

Concept of limited inspiration

I would say the concept of limited inspiration is ^{a serious} ~~no trivial~~ departure from the historic Christian position regarding the Bible. An inspiration which is limited to some areas of the Bible and not to others without clearly defining just what areas they are leaves us with no objective reliable written record such as the Bible purports to be. If God's written revelation contains a demonstrated mistake in one part this would give rise to the possibility that there may be mistakes in other parts of the Bible. If the Bible is a mixture of truth and error, then it turns out to be just like any other book.

The following passages of Scripture add up to the fact that the Bible does assert its absolute authority for itself as the inerrant Word of God: Mt. 5.18; Jn. 10.35; 2 Tim. 3.16 cf. 2 Pet. 3.16; Heb. 1.1,2; 1 Pet. 1.10,11; Rev.22.18,19.
2 Pet 1.21

The human authors did not always know all that their divinely guided words signified (1 Pet. 1.10,11) but that which they wrote was exactly that which the Spirit of God intended to have recorded without suppressing the writer's own individuality, style of writing, or personal interests