(when warranted) to come to the conclusion that whole modules of the system may need replacement.

Does this mean that each time we make a modification (small or large) in our theological system, we lose a corresponding amount of confidence that we are developing increasingly more accurate approximations of God's perfect system of truth? Actually, if our modifications are in the direction of a closer "fit" of the biblical data, it should increase rather than decrease our confidence. Each step closer to the truth is a step forward in our understanding. Instead of undermining confidence, this process should enhance it!