

important, however, to recognize that when matters have not become vital subjects for discussion, or when they have perhaps not seemed at all to the people of a certain generation to be problems, it is then necessary that we be very careful about deducing too much as to the attitude of the church from the incidental statements and inferences from the statements from the theological leaders of the time. When a problem is not specifically considered and deliberately faked often the words of those who are concerned with other matters seem to present an interpretation on the particular problem which may never have entered into the minds of the writers at all. So it is extremely vital that we base our views as to what has been the teaching of the church not upon inferences from doubtful statements but only upon that which is clearly taught in the definite creedal pronouncements and in the writings of the leaders of the church.

It impresses me as especially important in ~~connection~~ inspiration that we understand exactly what our position is and upon what evidence we base it and that we do not attempt to bring forward as evidence for it verses which are not properly thus construed. It is our feeling that it is vital to maintain that the Scripture is entirely free from error not only in the religious field but also of that of religion and science. We believe this to be the attitude of the church through the ages toward the Bible. It is vital, however, that we find just exactly what the Scriptural evidence is for this position and not try to fasten it to verses that do not deal with it in a full sense.

When we examine the statement of Christ in Matthew 5:17 and 18 and its parallel in Luke 16:17 it is impossible to escape the conclusion that the context is dealing with the requirements and injunctions of the legal portions of the Old Testament. Christ declares that He has not come to do away with these legal enactments but to fulfil them. The great stress which He lays upon every detail of them is a strong statement made is sufficient to justify us in considering that He thought the Law to be extremely accurate and vital. However, it must be noticed that in the context it is the \_\_\_\_\_ as the guide for the action of God's people that He has in mind and that there is no statement in the context which has any relation to scientific or historic statements as such. One certainly does not fulfil statements regarding past history or regarding