

the word apology in the technical, theological sense means a ~~a~~ defense, a presentation in reasonable terms. Its technical use is quite different from the common use of the term.

The word ~~inspri-~~ inspiration is commonly used to ~~me--~~ mean a flow of air, more ~~commlly~~ commonly than this, it means a certain ~~x~~ idea that passes into our minds, or a beautiful feeling ~~tha~~t we receive when we look at something that is ~~as-~~ aesthetic and attractive. We speak of ourselves then as having an inspiration. This is very different from ~~k~~ what the Bible means when it speaks of inspiration. ^And it ~~is~~ can easily be confusing. It is important that we realize that ~~a-techni-~~ in theology, as in all other sciences, ~~ix~~ technical terms must be precisely defined and then used in that single sense in which ~~we~~ they are defined. Otherwise, we run into all sorts of confusion. Now, the word ~~inspri-~~ inspiration does not mean the receiving of a new idea. Inspiration means the protection of what has been received. Revelation applies to the new ideas in the scriptures which are revealed by God. Inspiration applies to the means used by the Holy Spirit to pass on these ideas from generation to generation without their becoming corrupted or altered. A good definition of inspiration is as follows:

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According to this definition, ~~k~~ inspiration is a special act of the Holy Spirit that applies only to the Bible. Coleridge is reputed to have said, "I believe that the Bible is inspired, because it inspires me." ~~x~~ And those parts which are most inspired are those that inspire me the most." This is a statement which uses a word in two or three different senses in the ~~con-~~ same context. Unless one is thoroughly familiar with the subject it produces only confusion, not clarity.