

On the other hand most today who have taken courses in universities, in scholarly institutions, most parts of the world, have had it simply assumed that the HC was true, presented as if true to such an extent that even though they don't know a great deal about it, they think that anybody who questions these things is simply ignorant.

So we have two groups considering the other as simply utterly ignorant, fantastic nonsensical in their approach, rarely meeting in an sensible interpretation of this which has had such a tremendous influence. Tillich who died about 10 or 15 years ago had tremendous influence throughout the Protestant world. He came to Philadelphia and gave some public lectures and spoke in the evening at the U. of PA. in a meeting at which professors and people who were advanced in Biblical studies were invited. He spoke very freely. In answer to one question I was much impressed to hear Dr. Tillich say, You can hardly imagine the misery that I went through coming from the home of an ortodox country pastor in Germany when I got into the university and found that it was impossible to believe that the Bible is true.

Geroge A. Barton, who died about 30 years ago, has written a number of books presentdng the HC and presenting the evolutionary ideas of the development of religion have had a great influence contrary to the Word of God. I attended some lectures which he gave at the U. of PA. and one time he remarked: At one time I intended to devote my life to attacking the HC. I wanted to be another Wm. Henry Green. I went to Harvary U. in order to study this material, in order to thoroughly understand it in order to be able to answer it and ~~when~~ when I came out I accepted it." So he changed the whole purpose of his life.

I think more recently of a man I do not wish to name, a man who was a professor in a very large and very fine theological seminary for a considerable number of years, greatly beloved by his students, a professor of OT, and having as far as I can gather a very fine Christian influence, who desired--he already has a Th.D. from the seminary [not PH.D.] he desired to go to Harvard, and to get a Ph.D. He applied to Harvard and I have been told that they said they did not think with his background he would profit by their work. It took them about 3 years to persuade them to admit him. He went there for 3 years (I don't know how long, I guess 3 years). He got his Ph.D. in OT suddies. When we had a Hermeneutics Conference of the INternational Council of Biblical INerrancy, they invited about 15 or 20 scholars to write on various aspects of the question of inerrancy.

Then they invited twice as many more to give a first and second response to the papera. He was given the second paper to speak on: Problems of the Grammatical-Historical Approach to the Scripture." When they got his paper, instead of having it second on the list (though it still had the number 2) they put it at about 20th on the list, and the man who was running the conference--I had not been on the list to give a paper--he phoned me across the continent, on short notice, the others had had a year or two to prepare their ~~papers~~ papers, to ask me to prepare a response to his paper because of the approach he had taken. In the paper he maintained the value of the HC, the Source Criticism, the Tradition Criticism. He refers to Gen. 1 as the P document, Gen. 2 as the J document. Talks about contradictions between them. In between(are) statements that he believes in inerrancy, and he claims to stand absolutely for inerrancy and all the gpeat Christian doctrines.