

"As For God, His Way is Perfect:"  
(Ps. 18:30)

We cannot allow ourselves to conceptualize about the God we say we believe in; especially if we indeed are Christians. We must learn from the scriptures, by means of His spirit in us, who He really is, and what is revealed about His ways, and His works.

This is essentially a lifelong process--first, to learn the related facts essential to establish a fundamental sound knowledge of Him--and then to continually build upon that basic theology, by careful scriptural study; not carnal rationalization.

It is impossible, if the latter method is followed, not to be guilty of developing a theological concept that essentially characterizes God in man's image! Which folly can only result in a corrupt, irreverent representation of the true God, who is the sovereign, perfect, completely just and venerable creator and governor of the universe.

If we do not learn the truth about God from correct interpretations of scripture, and think we are entitled or innocent in our independent theories and opinions of Him and His ways, we make ourselves moral judges of God, instead of the humble subjects and students that we ought to be.

While this is to be expected of unbelievers, Christians also often formulate theology by the same humanistic method. And I mean humanistic in the unspiritual sense. "For they prophesy unto you falsely, in my name". Jer. 29:9.

Even if one were to arrive at a relatively true concept of God by an independent, logical thought process, he must verify it by thorough reference to the scriptural revelation of Him.

But, any conception or opinion that is uncorroborated by scripture is foolish; being nothing more than theoretical--however commonly held, and quite possibly irreverent, as well.

Most wrong theology is the result of irresponsible scholarship, and hence misinterpretation of biblical revelation of truth, but some assumptions are so contradictory and contrived, that they appear to either ignore, or be contemptuous of the applicable scriptural doctrine.

The bible clearly and fully reveals everything we need to know about God, so that nothing essential or eternally important is open to conjecture. True theology is an exact science, and permits no significant variations in its particulars.

"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed, say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?" Rom. 9:20. This does not preclude honest inquiry, but judgmental questioning and opinions. And, "For your thoughts are not my thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Isaiah 55:8. "What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid" (that I should doubt Him). Rom. 9:14.