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## RESPONSIBILITY IN VIEW OF PRESENT THEOLOGICAL DRIFT

Heb. 2: 1, R. V., reads, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them." Are we living in the "Drift" age? Is there a departure from the truth as it is in Jesus? Admitting the drift is serious, the Gulf Streams of revealed truth remain the same.

Some years ago drifts from the Saragossa Sea excited to iubilation certain New Yorkers. Said drifts were supposed to indicate a change in the course of the Gulf Stream nearer to the great city. Scientific surveys, however, demonstrated that that God-heated and God-guided river of warm water still flowed in its old channel, remaining indifferent to the winds which occasionally swept its surface water towards the Jersey coast. have at present a surface drift, owing to certain "winds of doctrine," but deep sea soundings have demonstrated that the warm Gulf Stream of Living Truth, coming clear as crystal from the throne flows on in its fore-ordained channel. While, however, drifts from the Saragossa Sea of uncertainty are passing our shores, it may be (while alarming winds are blowing a gale) the part of wisdom to begin a fresh nautical survey, and correct, if need be, any errors that may have crept into our Gulf Stream chart. Even the United States cannot afford to lose another historic Kearsage on the rock Rancador. There is danger lest the best theological navigator may lose his reckon-(193)