

men from the truth." This is a clear instruction to the preacher and the pulpit, on the negative side. And with it goes a like instruction to the people, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." This is simply the wisdom of Solomon, who says, "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err." One of the best and divinely commanded ways by which to "counteract the influence of modern skepticism is *not to go and hear* the lectures of any infidel, scientist, or philosopher, whose bad instruction is "after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

And now as to the positive side of the method. This is equally plain. The *preacher* is fully admonished just what to do. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Be familiar with the Bible. Analyze its contents and its text with surgical exactness. Seek God's approval herein, not man's. "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus." "Keep that good thing which was committed unto thee by the Holy Ghost"—the treasure of the living word of God. "Commit it to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." "Continue thou in the things thou hast learned and been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." "Contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints." "War a good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience, which some having put away, have made shipwreck concerning the faith; of whom are Hymenæus and Alexander." And remember that "the Cretans are slowbellies and liars and evil-beasts; wherefore rebuke them sharply *to make them sound in the faith!*" Your outfit for your work is abundant, for "All Scripture"—the old *ἱερα γράμματα* and the new *γραφῆ*, every line of both Testaments—"is inspired of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"—the Mosaic account of creation, Balaam's rebuke by the ass, Shamgar's ox-goad, the story of Jonah and the Whale, and the law at Sinai, as well as Calvary and Pentecost—"that the man of God may be perfect, *thoroughly furnished* unto every good work." "Put on the whole armor of God." It is a good panoply. "Watch ye; stand fast in the faith; quit ye like men; be strong." "Give place, no, not for an hour." "Speak the things that become sound doctrine." Don't be afraid to tell of hell as well as heaven, of damnation as well as salvation, of predestination as well as free-will, of a great uncaused first cause, as well as of second causes, of miracle as well as law, of creation as well as evolution. "*Preach the word!*" Don't write essays about it, nor spend time sporting wickedly with the "great unknown," or two Isaiahs, or three Zechariahs, or four Johns, any one of whom cosmic wisdom says may be the author of the