

Gen. 1: 3 ² and God said ...

Text Heb. 1:1

SUBJECT: the Self-Revelation
of God in His Scripture

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Byd. mirrors, water, & plants, trees, etc.
Feb-1: 1 summer day.

THE SELF-REVELATION OF GOD

I. The Necessity for the Revelation

1. We can know many things by study, observation
soil trees water birds laws & gravity
seeds fruit minerals cattle medicine stars

2. But the deeper things
the realities behind the things } we cannot know by observation
the things that really matter } study forever, never know
of. Begins reason. The hen hatched ducklings, proudly
walked with them to water's edge. She stopped. They went on.
of our limited knowledge. who created us, his name?
In what purpose?
for being, why?
for why, whether?

of our study, observation: the stars, creation, manifestation
: the mountains, rivers, beauty
: the heart, man, moral
but who? what his name? what his
what purpose his work? what the end?
@ ps. 37:11

3. For the necessity for the self-revelation of God, the Spirit.
We could never know of His way.

~~the ps. 37:11~~
(1) The Sustained revelation of God, the Spirit, sent of God, us &
to all who can find out for ourselves:
- extreme continents, ocean levels; ocean currents, etc. Gulf Stream
- mts., valleys, sources of rivers. (2) David Thompson map of the
- what already known are places, not as things
- to what new focus of nature can be placed, e.g. electricity
- also rain, day, food, cattle, architecture
chemistry
geology
telegraphy
railways

(2) The self-revelation, the Bible, given for the need, over 2000
 2. years feeding the 5,000. a unique watching: "Patience,
 emerald, diamonds, much more beautiful, looking, looking
 than bread. Why not give us that?" The need for bread,
 (a) content: much, full, at rest, diamonds, rolling, playing,
 (b) bread, diamonds, content: sound well, flowing, bread diamonds, playing,
 The need for revelation, life. a book, eternity

(3) For the need of man, God made revelation, disclosed
 did deeds
 gave commandments
 spoke words
 made prophecies

- to Adam
 - to Noah
 - to Abraham
 - to Moses
 - to David
 - to prophets
 - to Jesus on earth
 - to the apostles
- especially, after 2 years the incarnation, long word
 (John 1:1)

The Necessity for the Revision of the
 II. The Progressive, Increasingly Fuller, Revelation of God.

1. The reason for its progressiveness.
 not because of God's nature but because of ours. And the same,
 but more important, fallen, stubborn, selfish, sinful.
 as man ate, how quickly, dishes
 d. matt. 19: 7, 8
 e. John 13: 7; 16: 13

2. The message that spoke for each day was sufficient for
 that need as for that day.
 He spoke to individuals until they meet de.

- 6. Matt
- He spoke to the nation Israel
- 7. Matt
- He spoke to the nations, to Israel
- 8. Paul, Pentecost
- He spoke by the apostles
- 9. Paul, 2 Cor 1: 1

The message to each sufficient for his day
 Matt
 Paul
 John or Paul

3. God selected men to write his message; each wrote in his day
 more to learn
 David for Judah
 Paul for the Gentiles, for the Jews
 Paul, Christ in Roman
 John the Evangelist

III The Necessity for an Authority, Invariant Revelation

1. The Holy Spirit guides the invariant revelation
 (1) I Pet 1: 20, 21 "edias - mei omni, private ownership
 esse huius - unloosing
 ablativ case, source & origin: "no person came out?
 out of our private thoughts, prevarious, but
 The people did not resist it; rather necessary to receive I Pet 1: 12-13

(2) Holy Spirit direction prevents them from writing errors
 of. Moses acts 7: 23, flees avoid, and Pet 1: 1
 gave unity to the revelation: one book
 : one message
 : one purpose

III The Authority of the Holy Scriptures
 118:89 I & J THE UNITARIAN

Our religious faith must be based upon some ^{trust} authority
 that authority cannot

1. The Church,
 - True because the church says it is true
 - Cyprian: "He who has not the church for his mother has not the Father."
 - Augustine: "I would not believe the Scriptures unless the authority of the church compels me."
 - doctrines of the church are related concepts
 - > unity of assembly
 - > unity of moral, dogma, sacraments
 - > unity of ministry & be dedicated by individuals
 - > infallibility of the Pope
 - > perpetuity

2. Experience
 - The non-abstract
 - The non-abstract does not return to you
 - But all experience must be subjected to scrutiny
 - 6. Experience & moral return is not an organized list, but the non-organized has been wrapped by us

3. The Holy Scriptures

The Mission That The Council of the Unitarian Council has
 authorized Scriptures.

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Lady Jane Grey
a devout, pious child
a twayne, read Scripture in original languages
King Edward VI, Protestant, chose her for his
successor.

Ten days later, bloody Mary took, Catholic,
proclaimed queen.

Had Lady Jane Grey (Queen Jane Grey)
beheaded (she was seventeen).

Three days before her execution, Feb. 13, 1554
she said:

"I ground my faith on God's
word, and not upon the church.
If the church be a good church,
the faith of the church must be
tried by God's word, not God's
word by the church."

Cyprian: 'He who has not the church
for his mother has not God for his
Father.'

Augustine: 'I would not believe the
Scripture unless the authority of
the church confirms it.'

Spurgeon: 'Man's nature is not
an organized lie, but human
conscience has been warped
by sin.'