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False Views of Inerrancy

Present discussions of inerrancy are simply another step in the age-old process of defending God's truth as He made it known amny eenturies ago againat invidious and subtle attacks.

The word "inerrancy" has come into use to a great extent in recent years because so many have used the words that were formerly used in new senses quite different from what was originally meant. It was very similar to what happened about the terms describing the character of Christ. A century ago many books were written and articles were written defending the divinity of Christ. Then many individuals began to declare that they believed that Christ was divine just as they would say, "just as all of us are divine, only that He was a little more divine than most of us. Reacting to this Bible-believing Chns° everywhere ceased to use the word "divinity" to describe Christ, and instead spoke of the deity of Christ, using a new term to mean exactly what the former term had meant before it was twisted out of its essential significance. Through the ages people have spoken of the authority of the Bible. Today there are those who say they believe in the Bible's authority but restrict this authority feel that they themselves are able to judge which biblical statement or teachings are authoritative. Some say that they believe in the inspiraton. Coleridge said that he believed in the inspiration of the Bible and said that he believed it was inspired and that those pocket (?) partly (?) because it inspired him and the parts that were most inspired were the parts that inspired him the most. [perhaps good to get precise quote]. Then Chns° began to speak of plenary inspiration "plenary" or of verbal "verbal" inspiration. For a time these terms were greatly attacked. REcently they have not been used so much. The attack has centered more from the idea that though the Bible is authoritative when it speaks of spiritual matters it may contain definite errors in other areas. In response Chns° have come to adopt the term "inerrancy." It is a good term to express the fact that we do not believe that the Bible contains errors.

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