

and what there is in them that has this meaning and what there is that has that meaning. In the very nature of language, you must examine it and study it and try to work it out and as you study it, you interpret these things you make hypothesis before you make theories and then you examine further statements of scripture on the teaching on other portions of the scriptures in order to further examination of these theories and to test them and decide whether they are true or whether they are not true. The difference in Science and Religion is not in your method, the difference is in the source of your data. One field of data you can reach, you can touch, you can handle, you can have direct access to, although the majority of data in any field of Science comes to you through revelation or communication from other sources, in religion all your data must come to you by revelation but they are data exactly as they are data in the field of science and the trouble in science is that scientists often fail to use the scientific method and instead they make dogmatic statements and they jump to conclusions and they make theories on the basis of insufficient evidence and then they throw those theories overboard when they discover that further evidence does not fit in and the difficulty in the field of religion is that too many people in the field of religion are jumping to conclusions and taking a little data and building up a great theory on it and then trying to twist the other statements of God's Word into conformity with the theories which they have built up. In other words they are not applying the scientific method. What we need is scientific approach in religion and in science and the method is exactly the same but the source of your data in science is partially revelation or communication from other human beings, in true religion it must be entirely revelation and then you have to study the data for yourself. And in either science or religion, if you wish to come to a false conclusion, a very easy way to do it is to make a presupposition and on the basis of that presupposition go forward and naturally you find in it what you put there. In either science or religion the way to find true facts is to avoid making any presuppositions but to make hypothesis and to test your hypothesis by the facts and to stand upon them only when the facts prove to warrant the acceptance of these theories as proven and worthy. And so inspiration results in the Bible becoming to us in its entirety a revelation from God but that doesn't mean you can just open your mouth and swallow it and that is the end. You must study it and think about it and examine it. One of the things I like about Calvin is that Calvin never was satisfied to