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reference to the deity of Christ at any time until within this last century.

Similarly Christians have always said they believed in the inspiration of the Bible. Coleridge said spoke somewhat as follows: "I believe that the Bible is inspired because it inspires me, and those parts of it are most ~~inspiring~~ are most inspired which inspire me the most." Thus the word "inspiration" came to mean simply presenting valuable <sup>or pleasant</sup> ideas. This was certainly was not what was meant by it as used in Christian history before. Christians began to try to show what they meant by saying that they believed in verbal inspiration, because there were many who said, "We believe in inspiration, but it is the ideas that are inspired, not the words." *In answer*

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Right at this point a little clarification would be valuable. The ideas in Scripture come from various sources. Many of them represent a direct revelation from God. God that is to say, God gave an idea, communicated an idea to the ~~writers~~ writer of the Scripture and the writer put it down, the ~~xi~~ idea that he had received. In other parts of the ~~Scripture~~ Scripture a writer puts down what he has observed or experienced. ~~In still other parts~~ This should include ideas that he has come to as a result of his observation and meditation. Although these *ideas* were not given to him as revelation from God, if he expresses them in language which conveys a true idea and upon which God sets His seal of His approval as part of His inspired book, Book, then we can say that they are indeed to us a revelation from God. *That* The whole Bible, thus we can say, is a revelation or a communication from God.

This word "revelation" refers to ideas. The word "inspiration," as properly used, refers not to ideas, but to ~~expression~~ to the words used to express those ideas. When we say we believe in the inspiration of Scripture we mean that

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This is what we mean by inspiration. It ~~refers~~ refers to words. It means that these words express the ideas contained in the that can properly present God's

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