

sonal and social problems of the day; and humanistic approaches are attractive to all of us in this age when man himself is a problem with problems. But humanistic approaches, when they cut loose from the Bible as the inerrant and only infallible rule of faith and life, are approaches sired by the Devil and are not of God.

If one really wants to serve the Lord, the very worst possible choice that he could make would be to select the third type of seminary, the one that is "in between," the one that has a few men on its faculty who believe the Bible to be true and dependable in its entirety, but that has men also who believe and teach that the Bible is full of errors, contradictions, and paradoxes. If a student goes to such a seminary as this, he is sailing on an uncharted sea, for he is going there not to hear the eternal truth of God and learn it, nor is he going there to hear falsehood and reject it. Instead, when he goes there he will hear a mixture of truth and falsehood and he will find himself totally unequipped to discern the truth from the lie. It might almost be said that the more truth there is present, the more dangerous is the mixture, because the helpless student is unable at all to select counterfeit-truth in order to reject it.

Recently I heard a man telling of his experience in a seminary of this type. He said, "I would sit in the class and I would hear a professor speaking, and everything he said would sound to me to be absolutely right. It would seem entirely in line with the Word of God and thoroughly reasonable. Step by step his logic proceeded, each point seeming to flow naturally out of what had just been said. Everything would seem fine, but all of a sudden I would realize that what he was saying was in sharp opposition to the Word of God, although it had seemed to follow logically from everything else he had said before. Immediately I had to stop and think: 'Now just where am I?' And I would go back and try to remember everything that was said in between; sometimes it was extremely difficult, and at other times it was even impossible, for

me to find where it was that he had slipped the track and stepped off the path of Bible belief to the path of Bible denial."

It can safely be said that for one to go to a seminary that teaches a mixture of truth and untruth, taking the courses offered there, and coming out believing what is really true and rejecting what is untrue, presupposes that the man already is thoroughly trained in conservative theology and does not stand in real need of further theological education. It presupposes that he went to that seminary for the purpose only of discerning and rejecting its errors! It presupposes that he knows far more than the ordinary seminary graduate knows; indeed it presupposes that he knows as much as the professors do who are speaking to him.

When I was in college I attended a class in geology. In it there was a young man just fresh out of a Bible Institute. He was very much convinced that he knew and understood the truth and that he could prove it to anybody else who was willing to listen. When the professor began teaching evolution, the student, of course, began criticizing him and trying to prove that he was wrong. The professor, however, was a very gracious gentleman, and knew many, many times as much science as this student did. He talked with him most amiably and he led him along. He would say, "Oh, you believe this? Then, of course, you think that what follows is true. Then you believe this other, too, don't you?" And so on. Eventually he had the student making very positive affirmations which, then, he as professor would soon disprove completely. The professor tied that student into a knot.

As I listened, I saw how ridiculous it is for a person with only a little knowledge to go out and think that in the field of learning or of thinking he can disprove the arguments of those who have far more knowledge than he has, or that he can evaluate their arguments properly. Sad to say, this fine young man who at one time in his life had been filled with zeal to serve our Lord, having found that