

Work Sheet #13 Criticisms Name _____ Date _____

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This Week's READING: Gausssen's Theopneustia Chapter VI Sacred Criticism – VII Conclusion [p.323-365] Complete this Work Sheet and be prepared to discuss it.

#1 What does Gausssen say of sacred criticism? What two things stop it from being science? What three precautions are recommended? _____

#2 “While anatomists have been unable to explain the use of the _____ in the human body or the _____ in that of insects, they have not on that account found _____ in fault; they have put it all to the account of their own _____. Why then, when you happen not yet to have discovered the use of something that is said in the _____, do you lay the blame on any but _____ and why will you not wait? (p.327)

#3 In your words what precaution does Gausssen make when he warns “Let sacred criticism be an Historian, not a Soothsayer?” _____

#4 Criticism comes from critics who have neglected what grand principle? (p.330) (Section II para 2)

#5 In your words what precaution does Gausssen make when he warns “Sacred criticism is the doorkeeper of the Temple, not its God? _____

#6 Briefly Explain Gausssen's three orders of persons who attest the divine inspiration of Scripture?

#7 Gausssen's conclusion's retrospect states, “Divine inspiration, we have said, is not a system; it [p.350] is a fact: and that fact, if attested by God, becomes to us a _____. But it is the _____ that is inspired; it is with the book that, above all things, we have to do, and not with the _____. We might almost dispense with believing the inspiration of the _____, while we could not dispense with believing that of the _____. If the words of the book are God’s words, of what consequence to me, after all, are the _____ of the _____?”