

make a generalization which goes too far. (stu.Cohen) That is a very unfortunate name because practically everybody interprets it in a different way. But it has been a great service to the Christian world, to show the error of <sup>the method of</sup> interpretation that twisted everything in the Old Testament to fit today and got rid of the immediate primary interpretation of the Old Testament. It has been a great service, but I would say that there is no view I know of that has ever been held or that is held anywhere, but what some of its proponents, in fact usually some of its leaders, carry it to an absurd extreme, and carrying it to an absurd extreme, they may nevertheless put their major stress on that which is vital and valid and accomplish a great deal that is good. But there is always the possibility that the extremes to which it is carried will lead some people off into error. And I say we have to take each passage and examine it and see what it teaches, and after all, Paul said that the turning to the Gentiles was predicted in the Old Testament. Paul specifically says in Romans that Isaiah said that, I have been found of those that sought me not. He says that this is what was predicted in the Old Testament, and you see it now before you. So you have to interpret Paul's other words to fit with that verse. It is very unfortunate that just about every method of teaching which has a great deal of good in it, somebody carries to an extreme and then some people take the incorrect extreme to emphasize them, and sometimes even lose the basic excellence of it, in their overstress on the extremes which are (8)

and I never feel that we should combat a system of thought because there are occasional harmful extremes in it. Unless we find that they are becoming extremely harmful, but that we should try to take the good in it and then to lead people along in these features. (stu) I think we should strongly combat that which is evil, and that which denies the word of God, or denies the central fundamental doctrines, we should strongly combat, but that which, where true Christians are in error, I feel we should try to lead them into what is right, rather than to, if we can possibly avoid it, combat them on minor points in error, if we are strong agreement with them on major things.