

can make a dogma. He said a dogma comes out of the consciousness of the church. As the church studies the Scripture and meditates on great truths, over a period of time a dogma emerges on the consciousness of the church and we cannot question these dogmas but must accept them. That is utterly unscientific. Every teaching must be subject to reexamination and ^{those} ~~the~~ matter that God wishes us to stand upon He has made clear and strong and definite in the Word of God.

There have been whole denominations made over differences over one or two verses in the Scripture. If the matter was considered that important God would have made it clear in the Scriptures. We should make our emphasis like the Scriptural emphasis. What is vital ~~is~~ He presents and He stresses and He makes clear. He does not built up an uncertain interpretation on one or two verses of the Scripture. A Scientific Christian knowledge places its emphasis where the Bible places it. It ~~is~~ to the Bible as this great collection of data that God has given us and examines all that bears on a particular subject, reachs conclusions and is ready to re-examine them. The sad thing is that so much of the Christian world simply takes over what somebody has said, or what is written in a statement of doctrine, or what is received by authority. The ideas of people in the past are well worth consideration. ~~If~~ They are not to be lightly cast aside but they should not be accepted by those who are to be leaders without careful study, examination on the basis of the Word of God. A true scientific attitude requires that every ^{improve} be subject to re-examination and you can ? ? of our understanding as we study the scriptures further.

I picked up a book one day. I had stepped into a modernist book store and I saw a book there which was called, How to Be a Bishop without being Religious. It ~~was~~ sounded like an interesting title and it was written by the minister of a large Methodist church and in it he gave a great many cynical statements, but one thing he said was, If you want your people to accept an idea, you say, This is what the Bible teaches. And he said you can give anything you want. You can give anything you want, he said, so long as you say this is what the Bible teaches people will think it's wonderful and they will be interested. Well, it is grand for people to have that attitude toward the Scriptures, but