

Double-talk

Thus double-talk was becoming widespread even in my student days, and since that time it has reached a new peak. The so-called "neo-orthodox," for instance, may tell us that he believes in the bodily resurrection of Christ, but if he is honest he may go on to explain that actually he thinks that no one knows what became of the physical elements that composed the body of Christ, after they were laid in the tomb.

Only this week, since my return from California, I heard of an instructor in a school with an excellent reputation as a fine Christian college. This instructor is reported to have told students that the Bible is full of errors, that we need an entirely new approach to its understanding, and that it would make no difference to his faith whether a man called Jesus ever lived on this earth or not. Yet when he stood before the Board of Trustees of the college he declared that he believes in the verbal inspiration of the Scripture!

Nowadays it seems that people can interpret words in any sense that they desire. Occasionally true believers thoughtlessly repeat the lingo of the Modernist, expressing true belief in words that are normally used to mean the opposite. Far more commonly, we find people who really deny the Word of God, speaking in language that seems to affirm it. Double-talk is at a high point in our day. We need watchmen. We need men who are qualified to determine exactly what people really mean, to point out the conflicting forces of our day, to show the currents that seek to engulf Christianity and Americanism, and to present the situation clearly and plainly. We need clear documentation and definite evidence. In this field the Christian Beacon has always maintained a high level. It is truly a watchman upon the walls of Zion.