

as 'the truth of God.' Jesus Christ *ideally* means the truth of God, manifested in the natural world, primarily through the person and human nature of the man Jesus of Nazareth.

The Son of Man (as applied to Jesus Christ) means the spiritual ideal of a perfect man, conceived by the imperfectly educated and limited faculties of man.

The Son of God (as applied to Jesus Christ) means the spiritual ideal of a perfect man, conceived by the Wisdom of God.

A Virgin *ideally* means a mind which has not allied itself to any intellectual inventions (unsound doctrines or theories) of human origin, but is pure in its allegiance to the Wisdom of God, ready in its acceptance of the Love of God, and devoted in its submission to the Will of God.

We may now reply to the question : What was the birth, *i.e.*, the real nature, in the higher sense, of the birth, which we celebrate on Christmas Day ? It was the birth or introduction into the natural world of sound Spiritual Science. This began to be manifested through the divinely instructed human person and by means of the inspired teaching of Jesus. At his death it appeared to his followers to have been overcome and destroyed by the powers opposed to it ; at his resurrection it was again recognized as divine and indestructible. But the early Christians, from lack of education, being unable to directly receive the ideal truth, naturalized it (so to speak) into the individual personality of Jesus. There is abundant assurance in the Bible, how-