

been made and these are taught as theology. They really should be distinguished from the matters that are clearly taught in the Word of God.

It is not always easy to make a sharp distinction, but the attempt should be made.

For philosophy in this sense I believe there is a very real purpose and ~~need~~ value provided that it is definitely labeled as speculative, and distinguished from ~~xxx~~ what is clearly taught in the Word of God. Actually all Chns<sup>o</sup> have a rather ~~xx~~ unbracing embracing philosophy of Chnty<sup>o</sup> or of life that includes many things that are the result of human speculation or of human thought, rather than of ~~rightly~~ Biblical statements. These ought to be carefully examined, and a sharp distinction made between the guesses made or speculations and what is clear in the Scripture.

Personally I stand strongly on everything that is clearly taught in the Scripture. I find, however, that the speculative ideas and philosophic world view that most Chns<sup>o</sup> build around the Scripture teaching is ~~xxxx~~ not at all satisfying to me. ~~xxxx~~ In recent ~~xxx~~ months and years I have been gradually developing my ideas as to my own speculative interpretation of the whole plan and certain elements in it have come into my mind with great positiveness. I am more and more convinced that they are true, yet I do not put them into the same category as what is ~~xxx~~ clearly taught in the Word of God, and I hesitate to expound them, not wishing to provoke an ~~xxxxxx~~ unfavorable ~~xxxxx~~ reaction to those who hold to the same great Scriptural truths that I do. Yet I have found these ideas a great help to me in understanding matters and wonder whether it might be valuable to make them more ~~d~~ widely known.