

every one of them had plenty of erroneous ideas in their minds, just as every one of us has. If they had not had they would not be human, but divine, but by inspiration the Holy Spirit led them to leave out of those particular writings which were intended to be part of the Old or New Testament, to leave out of those books those matters which were erroneous which were in their minds, and so the result is that there is a divine activity present regulating the activity of the writers of the Scripture even when they do not write as prophets, that is those who are giving that which God has dictated or given unto them in a vision but when they describe that which they have seen, that which they have seen, that which they have heard, that which they have thought of themselves; even when they do that, the Holy Spirit prevents them from including in that which they write in those books intended to be part of the divine Word, He keeps them from writing in that erroneous ideas which are in their minds, and the result is that as the result of inspiration we have an added element of revelation to us who read it. The fact that the Holy Spirit prevented them from writing what was erroneous and guided them in general in the selection of what they wrote makes it possible that even the account of a battle or that even a list of those who gave gifts to the church may have in it that which is a direct lesson from God to the heart of him who reads it, and that there may be in it included/specific and important lessons for us which are in the divine mind which were unthought of by the ones who wrote it, so it is not necessary at all in view of these two matters, that the writer have a full understanding of the entire import and meaning of that which he wrote. There may be that in it for us which he did not apprehend or understand, just as when a telegraph boy hands you a note and this note says, as someone phoned me just now and said "A telegram, Western Union." I said, "Yes". She said, "It's signed (so and so) from (such a city)." I said, "Yes". She said, "Arrive Philadelphia 9:20 a. m.." Well, I felt very much like asking the girl, "Does that mean he arrives today at 9:20 or that he arrives tomorrow at 9:20?" I was very curious. If he sent it yesterday as a night letter he might have meant he would arrive today