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When observing and studying natural processes, we develop mathematical models that describe these phenomena. This modeling introduces errors that are reflected mathematically by perturbed differential equations. A fundamental problem is to determine some type of bound, or "continuous dependence on modeling," for these errors. We prove Hölder-continuous dependence results for the difference between solutions of certain ill-posed and approximate well-posed inhomogeneous partial differential equations in Hilbert space. Using semigroup theory and operator theoretic methods, we study the inhomogeneous Cauchy problem  $\frac{du}{dt} = Au(t) + h(t)$ ,  $u(0) = \chi$ ,  $0 \le t < T$ ; where A is a positive self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space H,  $\chi \in H$ , and  $h : [0,T) \to H$ . For a suitable function f, the approximate problem is given by  $\frac{dv}{dt} = f(A)v(t) + h(t)$ ,  $v(0) = \chi$ . Under certain stabilizing conditions, we prove that  $||u(t) - v(t)|| \le C\beta^{1-\frac{t}{T}}M^{\frac{t}{T}}$ , where C and M are computable constants independent of  $\beta$  and  $0 < \beta < 1$ . These methods are then used to extend our results to Banach space, where -A is assumed to be the infinitesimal generator of a holomorphic semigroup. (Received September 23, 2005)