

- b. Clement - "Although scripture is the foundation of all knowledge, there is subordinate truth in philosophy. Knowledge is good and necessary." Thus the success of a sect like Christian Science lies in its presentation of the efficacy of a peace drawn from confidence in God. This is Christian and wise. A false sect may often be based upon a segment of truth which is Christian and which the church has neglected.

7. Origen (b 184)
Narrative

- a. Origen was born into a well-to-do Christian family in Alexandria in 184 A.D.
- b. At the age of 18, during the persecution of Septimius Severus his father was arrested. A letter from Origen, urging Leonidas to stand firm and not to think about his family, has been preserved.
- c. After his father's death Origen began to teach grammar and came to the attention of Demetrius of Alexandria. Demetrius appointed him head of the Catechetical School
- d. Origen wished to study in all fields of knowledge and finding himself distracted by the sex drive he mutilated^{himself} thus becoming (with the disapproval of his bishop) a eunuch for the Lord's sake. For 25 years he was a leader in the life of Alexandria.
- e. He visited Rome and agreed with Hippolytus in opposing the Monarchism of Zephyrnus (18)
- f. On a visit to Palestine, Origen, against the wishes of Demetrius was ordained a presbyter in order that he might deliver a series of lectures. Demetrius angry and exiles Origen. Origen then went to Antioch and taught until the persecution of Decian in 249. Now 70 yrs. old he was imprisoned and tortured severly. He was released and died 2 years later due most likely to his prison experience.

His Method

- a. Origen, although perhaps the greatest Bible student of all time, unfortunately used the "allegorical" method of interpretation. Instead of giving each section of the Bible = study he derived the essential doctrines through intensive study of some portions of the scriptures, and then used many other sections as merely illustrative of