

definition of Inspiration: "Inspiration is a special energy of the Spirit of God upon the mind and heart of selected and prepared human agents, which does not obstruct nor injure their native and normal activities, nor miraculously enlarge the boundaries of their knowledge, except where essential to the inspiring purpose; but stimulates and assists them to the clear discernment and faithful utterance of truth and fact, and when necessary, brings within their range truth or fact which would not otherwise have been known. By such direction and aid, through spoken or written words, in combination with any divinely ordered circumstances with which they may be historically interwoven, the result contemplated in the purpose of God is realized in a progressive revelation of his wisdom, righteousness, and grace for the instruction and moral elevation of men. The revelation so produced is permanent and infallible for all matters of faith and practice; except so far as any given revelation may be manifestly partial, provisional, and limited in its time and conditions, or may be afterwards modified or superseded by a higher and fuller revelation, adapted to an advanced period in the redemptive process to which all revelation relates as its final end and glorious consummation."

Dr. DeWitt further sums up his argument. "No proposed definition of God's inspiring grace can be accepted as complete unless it has been formulated (1) in the light of the grand central truth in which inspiration and revelation alike culminate, that Jesus Christ as a person "the only begotten of the Father," is the final, perfect, and the only perfect revelation of God to men; and (2) with due regard to the radical difference between the words of Christ, who is Himself the truth, and those of all inspired teachers, as between the primary and every secondary source of divine knowledge and authority." Once more he says: "All historic, prophetic, and didactic revelation of God in the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments, is inferior and subordinate to the revelation of personal truth and grace in the Christ of the historic Gospels; and whatsoever the