

It is not that we believe it is free from error because we can prove it to be free from error. It is not the approach to the unbeliever to prove that the Bible is free from error. To the unbeliever the influence and permanence of the Bible is a point that is worth pointing out. To the unbeliever it is helpful to point out circumstances and instances where people thought there was a great error in the Bible and where it has been proven they were mistaken. Such evidences as that don't prove the Bible to be free from error, but they prove that there is much more to this book than meets the eye. They prove that there is something that is deserving of consideration. They prove that what appears to be a great weakness, is worthy of investigation and may not be at all when you look into it. Such things as that, the influence and permanence of the Bible and various evidences of the remarkable accuracy are useful things to bring to the unbeliever, but don't you let him get you into a position where the burden of proof is on you to answer every objection and doubt that may be brought against the Bible. The approach to the unbeliever must have relationship to Christ. ILL. - Stanley Jones' talk. The element of truth is this, that the approach to the unbeliever is not to show that Moses is free from error, nor to show that Isaiah never made any mistakes. The approach to the unbeliever is to show that Christ is absolutely unique. To show that of all of the people who ever lived, Christ is supreme, that there is no one else like him. To show them the character of Christ, which is unlike anyone who ever lived or anyone who has ever been imagined by a writer. It is to show the remarkable character of Christ which has the power to take hold on people's imagination. It is to show them the evidence of the resurrection. We must show the unbeliever the remarkable facts on which Christianity is founded--we don't show remarkable accuracy in the Bible to show that it ~~is~~ ^{is} free from error but to show what a remarkable book it is that has stood assault after assault--to show how it points out the situation that we are in and gives the solution. There are many approaches to the unbeliever and to become a Christian one wouldn't have to believe in verbal inspiration--but they must come to the Lord in simple faith taking Him as Lord of their lives--after a person does become a Christian, naturally he is interested in knowing what is His will for me; what is His purpose for my life and then we wish to know what is Christ's attitude on these things--we find that Christ took the attitude that is--the Bible is God's revelation to us and is free from error and if you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you are going to want to take for your guide that which He said was a guide for your life....and consequently it is very important when one becomes a Christian as to what his attitude will be towards Christian things and toward the Bible.