

another. Inspiration deals with the putting of the ideas into such words that they can be preserved and they can be interpreted by others at a distance without being misinterpreted. For this reason the term verbal inspiration actually is a typology. It is not necessary. Any true inspiration is verbal unless inspiration is simply ~~to~~ to be a general ~~glow~~ ^{glow} such as we get when we see a sunset or a definite insight or one of these contexts which have nothing to do with the Biblical teaching about inspiration or inspiration as it has been Theologically understood through the ages. Inspiration is not a matter of ideas. This is revelation. It is the matter of the wording in which the ideas are placed. There is properly no inspiration except a verbal inspiration. Sometimes people speak about a dynamic inspiration. I'm afraid ~~they~~ I don't know what they mean by this. ~~if they mean~~ Surely they don't simply mean, we have ~~an~~ a glow or we have an insight. They must mean that the words - They either mean the words are true or that the words are only partially true. If they mean they are partially true then surely it is not inspired. Possibly only part of it is inspir@d. But whatever part is inspired it must be the words that are inspired for inspiration is a matter of words not simply of ideas.

God told Moses what he should do a certain day or the next day or where he should lead the Israelites immediately. This is a revelation, a communication. Moses ~~did~~ does it and the communication has fulfilled its purpose. However if Moses is ~~in~~ given commands that relate to the distant future or ideas which is important to pass on to future ages, then the precise manner of their speaking becomes of greater importance. Inspiration enters the picture. Inspiration then refers to the way ideas are presented, not simply to the communication of ideas. It is a matter of words in itself. So all true inspiration is verbal inspiration.

Now often inspiration is confused with dictation. Here we'd better stop and think of this. People are very much against verbal inspiration because they say they don't believe in dictation. Others who believe in verbal inspiration confuse it with dictation. Some people are greatly horrified at the fact that the Bible was dictated. I feel that such horror is ~~an~~ quite unnecessary. I dictate a letter to a stenographer. She writes it down as I express it. There's nothing horrible about it. There's nothing strange or baraar or unnatural about it. Anyone who in this modern age, who is in a position to write many