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Well, this is a... I think this is a very, very important matter, but as far as the Isaiah is concerned, it relates very definitely to this one verse, but not to the whole. Ah, Mr. Abbott ... Yes, ... ye.. Yes, yes, yes, it's of course, you might say it's man's means of obtaining salvation. It's dealt with in it, because we are getting into the whole theme ~~of salvation~~ but in the immediate context the stress is on the man's way of getting understanding, but in the context as a ~~whole~~ ^{I think} whole/we are justified in saying that it really deals with

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_____, it deals with man's idea as to how to get salvation. And you would never, I don't think man would ever ~~get~~ with any thinking, with any philosophizing, with any speculation, with any presuppositions, I don't think he would ever get the method of ~~of~~ salvation that God has given us/ in the Bible. It is ~~the~~ a revelation from God/ which God reads (?) into it, which we can't make a few presuppositions, and then deduce the way/salvation ~~is~~ ^{of} in the Bible. And I feel that some very, very fine people have been wasted for the cause of Christ, not entirely, but ^{to} quite a large extent, because they have been carried off into this attitude that ~~if~~ if we have the right presuppositions, and if we start ~~with this,~~ ^{then} ~~everything falls,~~ ~~and~~ all you have to do is to get the right presupposition. I don't think you do. I ~~don't~~ think you get the Bible to see what God teaches. Yes, Mr. Gregory. I would, well, yes, it is a philosophy, it's related to Christianity, and it would be in the area of apologetics. Very definitely. Yes, yes, ^{now} Professor Berkhof says/ in his book on Introduction to Theology, I forget the exact title, _____ (12.65)

I think he says there that no body can invent, or can make a dogma, that dogma comes out of consciousness of the church, the church makes dogma, but no individual ~~makes dogma~~ ^{any} scriptural I don't think there is ~~a~~ slightest/warrant for ~~such~~ any such approach.