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A personal account of the beginning, not for publication, of the beginning of the
International Council on Biblical Inerrancy.

The first I heard about the council was when I was in St. Louis to participate in the inauguration of Will Barker as president of Covenant Seminary. I stayed overnight there at the home of Dr. Payne. He told me that the day before he had gone to Chicago for a meeting of ~~xx~~ a new organization. He said that the Billy Graham organization had given it some money but that this was supposed not to be mentioned outside at all. The organization was to deal with the matter of Scriptural inerrancy. His way was paid from St. Louis to Chicago in the morning and back at night in order to attend this meeting.

A few months later I received a letter from a man I had never heard of before, Dr. Grimstead of Oakland, California. Dr. Grimstead, in his letter, invited me to become ~~xx~~ a member of the advisory council of the International Committee on Biblical Inerrancy. He said in the letter that it would soon be introduced with considerable publicity. He enclosed a copy of a long statement which he said would appear in the next issue of Christianity Today, and would also be widely distributed as a leaflet.

The article that he sent me was written in such a way that it was very easy to read. It emphasized the great importance of Biblical biblical inerrancy and how important it is that people stand together for this great matter. It said that the stand for this was now to be taken and everyone would have to take his stand ~~for~~ for or against it and that this would become the great issue now and that all such minor backyard issues as...would simply disappear into forgetfulness in the face of this vital issue. I forget the exact words. He named of the issues that would now ~~xxx~~ disappear, he named about a dozen, but and they seemed to sweep the whole world of Christian discussion aside. One, for instance, I believe, was the manner of baptism, ~~xx~~ another was infant baptism. I believe I am quite sure that it included both Calvinism and Arminianism, and that it included ~~x~~ dispensationalism and covenant theology. I was immediately impressed that it impressed me immediately that if such a statement were to be distributed, in view of the very strong feeling on so many of these issues that I had come across with which I had ~~■~~ had experience that people would violently turn aside from such