

**The Attackers: Review: John 14:26; 16:12–13, the Problem-Solving Devices & the Spiritual Advance; with the Lord in Heaven, the Holy Spirit Teaches the Apostles & Writers Systematic Theology; the Doctrine of Double Procession, John 14:26; 15:26**

34. Once the Lord ascends into heaven is when Plan B kicks in and the mechanics for the dispensation of the Church begin.
35. The first order of business is to dispense witnesses into the streets of Jerusalem to evangelize those that are in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. Acts 2:9–11 lists 15 languages spoken by the Jewish Diaspora that were citizens of these several nations.
36. From the original disciples/apostles plus Paul and James, the Holy Spirit will assemble a canon of Scripture by which the message will be permanently preserved for the dispensation.
37. The Lord indicates the Spirit will “guide them” in their missionary assignments and from this group are those He will guide in the writing of Scripture: Matthew, John, Paul, the writer of Hebrews, James, and Peter. In addition to these are the non-apostles Mark, Jude, the Lord’s brother, and Luke, a Gentile.
38. The word “guide” is the future active indicative of the verb ὁδηγέω (*hodēgēō*): used originally to lead or guide but came to mean “to teach,” which is the application in this verse.
39. The future tense is predictive which prophesies an event which is expected to occur in future time. The active voice refers to the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit which will function as the divine Source for the development of the New Testament canon. The indicative mood is a statement of the absolute certainty of the future inspiration and completion of the New Testament autographs.

40. What will the Holy Spirit convey to these writers? “All the truth.” Whereas these men presently know very little, once the Holy Spirit gets involved they will be instructed and educated in the eleven categories of systematic theology.
41. The next phrase is the subject of much controversy; it reads, “for He will not speak on His own initiative.” The words “He will not speak” include the negative conjunction *ou* (“not”) and the future active indicative of the verb **λαλέω (lalēō)**: “communicate,” and in context is translated, “He will not teach.”
42. What He will not teach is said to be “on His own initiative.” The phrase in the Greek is the ablative of source of the preposition **ἀπό (apó)**: “from the ultimate source” plus the pronoun **ἐαυτός (heautós)**: “of Himself.”
43. The Holy Spirit is the communicator of doctrine and the Agent among the Trinity that is commissioned to construct the New Testament canon.
44. He teaches the Word of God which is the mind of Christ by means of His the filling and teaching ministries. He does not do this from the ultimate source of Himself.
45. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. Among the three it is God who developed the plan for mankind, it is Christ Who executed the plan, and it is the Holy Spirit Who is sent to explain the plan.
46. Scripture indicates that both the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit to carry out the instructive phase of the plan for the Church Age.
47. In John 14:26, Jesus states that the Father will send the Holy Spirit to Church Age believers. In John 15:26 the Lord says that the Holy Spirit will come to you “whom I will send to you from the Father.”
48. The Eastern Orthodox Church subscribes to the former verse and contends that the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father only while the Western Church claims both the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit.

49. The two split over this distinction in A.D. 1054 and the twain have not met since. The correct answer is that of the Western Church which subscribes to the doctrine of double procession.
50. This is indicated in this verse by the phrase “but whatever He hears, He will speak.” The Father and the Son communicate (*laléō*) what the Holy Spirit is to inspire among the human writers of Scripture.
51. This process is referred to in the final phrase as a disclosure, the future active indicative of the verb **ἀναγγέλλω (*anangéllō*)**: “to report back.”
52. The predictive future makes this a part of the prophecy of the Holy Spirit’s involvement in developing the New Testament canon. At a future time He will disclose doctrine to the writers of Scripture three of whom (Matthew, John, and Peter) are seated around the table in the Upper Room.
53. In other words, the Lord is saying that He cannot teach them what they need to know because his time is limited, but He and the Father will send the Holy Spirit and at a time yet future He will report back to them what they need to learn and execute.
54. Here is the corrected and expanded translation of these two verses:  
**John 16:12** - I have many more things to teach you, but you do not have the endowed power to retain them in long-term memory now.  
**v. 13** - But when He, the Holy Spirit of veracity, arrives (on the Day of Pentecost), He will teach you all the categories of systematic theology, He will not teach from the ultimate source of Himself, but whatever He hears from the Father and the Son, He will teach; and He will disclose to you what is to come, i.e., the New Testament canon.
55. Back in John 8:31, the Lord told the new believers that “If you continue in the sphere of My Word.” That sphere is logical, not spatial. So to what is He actually referring?

