The Attackers: Definition of Inspiration; Useful Tools in the Luciferian Conspiracy Engage a Frantic Search for Extraterrestrial Life under the Mediocrity Principle; Faith in the Word Is the Key to Acquisition of Truth; the Doctrine of Inspiration: Internal Testimony, 2 Pet 1:20-21

- 29. Under the principle of inspiration, the Christian swears allegiance to the biblical message as the source of absolute truth. Truth regarding the creation of the universe, Earth's flora and fauna, and mankind has been the subject of our effort to compare divine revelation with the claims of the scientific community.
- 30. The principle of inspiration is central to the validity of our investigation and is summarized by this statement:

God the Holy Spirit so supernaturally directed the human writers of Scripture, that without waving their human intelligence, vocabulary, individuality, literary style, personality, personal feelings, or any other human factor, His complete and coherent message to mankind was recorded with perfect accuracy in the original languages of Scripture, the very words bearing the authority of divine authorship.

- 31. The contention of the scientific community is based on assumptions drawn from a multiplicity of mathematical applications.
- 32. There are ever-increasing advances in esoteric mathematical theories that are based on the premise that the universe began with a big bang some 14-billion years ago.
- 33. Associated with this contention is the idea that Earth did not evolve into a rocky-surfaced planet until 4.54 billion years ago.
- 34. Subsequently, unknown forces caused life to emerge within the primeval swamp which over a long period of time evolved into the chimpanzee and later into a human being.

- 35. For there to be a swamp, there must be water; for there to be water there must be a temperature range cooler than 212-degrees and warmer than 32-degrees F.
- 36. Earth has bodies of water that cover about 70% of its surface and constitutes 3% of its total mass.Cosmologists spend a lot of time and money trying to discover water elsewhere in the universe.
- 37. Their motivation is driven by the belief that water is essential to the evolution of life. To pursue this notion, the Kepler Space Observatory's major objective is "to determine the percentage of planets that are in or near their stars' habitable zones that is, the distances from the stars at which liquid water, and therefore possibly life, could exist."<sup>1</sup>
- 38. If water were detected on one of these planets, then the hypothesis would be proposed that the evolutionary process could or has already occurred on that planet.
- 39. This notion is driven by the Copernican Principle and its spawn, the mediocrity principle.
- 40. The Bible does not support any of these hypotheses or theories but rather presents Earth as exceptional to all other entities of the universe and designates it as the courtroom in which the appeal trial of Lucifer is argued.
- 41. Whereas cosmologists and mathematicians pursue truth by observing testimony of the creation, Christians pursue truth by observing the testimony of the Creator.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Kepler." *Encyclopædia Britannica. Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 26 Jan. 2012.

- 42. To do this requires the ability to distinguish the difference between what is truth and what is true. For example, the biblical revelation reveals truth. Mathematics establishes what is true by means of formulas and equations that produce consistent outcomes. Hypotheses and theories do not.
- 43. Therefore, the essential principle to which the Christian must subscribe in his search for truth is the doctrine of inspiration; for the scientist, mathematician, or cosmologist in his search for what is true must do so by means of established laws of nature.
- 44. Whatever the Bible presents as truth must be accepted on faith. Faith is transitive and it must have an object. To say, "I have faith," has no meaning. Faith must be placed in something.
- 45. For faith to be infused with confidence, then the subject of faith must rest on the integrity of the object. The object that possesses this integrity is the Bible.
- 46. For the believer to have that confidence he must subscribe to and understand the doctrine of inspiration, a subject we will now engage.

## The Doctrine of Inspiration

## **Internal Testimony**

- 1. The human writers of Scripture did not include their personal opinions and privately conceived ideas in the original manuscripts of the Bible.
- 2. They did not personally and privately develop principles of doctrine, prognosticate future events, or include arbitrary quotations.

**2 Peter 1:20** - Knowing this first, no prophecy of scripture originates from one's own <u>opinion</u>.

**v. 21** - No prophecy ever resulted from the purpose and design of mankind: but <u>holy</u> men of God communicated as they were carried along <u>under the agency of</u> the Holy Spirit.

- The phrase in verse 20, "one's own <u>opinion</u>" contains the noun ἐπιλύσις (epilúsis): inspiration.
- The information was communicated by God to "holy" men or in the Greek, ἄγιοις (hágios): set apart for special service and under the authority of the Holy Spirit (v. 21).
- 5. The preposition  $\delta \pi \delta$  (*hupó*) indicates agency and the Agent is the Holy Spirit. There was a structure of authority that transmitted the thinking of God to the individual who functioned "under the agency of" the Holy Spirit.
- 6. These two verses coordinate with 2 Timothy 3:16 which provide the details of divine inspiration.