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This is one of the most philosophical of all of the books of the Bible. Now, when I say philosophical, I pause for a ~~ma~~ minute to make sure that I am not misunderstood. The term philosophy in perhaps the correct sense means the ~~attempt to~~ attempt to understand things, to know what they are really about, how they fit together, what their meaning is and what their purpose is. In that sense every thinker is a philosophical, because he tries to fit things together to see how they inter-relate and what they mean. The term philosophy has come in more recent years to apply mainly to ~~the~~ the attempt of people to explain the universe on a purely human basis. When you have a course in philosophy, it is ordinarily something that ~~lead~~ leaves God's Revelation out of account, because it attempts to explain the universe as a man would try to explain it if there was no God and no Bible. ~~Unv-Unfortunaa~~ Unfortunately, the greater part of present philosophical thinking is of ~~thy~~ this type. It is for ~~w~~ this reason that when students in college ask me, What do you think I should major in before coming to seminary, ~~whule~~ would you recommend that I major in philosophy? I usually say no. I think a little knowledge of the attempts of human beings have made to explain the universe apart from God ~~is~~ is a good thing to have, but when it comes to spending several years trying to understand how different individuals have tried to explain the universe apart from God, we are ~~wasting~~ wasting our ~~tie~~ time. It is very, very hard to get a good teacher in philosophy in a Christian school. Because if you ~~the- to-~~ teach the Bible, that is not philosophy, that is theology, and ~~if-~~ yet that is what I ~~as~~ would say is the true philosophy, and if you are teaching philosophy in the sense of presenting the attempts of people who did not take the Bible as their source of understanding the world. Their attempt to understand the world and if you are presenting it simply from the Christian viewpoint of showing how all these human efforts to understand the universe ~~va~~ fail, because you can't ~~understnada-~~ understand the universe except you see what God has