

all and that our knowledge must be based upon it.

Christian knowledge then properly should be thoroughly scientific. It is the only way to get data in the field ~~of~~ religion is to get a revelation from the only One who knows.

So much for the positive answer to the question. Now what about the negative answer. Is Christian knowledge scientific? Well anyone who is a true Christian has a considerable amount of knowledge that is based on the Scripture and therefore to that extent it is scientific knowledge. But alas many many Christians ~~of~~ ~~the~~ form the greater part of their ideas in this field simply on what somebody has told them, on what a teacher has said, on what a church has declared in its creed, on what has been stated by some great thinker, on ideas that are based upon authority.

Now of course the authority may have gotten these ideas by a scientific method. But I'm not sure we can call them knowledge of the person who has merely taken them on authority really scientific knowledge.

I heard some years ago about a man who was in a class in systematic theology. The professor there had given very excellent evidence about the sovereignty of God and about these great vital doctrines. But then in discussing a certian portion of this material the Professor said, Well look the Bible says, Who has resisted His will? Doesn't this prove the matter? And the student said Yes but if you read ~~it~~ the context it says, But wilt thou say then who has resisted His will? This is an objection raised. This is not a statemant made. And the Prof. said, Yes but it summarizes the thought of the chapter. Well that is a thing to be proved, that it summarizes the thought of the chapter. That is not the way to present a point, to quote a verse out of context.

Sometime ago I knew of some people who were interested in making a stand on the matter of attitudes toward alcoholic beverages. They wanted to show that a great denomination had taken a very definite stand for abstienence through the years. So they went clear back to 1803 when this denomination had produced a resolution urging its people to take a stand for total abstienence from alcoholic beverages. But when they red ~~they~~ <sup>should</sup> ~~statement~~ they found in the statement that it said, that we ~~could~~ follow the Scriptural injunction! "Thoch not, taste not, handle not." And we were aghast that a