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Now if you define "deception" in this broad way as givin a false impression so as no~~w~~one would say that deception in this sense is specifically wrong--in the sense of giv~~ing~~ a false impression. No one could say that. There is definite proof that ~~is~~^{me} could not definitely say that. We find the Lord himself definitely deceiving from this viewpoint. We find that he said to Abraham, "Go and sacrifice thy son." and He commanded Abraham and he started out and made a three-day trip with Isaac expecting that Isaac would be killed. Abraham understood that it was God's will that Isaac should be killed, and Abraham proved that he was ready to obey God even to this extent of sacrificing his own son. But it never was God's intention that Isaac should be killed. When they reached the very point of killing him, God told Abraham to stop and Abraham had proven his loyalty to God by showing his willingness to give his son and ~~that~~ the son should be spared and the Lord substituted a ram. for Isaac. Here is a case where Abraham was definitely deceived by the Lord. If by being deceived you mean given a false impression. But certainly there was nothing deceitful about it and certainly there was no harm by it involved in it. If it were wrong to give a false impression, then it would be wrong to wear any kind of clothing which in any way concealed anybody's defects. It would be wrong to do anything which didn't expose just as fully and completely as you could everything possible ~~xxxx~~ about yourself. There is nothing in the Scripture to suggest such a thing as that as a person's duty. I heard the story told of a party in which people were enjoy~~ing~~ themselves and ~~young~~ a young woman told a number of interesting stories and entered into the life of the party very nicely. After it was over as she was leaving, she mentioned to a friend that she had a most terrific toothache that she could hardly stand, and the friend said, "Why on earth didn't you say anything about it? We never dreamed of it. You seemed to be having a good time." And she said, "Why should I ruin other people's good time because I had a toothache?" Well, I think that most everybody would consider that the young woman's