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that it is pushed aside from any question of denying this principle, we have to show where there is a real teaching in the verse that is vital for us. We have to see what the verse is dealing with, not merely to show that it is not dealing with a denial of the basic principle which we have found. I think it is an easy way to sidestep hard work, hard study, hard gathering of facts, to say, "Oh, well, one railroad goes this way and one that way and if you are on this line you'll end up all right, if you are on this line you'll end up all right." No science is as simple as that and certainly neither is theology, no philosophy, anywhere near as simple as that. As a matter of fact, we build it up and the railroad isn't simply there. We hunt through the facts and we study where the tracks whould be drawn and you don't stand in New York and make a track that is right straight to Chicago and another one that goes right straight to London. The tracks go according to the terrain, and we gather together the facts and arrange them in the best way and when you have your railroad constructed you possibly can improve your terrain, making, finding a better route, and a better means of running over it. A decent railroad is not even constructed before they are busy reconstructing it and improving it and the same must be true of any science. We are not like those of whom we read in the New Testament, "They are ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth". we are not like that. We find the facts and we stand upon/That which is clearly taught we stand upon, but we are ever learning and ever improving our understanding and we get great basic facts but as to the exact termination of these points, that where they seem to fit into another one and how they interrelate together we are always learning more and more and more and so in this field as in any other field our knowledge keeps increasing but as our knowledge increases and we gain more vital facts we get more recognition of the existence of lesser questions that we need to work into that we didn't even know existed before, and so as our knowledge increases our ignorance increases; that is, our recognition of our ignorance increases. We know of the existence of more that we didn't even know existed before, and we must take the attitude of standing

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