

important facts of the antediluvian world were probably gathered by Moses.

Respecting those which took place prior to man's creation there must have been *direct* communication from God.

MODE OF REVELATION.

Respecting the particular *manner* of divine inspiration, there are two opinions extant.

1. That the Spirit of God inspired the *whole matter*; but that the writers were left to express themselves in their own words and phrases.

2. That every *thought* and *word* was suggested to them by the Spirit of God; and that the writers did nothing but write.

The doctrine taught in the Scriptures themselves favours the latter opinion. "The Holy Ghost by the mouth of David *spake*." "Well *spake* the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet." "Holy men of old *spake* as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

This view secures the Scriptures from all error, both as to the subjects spoken, and the manner of expressing them.

A *uniformity of style and manner* in the different writers was by no means *essential* to this kind of inspiration, which is called *plenary*; that is, full.

What of those facts which took place prior to man's creation? Is there more than one opinion concerning the manner of inspiration? What is the first? Second? What is the doctrine of Scripture on this subject? Repeat a few passages. What is this kind of inspiration called? Why? Is uniformity of style essential?