

not seem possible that anyone could seriously think that Plato and Isaiah were equally divinely inspired or that the only difference between them was the consciousness or the lack of consciousness of divine inspiration. Such ambiguity in the employment of terms leads to false reasoning. There are, however, in spite of such defects, many useful ideas and much that will appeal to those innocent of all philosophical training. One cannot but admire the apostolic spirit and ideals which has prompted the author to bring religion into every sphere of life and to make the Church the chief source of inspiration in the reconstruction of the new world. But since he allows that the Church is fallible and that she is the chief vehicle of inspiration, what guarantee is there that the inspiration is authentic? It almost seems that there is an imperative need for an infallible guide. Canon Lloyd does not provide one and this is a weakness that must make some of his readers rather dubious about the working of his inspired and inspiring Church.

H.T.

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