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great denomination with great theologians leading it should present as the Scriptural answer to the question a statement that is introduced by the words, "Be not subject to ordinances, Touch not, taste not, handle not." We need to look at the Scriptural evidence. We need to compare, we need to check and to see what is really taught.

This friend of whom I mentioned had owserved time after time in his class in theology that when the Professor would present a point and something which was well prove, well established in Scripture, and a student would bring an objection and bring in a verse that seemed to say the opposite, the Prof. in answering it would deal with the verse in such a way as to reduce it to absolute nothingness, to make it either say the opposite of what the words said, or to make it something that might just as well not be in the Scripture at all. That is no way to deal with the Word of God. If a verse in the Scripture seems to contradict something clearly taught elsewhere the verse-should be carefully studied in context. It may give a better understading of the great truth. It may give us some new concept that is vital in that connection. It is utterly unscientific to explain away verses. Our attitude should not be: How can be get rid of the objection to this docttine that this verse gives? Our attitude should be, What light does this verse throw on the problem? What added understanding does it give? God put it in the Word of God in order to present a truth. Now we may not be able to figure out what that truth is. If we don't let's frankly say we don't because after all God wrote the Word of God, to give His truth for all ages. There are portions of the Word of God that are very definitely relevant to our age which 200 years ago might have been difficult to understand. And there are portions which 200 years ago might have dealt directly with the problems of that time which today may be difficult for us to understand. So as we find what we don't understand, then lee's clearly recognize the fact and leave it as a problem for further study and perhaps we will see as we study some other portion how it fits together. But let us be scientific in our attitude towards the Word of God. Let us examine all the data. Let us recheck all the thoughts that come to us.

I picked up a book not so long ago, on I forget the title of it book. It was about Dogmatic Theology. The writer of the book began with the statement that no one