

selected these men to write the parts of the Word of God, watched over them as they wrote and kept them from error in selection of what they should write. Some people prefer the word plenary ~~inspiration~~ inspiration instead of verbal inspiration/. Personally, I can't see that it makes much difference. The ~~w~~ two mean much the same thing. It is not the ideas that are inspired. It is the words. Inspiration means that the words are kept from error. Therefore, the word verbal inspiration simply ~~de--~~ indicates what ~~inspiration~~ inspiration is. Plenary means that it is full and complete. It is ~~is~~ free from error. It is the words that are free from error, so whether we call it plenary or verbal, it doesn't ~~make~~ make much difference. The important thing is that we believe that ~~is~~ the whole Bible has been kept from error by the action of the Holy Spirit so that we can completely trust what we find there. '

There are some today who ~~w~~ try to make out that we can trust the Bible when it comes to spiritual things, but not when it comes to ~~maker-~~ material things. This is an attitude which cannot be carried out properly, because no man is able to draw a clear ~~mind~~ line between the spiritual and the material, the two overlap in many ~~n~~ ways. We would have to be ~~g~~ God in order to draw an exact line between them. The purpose of the Bible is indeed spiritual. It was not written to give us a full ~~n~~ textbook of theology, of botony, or of chemistry. It was not even written to give us a full textbook of history, not even of ~~te-~~ the history of Israel. John says at the end of his gospel that ~~k~~ Jesus Christ did many other things ~~wher-which--~~ which are not recorded in the gospel. ~~These~~ were selected for a particular purpose. If our purpose is to know spiritual things, the Bible is complete for the purpose for which God intended it, the purpose of giving us the knowledge that we need in order to advance in our spiritual life. If our ~~n~~ purpose is to write a complete chemistry, a complete book of physics, or even a complete history of Israel, the Bible is