

IS IT PROPER TO CALL NATURE THE SIXTY-SEVENTH BOOK OF GOD'S WORD?

Dr Hugh Ross, the leading proponent of “long-age Progressive Creationism”, has made the implication in his book Creation and Time that Nature is the 67th book of God's Word.

Consider this — the Apostle Paul wrote, 1 Corinthians 2:11-14, the following:

“For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

The Apostle Peter wrote, in 1 Peter 2:8bc:

“ . . . for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this *doom* they were also appointed.

Here are the points we wish to make:

It is the Holy Spirit alone, acting in the minds of believers, Who will give us the teaching and interpretation of the 66 books of the inspired canon of Scripture, and “a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God . . . he cannot understand them . . . “.

Who then would be the teacher and interpreter of this so-called 67th book of God's Word? Certainly not Dr Lawrence Kraus, Dr Richard Dawkins, Dr Steven Hawking, Dr P.Z. Meyers, Dr Carl Sagan, etc., — these men are devoid of the Holy Spirit.

Does Dr Hugh Ross believe that it is the Holy Spirit Who has given him the proper teaching and interpretation of this “67th book” of God's Word, and that he has not relied on the foregoing scientists?