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Fact and Philosophy

The word "philosophy" is used in various ~~xxx~~ senses. At ~~xxx~~ one time it was a term used to cover the whole sum of human knowledge and understanding. Gradually it has as specific names terms designations have been applied to various areas of thought this ~~xxx~~ term has been more and more limited. Today it is still now used in two or three different senses.

One common use of the word "philosophy" is to express means understanding of the universe. As used in this way, it quite was used two or three centuries ago in this way quite a bit, ~~but~~ by men who sought from study of the Bible, and from other sources to give an explanation of the universe. Today it is more apt to be used by those who try to interpret the universe purely by the use of human observation and human reason/ apart from any belief in divine revelation. In this particular sense Philosophy, ~~xxx~~ in this particular sense, seems to me to be largely a waste of time. It is like ~~xxx~~ shutting one's eyes and trying to form an explanation of the sky and the clouds and the stars without being able to see any of them. One can make all sorts of guesses, but there is no ground for his guesses.

A few centuries ago ~~philosophy philosophy was~~ the term "philosophy" was regularly used for what is called "science" today. today called "science." People observed certain facts and based conclusions upon their observations. Today this whole area is called ~~xxx~~ "science." The term "philosophy" is more apt to be restricted to explanations of the nature of the universe as a whole or to studies of the interrelation between different aspects of experience in trying to get (bw?) work out (?) (ng) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ a general principle that will cover ~~xxxx~~ several such areas.

Philosophy in the sense of trying to explain the universe without the use of revelation is bound to end in disaster. One is ~~wast~~ cutting out one of his primary sources of knowledge and then trying to explain everything without this important area. If the term "philosophy" is to mean entire explanation of the universe, and its full(nc) meaning it must of necessity get data that are not