

He said so at various times. Therefore it is easy in the works of C. S. Lewis to find a statement here or ~~XXXX~~ there which might lead you to think he did not believe in inerrancy, or might lead you to think he did not hold to orthodox views at certain points. But if you take his writings as a whole, you find in his attitude there is the assumption of inerrancy. You will when he writes about the Psalms he will take those Psalms that the unbelievers are casting aside, he is always ready to see them as the Word of God and to find blessing in them and teaching in them for him. You will find his whole emphasis is for Christianity and he accomplished a tremendous lot in that direction.

Now you will find individual statements in C. S. Lewis you will not agree with, but he is a man who did great work for the advance of the cause of Christ. I believe we should do everything we can to advance the work of those who are truly advancing the work of Christ. On the other hand you will find individuals who will express adherence to most of our Christian doctrines, but who will on some one particular point make a fetish of it and will injure Christian work rather than help it. I believe we must beware of individuals who take such an attitude no matter how orthodox they may be in their general teachings.

But there are these two areas. The soteriological area, the area of the great purpose and import of Scripture to bring Christ to men. And as I mentioned a person who has trusted in Christ as Saviour is my Christian brother even if he is very confused on Christian doctrine, even if his mind is greatly confused we should try to help him in every way we can. But we find some individuals as alas I fear in the case of this letter I read from this seminary president, who may seem to be standing for all the Christian doctrines but who feel a tremendous urge to undermine our belief in the full integrity of Scripture. In such a case I believe their work will go on as it has done in institution after institution in the last 200 yrs., and gradually continue to the point where Christianity is completely abandoned. In such cases I believe it is our duty to make a very strong stand for inerrancy of the Scripture. A vital matter is not so much where a person is as where == what direction he is going. The Scripture, if it is going to be authoritative, I believe we must hold that in the original it was inerrant, and as Jesus said we must judge righteous judgment. We must judge clear and careful judgment, but we must make judgments. We must not make these judgments in wrath or in malice. We must not make them with a desire to advance ourselves but to advance the Scriptures. But we must recognize that when we step away from believe in inerrancy we have started on a path which if continued results in abandonment of all that is vital in Christianity. So I believe the subject of inerrancy is a very vital subject and I think it is particularly important that we understand exactly what it means, and that we stand solidly. But even more important that we recognize the deity of Christ and His death on the cross for our sins is the all transcending matter, that the Bible points in every part, and that this is where our emphasis should lie.