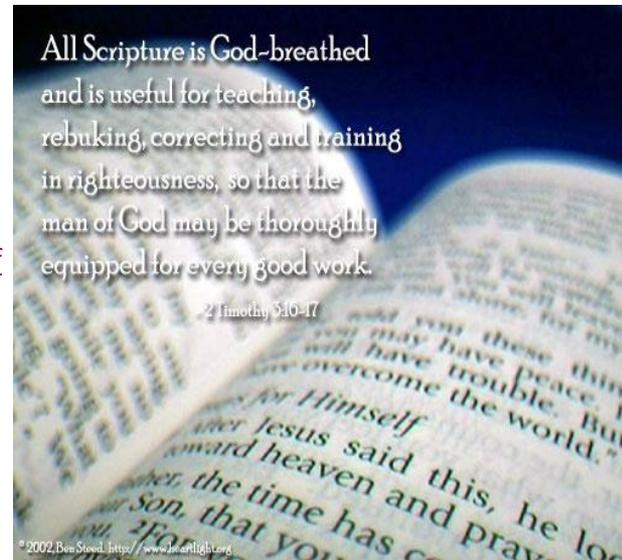


A. Types of Divine Revelation before the completion of the written Word of God

1. Dreams given to people other than prophets:
 - a. Joseph (believer)
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar (unbeliever when he had dreams)
 - c. Pharaoh (remained unbeliever)
2. Visions given to prophets.
 - a. Daniel (Dan. 10:7-8).
 - b. John the baptizer (Matt. 3)
3. Trances: primarily to prophets
4. Direct spoken conversation: as per the giving of the Law to Moses
5. Christophany: as the second person of the Trinity appeared to Abraham et al
6. Direct revelation of Scripture: given to apostle
7. Shadows as pictures: vividly portray the coming Messiah and His work on the cross



B. We now have God's full revelation in the Word of God in PROPOSITIONAL FORM—FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION!!!

1. The propositional revelation in the Bible (from the first verse to the last verse) requires logic for accurate understanding.
2. There are 3 acts of the mind involved in logic:
 - a. The first act of the mind understands the concept. Each word must be understood in the original languages and clarified.
 - b. The second act of the mind focuses on the proposition. This is the statement or sentences. The sentence is true or false.
 - c. The third act of the mind is concerned with the connection of the propositions (e.g., modus ponens, modus tollens).
3. It is IMPOSSIBLE to correctly understand anything in the Bible apart from grasping the words, the sentences, and their relationships.
4. Given that the revelation of God is in propositional form, it is impossible apart from logic to understand God's revelation.
5. With the 3 acts of the mind come three ways to evaluate an argument: Is the word accurate? Is the proposition/premise true? Is the form or connection of the propositions valid? Modus ponens = $A \supset B, A, \therefore B$ (had Job's friends not misused modus ponens, they would have saved themselves a lot of divine discipline). They were guilty of a pseudo modus ponens: $A \supset B, B, \therefore A$. They looked at Job's suffering (B) and made assumptions about A (unconfessed sin in his life which would have brought divine discipline) as the source of the suffering. You cannot do that!!! Too bad they were not privy to our logic classes at FBC. Oh well, they probably would not have thought it was important anyway. Arghh! Will Durant may be wrong in saying that "nothing is so dull as logic," but he is correct by adding that "nothing is so important" as logic.
6. Challenge: I defy anyone to demonstrate how they are going to get any revelation from the Bible apart from logic given the fact that the WHOLE BIBLE is nothing BUT propositional revelation from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21.

Doctrine Matters (ergo, logic matters)!

In the Logos,

Pastor Don