

notice that there are other cases where it doesn't matter the least bit which you use. And in such cases we can't deduce something from the fact that one or the other is used. Inspiration then means that what is there is free from error, it may be the only way to say^{it}, and there may be another way// you could just as well have said it.

Someone spoke of God limiting himself by expressing himself in human language. I don't like the term. I think it's better to say that God used something, adopted ~~#~~ to human language, and the instruments therefore limited it, but if you say you want to feed a little child and you take one of these little spoons to feed it. ~~But~~ ^{If} you take a great big dessert spoon it may be too big for his mouth, if you take a steam shovel it won't work at all. You want to take--you might be able to take a steam shovel and lift off a whole hill and throw it in the water, but for the purpose of feeding a little child or ~~g~~ even a grown man, a steam shovel is of no help whatever. You have to utilize the instrument that is suited to the purpose for which you are working. And God used human words, with their limitations, as his means of conveying great truths. And it becomes vital then to study those words (4) and see what they mean and what the limits of their meaning are. I think it's a mistake to go to the Scripture and say, does the Bible teach that the soul is created when every individual is born or does it teach that the soul is in existence beforehand, and God (§4 1/4)

We have no right to go to the Bible and say, does it teach this or that. The thing to do is go to the Bible and say does it teach something on this subject? Not what does it teach, but does it teach anything? And then if it does, how much? How much can you learn? It is a limitation of human words, and a vital limitation. The Bible is written in words, the words are inspired, but the words are subject to limitation of human words.