspired Canon.
- B. Dynamic or mystical. Writers were Spirit-filled and guided just as any bel may be even today. "An awakening and excitement of the religious consciousness differing in degree rather than in kind from the pious inspiration or intuitive feelings of holy man." Schleiermacher, quoted by LSC, Theo, I, 70. "The inspiration of the books of the Bible does not imply for us the view that they were produced or written in any manner generically different from that of the writing of other great Christian books...there is a wide range of Christian literature from the second to the twentieth-century which can with propriety be described as inspired by the HS in precisely the same formal sense as were the books of the Bible" Alan Richardson, Christian Apologetics, 1947, p. 207.
- D. Parial Parts are inspired and parts not. Very similar to degree, and to partial inerrancy today. "The Bible contains the word of God, but it cannot be claimed that every word and syllable in it is the word of God." CRBrown, The Main Points, 1911, p. 97.
- E. Concept. Not words. Seems to allow for authority without verbal exactness. "Because the same thought of meaning can be expressed by different words the relationship is dynamic or flexible and not fixed or mechanical." Ramm. Spec Rev., 178. "Any type of verbal inspiration which fails to recognize the conceptual side will not carry much weight today." Warren Young.
- F. Neoorthodox. Bible is word but fallible pointer. What is inspiration? "The inspiration of the Bible is its moral light. ...The i of the B is its humanity... The i of the B is its Christ. JAFaulkner, Modernism and the Xn Faith, pp40-47. Inspir is "the act of revelation in which the prophets and apostles in their humanity became what they were, and in which alone they in their humanity can also become for us what they are." Barth, Ch Dog, I, 2, 563. Big word: witness.
- G. Existential insp. Similar to exist. rev. Inspir is the exist exp when it becomes rev to me. Beegle.
- H. Inspir of purpose. In its purpose to make wise unto sal Bible is inspir. But not inerrant (tho inspir) in some factual matters. Relates to inerrancy more. "I confess the infallibility and inerrancy of the Script in accomplishing God's purpose for them--to give man the rev of God in His redemptive love thru JC." Ray Summers, Bap Standard, Feb 4, 1970.

Concl: Beware. People use words that sound orthodox, but try to see what saying and where they belong in this spectrum of views of inspir. Do their view do justice to Bible claims about inspir.?

### IV. Confirmatory External Evidences for Insp of Bible

V. B<sub>o</sub>oks. Young. Plnnock, Bib Rev. Lightner. Gaussen. Ramm. Pache, Inspir and Authority.