

It's not always easy to make a judgment, but I think it's helpful to have a clear thought on these matters. Simply, you might say, fighting for inerrancy for its own sake, I would say is rather fruitless. Satan -- thou doest well thou believest in one God, the devils believe and tremble. Simply believing in inerrancy per se is not going to save any one. They may be many fine Christians who do not believe in inerrancy.

But Christ certainly took the attitude of inerrancy toward the OT. His attitude very definitely was, Whatever Scripture says can be believed. If we drift off from this we are laying the foundation for destruction of the faith. It is not always easy to make a judgment in these matters. But I think to get the principles in mind is rather important.

That's why I have -- I detest some of the evidences I've seen of the attacks on the Scripture that have come out very strongly on our remarks. I have absolutely no confidence in the morality of those who are tearing down the Scripture. I was very shocked to read an article in the Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation--I think I mentioned it to you-- They had a whole issue devoted to the matter of inerrancy.

This article was by Clark Pinnock. In it he spoke of the fact that those who claim to believe in inerrancy, most of them make all kinds of conditions and subtrifuges in order to still hold it. He says, like saying the days in Genesis are not really days at all! To me it's impossible to understand how a person with his intelligence and background in Christian knowledge should make such an utterly stupid statement as that!

If it was expressed sensibly, of course, what his words would mean to us, How ridiculous for us to think the Hebrew word that is translated day in Gen. does not mean the same as the idea of the man in the street as to what the English word day means! Yet the way he says it sounds very convincing, to the person who has not thought it through.

I have no confidence in those who are trying to tear down the Christian faith. Absolutely none. I think we should do everything we can to oppose their efforts. But as individuals I think many of them are misled and we can win them by helping to move them to a nearer circle rather ~~xxx~~ than by a polemic of attack. Those are a few ideas on that line that I had . .

Neher: In other words, you are saying there are two approaches. When you have someone who is wrong.

Yes I would say. You think of the individual, and as far as the individual is concerned, I think my duty is to try to lead him to faith in Christ if I'm not certain if he has that or not, but from an intellectual viewpoint, it is to try to draw him ~~x~~ into a nearer circle than the one where he is. If I can help him who believes in a higher power to a belief in one supreme God, if I can ~~move~~ move anyone this way, -- ordinarily I don't think a great deal is accomplished -- at least in the intellectual sphere--