

Before	1860	After
<p><i>Preservation</i>--". . . being immediately inspired by God, and, by His singular care and providence, kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentical . . ." (<i>Westminster Confession of Faith</i>)</p>		<p><i>Preservation</i>—the promise of preservation was dropped from doctrinal statements; Systematic Theology books completely overlook the topic; modern theologians argue that the scriptures do not promise their own preservation.</p>
<p><i>Inspiration</i>—Divine Dictation accepted descriptor for how inspiration was accomplished; not limited to the original autographs and extended to vernacular languages via translation. (<i>WCF</i>)</p>		<p><i>Inspiration</i>—Divine Dictation falls out of favor as a descriptor for how inspiration was accomplished. Inspiration is limited to the nonexistent original autographs.</p>
<p><i>Inerrancy</i>—no formal doctrine of inerrancy; the scriptures were believed to be inerrant because they are the word of God; the Holy Spirit bears witness the believer's spirit that the scriptures are infallible. (<i>WCF</i>)</p>		<p><i>Inerrancy</i>—formal doctrine was developed that limited infallibility and inerrancy to the original autographs only. Took shape in a logical syllogism that meet the German Higher Critics on their own terms. Rewrote Protestant Bibliology.</p>
<p><i>Textual Criticism</i>—began with the notion the scriptures were the inspired word of God and of Divine origin; what God gave by inspiration was preserved and "kept pure in all ages" and was available to be translated into the vernacular languages of the nations.</p>		<p><i>Textual Criticism</i>—was completely reworked starting with the rationalistic/naturalistic notion that the Bible is like any other book and should be treated like any other book of antiquity. Replaced the text of the Reformation (<i>TR</i>) with a "new and improved" Greek text. Modern Textual Criticism is built on top of the Rationalistic suppositions of Westcott & Hort.</p>
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