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101 MOST ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE

34. What are the responsibilities God has assigned to Himself regarding the impartation of the Scriptures?

In essence, five key words aptly summarize the divine contribution:

- A. **Revelation:** That process whereby God revealed to the Bible writers those necessary facts and truths they could not otherwise know.
- B. **Inspiration:** That process whereby God assured His oral revelations were correctly written down by the Bible writers.
- C. **Illumination:** That process whereby God continuously sheds divine light and understanding upon all those who would read His inspired revelation.

Thus, to quickly summarize these first three concepts:

- 1. **Revelation:** From God to man. The involvement of the ear. Man hears that which God wants to be heard.
 - 2. **Inspiration:** From man to paper. The involvement of the hand. Man writes that which God wants written.
 - 3. **Illumination:** From paper to human understanding. The involvement of the heart. Man receives that which God wants received.
- D. **Canonization:** That process whereby God determined that all (but only) those inspired manuscripts would be both recognized (by man) and included in the divine 66-book collection.
 - E. **Preservation:** That process whereby God has worked in both providential and (on occasion) supernatural fashion to keep intact His Holy Word from the ravages of time, from the vicious attacks on the part of wicked men and demons, etc.