

Today you can name, if you are adept in this field, 20 great German thinkers who have brand new interesting theories, and you could spend three years studying how to answer these theories, and 20 years from now you would have a whole new bunch to answer. And on and on you'd go! The philosophical study of trying to answer the various theories of unbelief is not in my opinion what we need. What we need, in my opinion, is the exegesis, the interpretation of what is actually in the Word of God.

I have a copy of a letter which was written which has in it considerable criticism of our course, and the principal criticism of the course is that we have not given a thorough study == training in these various views of people today, and the letter has some very strong statements in it. Listen to this statement! "BDB has not been revised in over 50 years, yet it is still the authoritative last word in most instances. What about Koehler and Baumgartner? Well, professor R. D. Wilson, under whom I studied at Princeton, told how in the early ^{his} life he heard a great theological debate from two great professors and they based their views on quoting from various dictionaries which were written by unbelievers. Well, BDB were unbelievers, and so were Koehler and Baumgartner. But the difference is that BDB, more than 50 years ago, made a very thorough study of every word in the OT. You can look at BDB, except on very common words, you can find every reference given with the meaning they think it has. Well now, if you look at that you will see then here is a meaning which fits in 20 cases they think. And here is another meaning which fits in 2 cases. If you want to be thorough you look up all 22 cases. But if you want to reach a quick decision you will say that 20 cases where they think it means this is probably a pretty good factual basis for deciding what