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101 MOST ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE

49. What is illumination and how does it differ from revelation and inspiration?

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

Here a change in the verbs should be noted from that of *was* (referring to the acts of revelation and inspiration) to that of *is* (referring to illumination). The implication of course is that the first two were historical and completed whereas the third is current and ongoing.