

The systems that are utilized by grace are those that we have examined. Operation Z takes up those parts of the system that transfers doctrine taught into the soul of the believer.

In addition to this there is the preparatory system under the principle of Revelation from God to a communicator. A quick summary of what we have noted brings together what is taught, or illuminated, to fruition in the soul of the positive believer:

Revelation is restricted to the divine act of communicating to man what otherwise man would not know. This extraordinary form of revelation, since it originates from God, is, of necessity, largely dependent on supernatural agencies and means. (Operation Z)

Inspiration is that controlling influence which God exerted over the human authors by whom the Old and New Testament were written. It is the direct divine influence which secures an accurate transference of truth into language which others may understand. (Immutability of the Canon in the Autographs)[†]

Illumination is that ministry of the Holy Spirit which enables all who are in right relation with God to understand the Scriptures. Among the age-characterizing operations of the Holy Spirit is that of teaching or enlightening the individual in whom He dwells. The believer's mind and soul are supernaturally awakened from within to apprehend what otherwise would be unknown. The reception of truth is not confined to commonplace issues, but may reach out into the "deep things of God," and the experience of the believer when thus taught by the Spirit is peculiar in this respect. That divine Teacher is within his soul and he therefore does not hear a voice speaking from without as is the method of human teachers, but the mind and heart are supernaturally awakened from within to apprehend what otherwise would be unknown. (The teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, Who provides clarity of divine truth to the human spirit, academic understanding to the soul, and spiritual phenomena to the *kardia*.)

Dual Authorship. On the divine side, the Scriptures are the Word of God in the sense that they originate with Him and are the expression of His mind alone, and, on the human side, certain men have been chosen of God for the high honor and responsibility of receiving God's word and transcribing it into written form.

[†] "We subscribe to the system of Verbal, Plenary Inspiration. Verbal: in the original writings, the Spirit guided in the choice of the words used. However, the human authorship was respected to the extent that the writers' characteristics are preserved and their style and vocabulary are employed, but without the intrusion of error. Plenary: The accuracy, which verbal inspiration secures, is extended to every portion of the Bible so that it is in all its parts both *infallible* as to truth and *final* as to divine authority." (See Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, 2:71.)

Interpretation. The science of interpretation—usually designated *hermeneutics*, which term denotes the art of interpreting the Sacred Scriptures—includes the recognition of the principles upon which a true analysis must proceed. (The responsibility of the pastor in the preparation of his message upon which the integrity of Operation Z depends)

Animation refers to that inimitable element of vitality or life which obtains in the Bible as in no other book. Hebrews claims that the Word of God is alive and powerful. It is a living text since its contents contains the thinking of the eternal God. It is powerful because its attributes are ever available to the believer that appropriates the principles made available to him by grace. The written Word of God is God-breathed. Life inheres in it. This truth does not imply personality or that the Bible possesses the constitution of a living creature. It declares that divine life is resident in the Scriptures. (Divine truth is animated by its impact on the person who learns and applies it.)

Dual Authorship is necessary so that the spiritual phenomena resident in the original languages can be communicated by anyone's human language. Illumination and Interpretation are required for conveying the same message regardless of the language spoken.

Verse 13 completes a paragraph but the context continues, this time with the complete inability of the unbeliever to assess, acquire, and apply spiritual phenomena.

1 Corinthians 2:14 - But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (NASB)

The unbeliever is unqualified to use his natural perceptive resources to understand any concept or idea from the Bible. He has no human spirit, so any association with biblical principles is incomprehensible to him.

This is why a designated system, designed for inculcation of spiritual phenomena, is required for the tactic which we have designated as the Grace Apparatus for Perception or Operation Z.

The disqualified unbeliever is referred to by Paul as the “natural man.” The word “natural” is the Greek adjective **ψυχικός (psuchikós)**: natural as opposed to spiritual.

The idea is that unsaved Homo sapiens are held in common with the animals since they do not possess a human spirit, therefore unregenerate.

The believer is classified in verse 13 as *pneumatikós*: “spiritual” or regenerated, while in verse 14, the unbeliever is said to be *psuchikós*: “natural or unregenerate.”

The entire system of hermeneutics, that we just observed, is not available to the *psuchikós* man because it is unavailable to him due to negative response to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Some assert that God is not fair to withhold this system from the unregenerate person. But the system is made available to anyone who believes in Christ for salvation.

God created man, specifically Adam, with a human spirit who became unregenerate himself through sin. Jesus offered the opportunity to regain the human spirit through faith in Him and resultant regeneration.