

concerning itself), we will never arrive at any confidence concerning the Bible as God's word. The witness of Scripture to itself, then, must be taken as normative in defining the true doctrine of inspiration. The witness of the prophets, Christ, and the apostles must be taken as normative. And these all with one voice proclaim that God's revelations of truth have been truth-fully inscripturated.

(c) Has God caused his inscripturated revelation to be purely preserved?

If we mean by "purely preserved," "inerrantly preserved," the answer is NO.

In all the manuscripts of the New Testament which we presently have, there are about 800,000 variations; 750,000 of these, are so minor that they are negligible - they do not affect the meaning at all; the remaining 50,000, ^{variations} do not affect any individual teaching of the Bible on any particular subject.