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## Suggestions for Institute Talk

My part in the program has been entitled, "Inerrancy Committee Update." This refers to the fact that I ~~am~~ am a member of the Advisory Committee of the International ~~Council~~ Council on ~~Inerrant~~ Biblical Inerrancy. This organization was founded in 1977, representing to quite an extent the ~~vision~~ vision of Dr. Jay Grimstead. It includes men from a number of evangelical denominations, including some who rarely cooperate with any other denomination. Dr. Grimstead is a graduate of Fuller Seminary. ~~I heard him mention that I believe it is at least ten years since it was at least ten years after he graduated from that school when he founded the ICBI.~~ If I recall correctly he stated once that it was only within the previous six years that he had come to believe in inerrancy [perhaps I misremember; perhaps what he said was that it was only then that he had come to see its importance]. It was Dr. Grimstead's idea that the organization should make bring the evidences for inerrancy to the attention ~~of the whole~~ of ~~all~~ all evangelical Christians, distribute information about the matter, and that after ten years it should be disbanded, its work having been accomplished.

It is only in recent years that this word "inerrancy" has been used much. Previously other terms were used.

It is a common feature in the history of Christianity that a word that is commonly used is taken over by those who don't believe in it, and its meaning changed, and then that those who believe in it have to find a new word to express the idea. ~~A~~ ~~century~~ century ago there were books and articles written to give evidences for "the divinity of Christ." Today no one speaks of the divinity of Christ. The reason for this is that those who did not believe that Jesus was God came to say that certainly they believed in the divinity of ~~Jesus~~ Christ, just as there is a spark of the divine in every one of us, perhaps a bit more of it in Christ than in ordinary people. Those who stood for ;the full biblical teaching about Jesus' deity found it necessary to adopt a new word, and thus the word "deity" came to be substituted for "divinity." I doubt if that you would find a