

...challenge today is that which challenges the very basis of Christian theology. It is the question about our attitude ~~f~~ toward the Word of God.

On this question, the Evangelical Theological Society, by its constitution and the statement which is required of all members, takes a very definite position. It maintains that the Bible and the Bible alone is the Word of God and therefore inerrant in the original manuscripts. This is an attempt to express, in very definite language, a solid and clear position in relation to the many varieties of viewpoint that are held in different groups in the world today. In taking this position the society is standing squarely in opposition to that which is held in common by most other viewpoints. That is the question as to the central source of authority in religion. Other viewpoints hold that human philosophy, human speculation, human reasoning, ^{or human experience} human ideas, form the basis ~~of~~ of our knowledge of religious matters. The Evangelical Theological Society holds that the one solid authoritative basis for knowledge of religious matters is found in God's revelation.

(2) that the Bible is a revelation from God. Our answer to the most fundamental and basic theological challenge of the present day is fundamentally a very simple answer. It is the claim that the Bible is God's revelation. This is a very simple thing and at the same time a very complex thing, this position which we hold. First as to its major simplicity, we hold that the Bible is a revelation from God. Unfortunately, many ideas today are very hazy as to just what we mean by revelation. Actually, of course, it is a very simple thought. Revelation simply is that which is most commonly referred today as communication. It is the transfer of an idea from one mind to another. It is the giving to us of that which God has revealed. It is telling us what he wishes to communicate to us.

While this idea as far as religion is concerned is far from the dominant attitude of most religious groups today, yet ^{it} is actually an idea which is fundamental to most of