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the great Creator, to turn away from sin, and to
receive the salvation that He offered. Sometimes the prophets were instructed to use
methods of attracting attention to their teachings that would impress many today as very
bizarre and strange. The Bible teaches that
these messages, written down by the prophets,
and combined with their observations of God's
actions in history and of the actions of God's
people, were put together in a Book that the
Holy Spirit has kept from error and has caused
people.

A. The Naturalistic Presuppositions. Those who deny this view of the prophetic move ment fall roughly into three categories: 1) There are many interpreters who assume that everything in the universe can be explained on a purely mechanistic or naturalistic basis, and that all human ideas about God are purely mythical, fanciful and imaginary. God as an actually existing Being who exerts any sort of direct influence on human events appears to be completely absent from their thinking. This category of interpreters is much larger at

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