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the assignment. Or had just written something down. I'll take the most conservative interpretation and mark the paper "assignment not done". But all the others gave quite a number of cases. We want to look at them in a minute. First, we want to look at these principles. "Thou shalt not bear false witness," is clearly stated in the Bible but involved the idea of malice and of injury. The idea of a lie being wrong is not brought out in this alone. A lie is including in it but we have abundant other passages. Satan is called the father of lies. We are told that all liars will have their place in the lake that burneth with fire. I do not know of a certain case where a servant of God in carrying out the work of ~~Christ~~ to which the Lord has called ~~him~~ him, is quoted as telling a lie. I don't know a single case in Scripture. There are cases where they have used deception. There might be a little question about this latter statement. There won't be a great deal. There is no case that I know of where he is actually using a lie. Of course, the one which might be raised is the one we were just looking at. He said, "This is not the way, this is not the city." Well, what way, what city? As far as a verbal lie is concerned, what city is he talking about. Does he mean the city you're looking for or the city the city I want you to go to or the city you ought to go to or the city your king has in mind. What does he mean? You can argue as to whether that is a lie or not, but you certainly can't prove it that it is a lie. He said, "I will lead you to the man you are seeking". Well, if they followed him, they would come to the man they were seeking. It was himself. There is not a lie. It was deception. We must say that but it was not a lie. Some of you gave me as many as fifteen or twenty verses on lying and very good verses indeed. One especially good one I think is Matthew 5:37 where Christ says ^{not} "It should not be necessary for the Christian to take an oath. He says that you should let your ~~yea~~ yea be yea and your nay nay." In other words when you say a thing people should know it is truth when you say it because you don't say that which is false. The quakers take this literally and say "we will not swear." Therefore the constitution of the United