

examines 175 sentences where *baptizo* is used, and only ten of these instances does he translate by "dip," and every one of the ten is incorrectly rendered, for "dip" always takes out of the water what it puts in; but Dr. Conant himself confesses on p. 88 that there is no "*emersion*" (that is, a taking out of the water) "in the Greek word." There is therefore no dip in the Greek word. Out of the 175 instances Dr. Conant translates 64, more than one-third of the whole, by our English words "whelm" and "overwhelm,"—words which any one can see imply that the baptizing element comes upon the subject, while the subject remains passive. This is a bad shewing for the Baptists at the outset.

But we must eliminate. Our inquiry is: How ought *baptizo* to be rendered in the New Testament. The author must therefore confine himself to instances of the use of the word prior to that time. Dr. Conant thinks he finds, perhaps, thirty occurrences of the word before the birth of Christ, and only *one* out of the thirty does he translate by "dip." That the chief Baptist scholar of America should be unable to introduce the word on which his theory hangs, only in *one* passage out of *thirty*, is a fact which may well suggest the gravest doubt as to the correctness of the theory. In reality, however, there are only twenty-seven instances, the other three being of uncertain authorship and date. These twenty-seven instances we shall carefully examine, and we shall see that there is no dip or immerse in any of them. The subject is not put into the baptizing element, but the element is moved and brought upon the subject.

The authors who use the word *baptizo* before the Christian era are Pindar (B.C. 500); Plato (B.C. 400); Alcibiades (B.C. 400); Eubulus (B.C. 380); Aristotle (B.C. 360); Septuagint (B.C. 280); Evenus of Paros (B.C. 250); Polybius (B.C. 180); Nicandar (B.C. 150); Strabo (B.C. 60); and Diodorus Siculus (B.C. 30).

Pindar uses the word once, Plato twice, Alcibiades once, Eubulus once, Aristotle once, Septuagint four times,