

The question as to how far Jesus is divine is just the question as to how much of the Eternal Law he revealed. The great defect of traditional theology is that, on its own showing, it has palpably failed. Impressive figures of the number of nominal Christians in the world are often brought forward, but the fact is generally kept in the background that only a few of these Christians take their religion seriously and can in the evangelical sense be regarded as "true Christians." It follows then that according to traditional belief God constructed a plan of salvation through which for the last two thousand years only a minute fraction of the human race has attained eternal felicity. Even if, as believers in the Millenium maintain, Christianity will eventually conquer the whole earth, yet the generation then living will constitute but a small portion of the whole race of men who during the last 300,000 years have lived, suffered, and died. In this respect Christianity may well give heed to Buddhism, and as that faith teaches that all men will eventually find peace, so the enlightened Christian of the twentieth century may well hope that, although in some way wicked men shall be punished in order that they may learn that the law of the universe is righteousness; yet, "though a long compass round be fetched," they, too, will eventually find their place in the Kingdom of God.

"And not one life shall be destroyed,
Or cast as rubbish to the void,
When God hath made the pile complete."

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