

A. Matters of History

These are necessarily sketched in brief detail but the student must have at least a minimal understanding of them to move into the historical books of Scripture.

## 1. The problems of History

## a. Philosophical

(1) History writing (historiography)

--why is what is written written?

(2) History interpretation

--What do the events mean in their telling:

- (a) Hegel
- (b) Spengler
- (c) Toynbee
- (d) Augustine
- (e) Current ideas

## b. Practical

(1) Lack of continuous and consistent data

(2) Lack of fixed measuring records.

(3) Lack of harmony..among all histories

(4) The method of compilation..and motive

(5) The inter-relation of written and/or oral tradition.

(6) Dating in general

## c. Personal problems

(1) The "story" tendency

(2) The matter of ages///dispensations

(3) Over-identification

(4) Doctrine search

(5) Generalizing