

any body of assertions whatever, claiming to be owned as solid, should sue for acceptance in *forma pauperis*. It must make good its claims not on the score of piety—like a certain student of divinity I once fell in with, one who evidently regarded it as a kind of sacrilege for his soulless intellectual of a professor to plough him in Latin—but like all other things and candidates simply on the score of luminousness. The higher the interests it involves, the more searching the tests it must submit to. The worst lie, as Plato says, is the lie in the soul. "If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." We must seek truth in the inward parts, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

But quite as strong a force as the desire for clearness, nay perhaps still stronger in this determined effort to get behind Paul even, and the veil of Moses in Paul, I mean his Jewish theology, to the very face and heart of Paul's master himself, is the passionate religious longing of the modern man, as of the ancient Greek, whom in so many respects he so much resembles, to see Jesus. "Sirs, we would see Jesus." That is what the critics would say to the publicly accredited disciples of to-day, still, as of old, somewhat Judaistically inclined. And they would say it, at least many or most of them would, just as simply, as eagerly as those old Greeks, in spite of that greater complexity of mind, which they cannot by any means help, and which, notwithstanding the widespread prejudice to the contrary, is not at all incompatible with a quite candid and childlike spirit. Ever since the days of the Pharisees there has been frequent occasion to observe that a hard heart may very well go along with a soft head.

I think, too, that everybody who has gone into this matter at all closely must admit that the labour of these historical critics has thrown a flood of light on the New Testament as it has on the Old: that in fact it has made the Bible, in some ways at least, a much more living book than it could possibly have been to our fathers. Mr. Samuel Blake of course does not admit this. But he has been a very keen and busy lawyer