

ally, moreover, as Jewish writers have always considered the narrative of the fall and the creation as merely legendary. They do *not* believe that every sentence, nay, every word, from Genesis to Revelation is absolutely and divinely true, however much it may outrage godliness and common sense—especially, moreover, as the Jewish Rabbins themselves do not acknowledge the *verbal* inspiration of the Old Testament. They do *not* believe that *belief* (i.e. a mere non-voluntary state of the mind), and not deeds, can save (as if a man could believe whatever he wished). They do *not* believe that God has struggled again and again (and frequently unsuccessfully) with a mighty demon called the Devil, totally unknown to Old Testament writers, and simply the creation of a superstitious after age. They do *not* believe that God's mercy is so handicapped that, in the plenitude of His goodness, He cannot forgive, without making a compromise with justice by means of a "vicarious atonement—a thing perfectly repugnant to Judaism, which never considered its sacrifices in any degree as "types and shadows" of a greater sacrifice in the future:—a vicarious atonement, we repeat, which satisfies justice by punishing the innocent and allowing the guilty to go free; a "scheme of salvation" in fact which, as has been said by Macaulay, resembles nothing so much as "a forged bond upon which is endorsed a forged release." They do *not* believe that one God can be three Gods and three Gods one God; or that the Athanasian creed is anything more than a clumsy, bigoted, metaphysical riddle. They do *not* believe that He who is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever," is continually changing His natural laws, simply to answer the petitions of individuals for material, and too often selfish blessings. In fine, they do *not* believe that a system of religion embraced by only a portion of even that fraction of the world which professes Christianity, a system, moreover, which denounces as unevangelical, heterodox and unchristian all who, with the same Bible in their hands, cannot agree with its particular interpretation