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Dispensationalism

When I was in high school someone called my ~~parents~~ parents' attention to the Scofield Reference Bible. We found many of its notes very i-luminating. We never considered the notes as being divinely authoritative or in any way on a level with the actual Word of God, but we found them very helpful and were grateful for having had our attention called directed to it.

Once, when I was in a freshman in college, I gave a talk at the prayer meeting of our church, which I based on the Scofield note on the activities of the Holy Spirit, and was greatly impressed with the way that it brought together the scattered Scriptural teachings on this subject. Boystering (?) this period I attended was present at a Bible conference where a speaker used a large chart to illustrate the different dispensations. It impressed me at that time that the arrangement was different the two speakers did not agree as to the number each ~~believe~~, believed definite in seven dispensatons but there was a/difference between them, though I do not recall exactly what the difference was. It seemed to me then that the dispensational difference between the OT^o and the New was very definite, and also the great change ~~that~~ that occurred at the fall, but that some of the others were rather debatable, and I felt that in the attempt to reach the number "7" each of the two had made some rather unjustifiable guesses, and had come to somewhat different conclusions. As I recall, during these years I never heard the word "dispensationalism" used. that I recall. I don't recall ever having heard the word "dispensationalism" used. After receiving my master of arts degree at