

How We Come to Understand God!



→ 1. General Revelation: Nature, History, Human Nature — Psalm 19

2. Special Revelation



Biblical Writers

Extreme Views of Inspiration of Scriptures

Dictation
→
Theory



God actually dictated the Bible word for word to the Biblical Writers



Absolute inerrancy

Intuition
→
Theory



Mostly a gift of artistic insight; the Writers were religious geniuses



Insightful book, but infallible & certainly no degree of inerrancy

Illumination
→
Theory



Holy Spirit caused heightening of normal spiritual insight but no special communication of truth



Similar view of authority to that of Intuition Theory

Mainline Views of Inspiration of Scriptures

Verbal
→
Theory



Holy Spirit's influence is so intense and powerful that God directs the exact word He wants to use while allowing each writer's personality and style to come forth (Yet do we have the original and exact words?)



Full inerrancy

Dynamic
→
Theory



Emphasizes both divine and human elements—Holy Spirit directing the writer's thought and feelings to convey the truth yet allowing writer's own personality to come into play with choice of words and expressions



Limited inerrancy & some cases full inerrancy