

on his forthcoming resurrection. (3) All four gospels attest His resurrection which evidences His deity. (4) The resurrection fact cannot be discounted by *a priori* definitions. (5) If Christ is God, He speaks the truth concerning the Old Testament, the New Testament, His death, and the nature of man and history. (6) So all biblical assertions bearing on philosophy of history are to be regarded as revealed truth and all human interpretation must harmonize with them.

Thus the existence of the God of the Bible and the truthfulness of Scripture stand or fall together.

Step 8: The Bible is a trustworthy record of God's self-revelations.

How do I know this?

I know it because it *claims* to be such a record, and because it *evidences* itself to be such a record.

Simon Greenleaf, in his *Testimony of the Evangelists*, states:

In trials of fact, by oral testimony, the proper inquiry is not whether it is possible that the testimony may be false, but whether there is sufficient probability that it is true It should be observed that the subject of inquiry is a matter of fact, and not of abstract mathematical truth In the ordinary affairs of life we do not require or expect demonstrative evidence, because it is inconsistent with the nature of matters of fact In all human transactions, the highest degree of assurance to which we can arrive, short of the evidence of our own senses, is that of probability It is all which the greatest sceptic has a right to require; for it is by such evidence alone that our rights are determined, in the civil tribunals; and on no other evidence do they proceed, even in capital cases The evidence which we have of the great facts of the Bible history belongs to this class; that is, it is moral evidence, sufficient to satisfy any rational mind, by carrying it to the highest degree of moral certainty. If such evidence will