

Let No One Pass Judgment
HOLDING FAST TO THE HEAD

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- **One Main Point:** Because of their union with Christ, Christians ought not take to heart the criticisms of those holding to pseudo-theology and pseudo-morality.

No Condemnation

- Food and drink
- Festivals, new moons, Sabbath
- Christ, the shadowcaster and "body"
 - o Typology: An analogical correspondence between persons, events, and institutions, within the historical framework of Scripture, which from a retrospective view are of a prophetic nature and are escalated in their meaning, progressing from type (shadow) to anti-type (substance/fulfillment).
 - What about the 4th commandment? | Excursus

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No Disqualification

- "insisting on" or "delighting in"? (vs.18)
 - o (false) humility
 - o "worshipping angels" or "worshipping *with* angels?"
- *Embateuon* visions
 - o "taking his stand" on visions?
 - o "going into detail" about visions?
 - o "entering" the visions (knowledge based on authority of visionary experiences)
 - "entering into the innermost sanctuary" (knowledge based on pseudo-spiritual initiation rite for top-tier Christians imported from Asian mystery cults)

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- Empty pride
 - o Sensuous mind (Gr. *sarx*, lit. "flesh")
 - What we know for sure: **the false teachers...**
 - put a lot of stock in ascetic practices, perhaps to induce visions.
 - had an obsession with angels that was deeply misguided at best and idolatrous at worst.
 - relied heavily on visions for the content and/or authority of their teaching.
 - displayed an empty arrogance because of their "superiority."
- Not holding fast to the Head | A spiritual guillotine
 - o The knit-together body

Disregarding Judgment

- Christian traditions that become litmus tests for faithfulness and super-Christians
