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.....It is only in the matter of infallibility that serious differences remain. Anglicans do not deny that on occasions the Bishop of Rome has spoken so as to protect the Church from error (as have other Church leaders also). They are confident of the assistance of the Spirit in keeping the Church from irrevocable error in essential matters of faith; disagreeing, however, or at least expressing reserve if this protection is claimed to be guaranteed a priori by mere virtue of the functioning of the teaching office of the universal primate. Admittedly the rigorous conditions prescribed in the Roman Catholic tradition, requiring consonance with Scripture and the sensus fidelium, help to narrow the gap. Moreover, contemporary discussions of conciliarity and primacy in both communions suggest that we are not dealing with positions destined to remain static.

We do not want to minimise this difficulty. But when we consider it not in isolation but in the whole framework of what we agree, we pose to ourselves the question: is this problem so great as to ^{prevent our two communions} forbid us from venturing with greater resolve upon real progress towards unity? We are convinced that there are ~~some~~ difficulties which will ^{be resolved only when} never be resolved without ~~having~~ the courage to take the first step.
a fresh & courageous initiative has been taken.