ORDINARY LANGUAGE FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE

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I came across a great quote about Scripture today, from Don Carson's 'Recent Developments in the Doctrine of Scripture' (p 31) :

> *"Scripture is composed of 'ordinary' language and 'ordinary' literature. To say this in no way disparages Scripture, nor does it dispute its status as 'God's Word.' ... That God's Word has been communicated in everyday language is not a fault so much as a perfection of divine revelation, for only as 'ordinary' language could Scripture communicate to 'ordinary' people in 'ordinary' situations. ... Indeed, these ordinary human forms were essential both for revelation and redemption."*

As someone involved in translating the Bible into 'ordinary' languages in Africa, this really resonates with me.