

purpose is that which should come to pass in time.  
In the decrees of God embrace God's will & purpose  
a counsel is all that comes to pass in the sphere of  
creation & providence.

b. We must disting. between eternity applied to God him-  
self & it applied to the decrees. God is et & the decrees  
are et yet there is an important distinct. God is et  
eminently, not because he willed to be; the decrees  
are eternal because they are eternally willed. The  
distinction between eternal & nec. being; & the eternal  
will that other things should be; must be maintained  
even though we cannot define precisely the nature  
of the distinct. It is a distinct. that is implicit in  
the teaching of the trip. All to come to pass according  
to the counsel of his will, whereas such a concept is  
never applied to the being & inter-divine relationships of  
the persons of the Godhead.

It is blasphemy to speak of God's being & inter-divine  
relationships having come to be because of the counsel  
of his will. But this is the concept in regard to his  
counsel.

c. We must disting. between the intra-divine immu-  
ant relationships & intra-divine economic relationships.  
These do come w/i the scope of the divine decrees,  
because they are not eternal & necessary relationships  
but voluntary assumed & therefore decreed to be assumed.  
They are correlative w/ the economy of creation &  
providence. They have meaning only in relation to  
these: Creation & Prov.

2. Immutability

God cannot be frustrated. He is infinite in  
wisdom & power, therefore there can be no unforeseen  
contingency arising for him, & no deficiency of power  
in carrying out his decrees. Ps 33<sup>19, 11</sup> Is 14<sup>24, 27</sup> 46<sup>7, 10</sup>  
Dan 4<sup>35</sup> Ro 9<sup>11</sup> 1Co 6<sup>17</sup> Jer 1<sup>17</sup>