

~~The~~ The more you magnified it, the more detail you would get out of it. Everything would be there. Now some people think that that 's what inspiration means. I don't know whether they actually think ~~these thoughts really,~~ ^{this out clearly,} but they have this idea in mind, that when you say the Bible is inspired you mean that all the truth of God is contained in the Bible, that all the truth of science is contained in it, that all the facts of history are contained in it, and that on anything you~~w~~ want to know about, you simply go to the Bible and you'll find it there, and that you can take a verse of the Bible and if it has this word instead of that, it means that this is true and that word would be false. Therefore that every little detail of it is tremendously important, because it is wrong if it is another detail. Now that is not what inspiration means at all. Inspiration does not mean that the Bible is a source of a wonderful photograph like that, that you can examine in such minute detail and always get new truths from it. You can always get new truths from the Bible but they are truths which God has put there and wants you to have, and there are many matters which He did ~~en~~ not choose to reveal to us. Matters not only of religious matters but matters of science, matters of history. You can't go to the Bible and write a full history of the world, God didn't give it for that purpose. You can't go to the Bible and write a complete history of Israel. God didn't give it for that purpose. He gave it to show how he dealt with Israel, and how he prepared the way for the coming of his son into the world...

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...but what you get is true as far as it goes. It's just as if you were to say, I took a trip into Canada, I traveled 200 miles. All right. What do you learn about Canada now? You learn that Canada is at least 200 miles in width. You learn that. Now you don't know from that whether it's 300 miles in width, 500 miles, 3000; 30,000; you don't know, and you can study that word just as long as you want and you won't