

that what I am at present about to discuss is even more important than that would be. Today it is not the views of any one denomination that are in question by great masses of people, and in particular by many who are called Christian ministers. It is not the views of particular denominations that are questioned in many colleges and seminaries that were founded for the purpose of promulgating the views of those denominations. The primary tension today is between that which has been characteristic of Christianity historically through the ages and other views which are of an entirely different type, views of which it may be said not only that they would seem to belong to a different religion than Christianity but that they belong to an entirely different series of religions, or type of religions than that to which Christianity belongs. My present purpose is to deal with the central features of Christianity in relation to these views which are common today which relate to entirely different outlooks on life. This then is our present purpose to examine some of the matters which have been distinctive of orthodox Christian theology through the ages and to see what sort of a case might be made for these views.

Some might think that the term Fundamentalism would be a better term than orthodox theology for that which I am about to discuss. // I myself think that a strong argument might be made for this since the term orthodox so often means the particular points stressed by ~~th~~ particular sects or groups rather than that which is common to more than one. The word--an article in a magazine not long ago, a writer referred to Fundamentalists as having become "a theological swearword." Personally I do not think that this is at all true. In almost any branch of study ~~or~~ or thought today the word Fundamentalist may be used for those who like to put their stress on that which is basic and fundamental to the science and to try to bring out its ~~ss~~ important implications rather than to wander off onto sidelines which may or may not prove productive. The term is a good word, a word which is well established in many lines of thought. It has for some years been used to