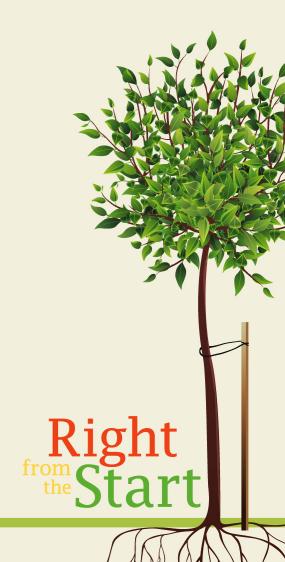


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...but being conformed to the world, rather than transformed into the image of Christ by His truth, actually abandons people to an inevitable and painful bondage.

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'Sound Doctrine'