

the statement that last fall I made a trip to California. That statement might then have been absolutely true. But that statement would not tell how I went there. It would not tell whether I took a plane or a train, whether I walked, whether I rode horseback, or whether I took a combination of all these. Or if I'd say, I went by plane to California last year, it would not tell you what plane line I went on. If I said I went to Calif. by United Airlines last summer that would not tell you whether I visited a friend in Chicago for one or two weeks on the way.

If I said I went to Calif. last summer and on the way spent two weeks in Chicago that would not tell you whether I also stopped in Denver. You could go on and on. No sentence is complete! A sentence gives you a certain element of truth. But the truth Jesus speaks of here is the truth that particularly relates to our lives and ways God desires to mould us, and the characters he desires us to have. And the way he desires to use our service for the accomplishing of his wonderful purpose.

That does not mean the truth He gives will be in error as it touches on facts of science, of history, or of . It does mean that it will not give us complete knowledge of those and we must be very careful about assuming what is not definitely taught in any sentence in God's Word.

So much then for a very brief examination of these two preliminary questions, What do we mean by the Holy Spirit? And What do we mean by truth?

Now as to how the Holy Spirit reveals truth, when God spoke to Adam, the triune God spoke. So we may properly say the Holy Spirit has acted revealing truth on that occasion. As far as the evidence of the Bible goes, God did not at that time reveal to Adam any facts about the constitution of the earth or of the universe. He told Adam what he should do and what he should avoid doing. There's a very interesting description of the way God revealed himself to Adam after the fall when Adam and Eve had hid among the trees of the garden.

We read, The Lord called to the man, Where are you? I think we've learned the importance about sentences and about revelation. ~~from this. God called to Adam, Where are you? Why did God ask Adam where he was? If I ask where somebody is, you certainly are justified in assuming that means I don't know or I would not ask! But certainly God knew perfectly well where Adam was. The words, A^Dam, Where are you, do not teach that God did not know where Adam was, and that He was trying to get information on the subject. These words convey an entirely different meaning.~~

The meaning is that God wants to bring to Adam's attention the fact that Adam cannot hide from God. It is one of the many psychological insights that God's Word contains. It shows that in order to interpret any sentence we have to take it in the light of its background and see what its purpose is in the context. God wanted Adam to realize that he could not hide from God. He wanted him to realize that it was his sin that made him want to hide from God.