

which God spoke. There was a direct revelation from God, but that is only a few words, which all the people heard. And then we read there that the people said, we don't want to hear this, it's too terrifying, ask God to give it to you, ^{Moses,} and then you give it to us. And Moses went up in the mountain, and the Lord said to Moses, here is the law to give, and the Lord dictated laws to Moses, and we have much material which is said, God spoke to Moses, and God said this. And that is a direct revelation, a direct communication which God gave. We have of course what Jesus Christ said, that was God talking, and he gave us direct words which we find recorded. We have a very sizeable portion of the Bible which is indeed given by dictation. It is what the prophets say, thus saith the Lord, God says so-and-so, or Jesus Christ speaks, or God speaks to Moses, there is a definite dictation of some part of a message. That is a direct revelation, a direct communication, but that is not over a third of the Bible, perhaps much less. We do not believe in the dictation theory of inspiration, but we certainly do believe that a substantial section of the Bible was dictated, that of which it says, thus saith the Lord, thus the Lord spoke to Moses, thus the Lord Jesus Christ saith. That is dictated by God to us, but it's only a portion of the Bible. We might take that portion. We have Testaments with the words of Christ in red letters, mostly in the gospels and in the revelation, elsewhere you don't have much in the red letters. But they print that in red letters as if that were especially important to us. That's given by dictation, that is God speaking. But that's not the view of the Christian church, that only that is God speaking. We believe that all the rest of these books also are a revelation from God to us, even though not given to us by dictation. Because in the rest of these books, we have an account by men of what they saw, and there's no reason why God would have had to dictate an account to be written down of something that the man was right there to see, and it's especially unlikely that he did so in view of the fact that he had different