

by a word, by a gesture, in different ways. Revelation is communication of ideas, but inspiration is not ideas. Inspiration is the word which presents the ideas. Inspiration is the dress in which the ideas are put. So there should be no reason for ideas other than verbal inspiration, whether it is verbal inspiration or it isn't inspiration at all. It is the words that are inspired. Originally we just called it the inspired scriptures and we never thought of saying verbal inspiration and then people began to say I believe in inspiration but not the words and so we began to say in order to be sure we really believed in inspiration, do you believe in verbal inspiration. And then people began to twist the word verbal inspiration around to mean something that the word doesn't mean. They twisted it around to mean that these words were dictated of God and that God put down these specific . People use the term verbal inspiration to mean something that verbal inspiration doesn't mean and consequently some people shy away from the phrase verbal inspiration and they like better the phrase plenary inspiration that is, they mean full or complete inspiration. Well, you shouldn't have to say that because it is either inspired or it isn't. It is either completely free from error or it is not free from error. Plenary should not be necessary, verbal should not be necessary, it should be enough to say that the scriptures are inspired. But if people are going to misuse the words and twist them to mean things they don't mean, I don't say we believe in verbal inspiration, I say that we believe that inspiration is verbal because it is the words which are inspired, it is not the ideas. They are not inspired ideas, they are inspired words, they are revealed ideas. The correct presentation of the idea means the inspiration.

O.T. Intro# #5 When a word is used, one has to look at the context to determine whether or not it is correctly used. "The kingdom of God is here" can be interpreted one way and thus correctly or it can be interpreted another way and thus be interpreted incorrectly. When we say that these books are kept from error we mean it means that a proper and correct and careful study of what these books teach will reveal that which is true and not that which is false. It doesn't mean that you can grab a word out of context, or a sentence, or even a chapter or even the impressions that I get while reading these portions are correct but what we find taught there is free from error. ILL. of the man who tried to prove verbal inspiration through a present tense verb that Christ used and what Paul said concerning seed and seeds and thought it held "Water" because several great Bible teacher and leaders had used the same argument in their proof.