But though we see the evidence of the existence of God, of His power and glory, his intelligence in nature; nature tells us nothing about His purpose. It does not tell us anything about His character. We do not learn from nature what our life is for or what God wants us to do. We do not observe any of these vital things from nature. For them we must have a revelation.

Some people think of revelation as an antiquated, mideaval idea. Actually its the most common thing in life. You look at me and you may examine various features of my physiogomy, and when I ask you what state was I born in, and unless you had a revelation from some other individual who knew you would have one chance in 50 of guessing what state I was born in. I would have to give you a revelation that I was born in the state of Michigan. Or you would have to get it from someone else who had heard it from me.

So if we are going to know anything about God's character, His pruposes, or about what life is really about we have to have a revelation. We find in the Bible that revelation. It is very vital that we have inerrancy otherwise we cannot altogether trust that revelation.

We read in Scripture that Abraham believed God andit was accounted to him for righteousness. We notice in Gen. 13 that God made a tremendous promise. Abraham was getting along in years and having no children, in Gen. 13 was given a tremendous promise by God. God said, I will make thy see as the dust of the earth.

So that if a man can number the dust of the earth then shall they seed also be numbered." I'm sure Abraham thought, What a tremendous promise; I've walked all over this distance here; I've ridden on camels all the way fromMesopotamia and have kicked up the dust all along the way, millions, yes billions of pieces of dust! And tho I have no children, yet God promises that my children will be as numerous as the dust. What a tremendous promise.

But then a short time afterwards, God again gave Abraham a promise, and it must have seemed to Abraham as a tremendous letdown. That is found in ch.15:5 where God said to Abraham, Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them. So shall thy seed be. And Abraham in those days did not have street lights to obscure the light of the stars. He was very familiar with the stars.

Night after night he would sit in front of his tent and look up at thesky, and look at the constellations and count the stars about them, and it was perfectly obvious to him, that all the stars that can be seen from any point on earth with the naken eye is about 4000 stars! Abraham had seen many cities that had far more than 4000 people in them, and the though may have occurred to Abraham, Well, he said my seed would be as the dust of the earth and now he says it will be like the stars. Four or five thousand at most. That would be quite a descent, quite a family, but that's not such a tremendous number-- like the number of the stars.

So someone might have said to Abraham, the Bible is god's Word

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