

Spirit. The fact that this brings out all the N.T. is made even more plain in II Tim. 3:16. This verse of course ^{is} the more frequently quoted in connection with this matter of inspiration but to properly understand it we must look at the previous verse. From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures and make him acquainted with salvation--there is no question that the O.T. is in mind here--the entire Old Testament as we have today. These books are able to make him wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus and then Paul goes on to speak of this Scripture which he has known--All Scripture, seeing it is given by inspiration is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness that the man of God might be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. This collection is entirely adequate since it all has been inspired--breathed in of God. These books were written as God moved them to do so--God-breathed. When we examine the context of the passage, even though the 16th verse might be interpreted otherwise, the context would prove that it meant the whole O.T. It would introduce a new thought which is entirely at variance with the thing that he is trying to give. He saying that it is wonderful that you have been brought up with these Scriptures because of all this collection--this Scripture is profitable to you because it has been given through inspiration of God. "All Scripture seeing it is given by inspiration of God..." It is not a restrictive clause but an explanatory clause. If we said that all of it was dictated we wouldn't expect to find any difference between one author and another. Of course God could have used some other way of getting His revelation to us, other than through the Bible but He didn't choose to do it that way. It is not a matter of God's power that is questioned--it is a matter of what does the Bible claim and as you look at the Bible what does it suggest about itself. You have a feeling of different personalities as you read. Luke is entirely different from Mark; Paul and Peter are entirely different, etc. You have the feeling very definitely born in on us as we read this, that these men are thinking men and have different personalities and there is nothing in Scripture to contradict this idea. So the church has felt down through the ages that the whole Bible is a revelation given to us by God, but parts of it claim to be direct revelation through the writer and parts a direct revelation through God. The distinctions are borne out through the Bible as we read it. NO where is it revealed by revelation that Paul left his cloak at Troy. We try to get the concepts clear and raise difficulties later.