

first book ~~and~~ which is reiterated through many books of it. The claim is made in practically every section of it, that it contains ~~the~~ material which did not originate in the mind of the writer but which was revealed to the writer by the creator of the universe. It claims to be a book of God, not a book of man. This is the view which the N.T. takes of it, which treats it as a unit, and considers it as a book which is wholly God's Word and entirely true.

Now is this, is it a scientific approach to the Bible to accept such a view or does it lie outside the field, or is it unscientific to consider such a view. First let me say this of course, that it would be utterly unscientific to accept such a view without examination, without careful study. It is equally unscientific to reject such a view, on any a priori basis. If someone can give factual proof that there is no God, ~~is~~ if someone is able to bring evidence that there is no creator of the universe, but that everything came into existence by chance, on the basis of such evidence then one of course can reject as absurd the idea that God could have revealed himself and have given us definite statements which rest upon his authority. However, there are very few people who will imagine that they have ^{proof of} such a thing, very few are willing to call themselves atheists. Most people are ready to admit that there must be actually a personal God, that the world did not come into existence by chance, but that there is one who created and sustains and controls the universe, that life has a meaning, a meaning that had been put in it by the person who made it. Now if this is the fact, then it is utterly unscientific to deny the possibility that this one might give us a revelation. In fact, it would be strange indeed if a personal creator would not give us some sort of a revelation. A human being begets a child, and before the child is able to talk or to show much sign of rationality you find the parent talking to the child, and you find him looking for responses from the child to reveal the child's attitude to him. He expects that the child will learn to talk and to express