

theology to hold that the Bible alone and the Bible in its entirety is the one inerrant ~~fe~~ source of divine truth.

b. A Personal God, Who Created All Things.

This is another point which is common to all orthodox Christian theology and which is a point of tension in the modern world. Orthodox Christianity believes that all things came into existence through the act of a person who preceded them, that believes that there is one God, that this God is personal, that He is absolute in His power and in His ability to accomplish what He chooses. The principal point here (at the moment) is the personality of the force, of the great power ~~of~~ with which we have to deal. It is not simply a blind force, not simply a cosmic process, not simply a matter of chance or accident, but the ~~the~~ existence of a personal God who is vitally interested in all the affairs of life. ~~His~~ This view is often called Theism. It is a vital part of orthodox Christian theology.

c. Man's Lost Condition.

Orthodox Christian theology has always held that man, by himself, was in a hopeless condition, that he needed some external to make his life worthwhile, and to save him from an eternity of utter failure.

d2. (1/4) ...theologians and Bible students have sometimes differed as to the full extent and understanding of this but all orthodox Christians' theologians have agreed on this basic fact that man is lost and must have some external help if his life is to have any meaning.

d. Redemption Provided by a Saviour.

This is the very heart of orthodox Christian theology, It is not a religion to know how a man can lift himself by his bootstraps. It is not simply a religion of beautiful ethical principles or helpful teachings, it is not a religion that simply helps man to go forward a little further in the direction he is going. It is a religion which holds that lost man can only find any meaning to his life and any hope of continued existence in a worthwhile condition through the action of someone outside who will save him from his