

delight in executing vengeance on sin ; or ever exhibited God as a creature more hard-hearted and less willing to forgive than His creatures ; or proclaimed that God let off the rogue, while He tortured the innocent ; or talked of the fury of God being appeased by the interposition of Jesus Christ ? (Moberley, 283-342 ; Van Dyke, 46-184 ; Clow, 159, etc.). And who, but a Unitarian like Martineau would ever dream of asking how the alleged immorality of letting off the sinner is mended by the added crime of penally crushing the sinless ; or what we could think of a Judge who should discharge the felons from the prisons of a city because some noble and generous citizen offered himself to the executioner, instead ? (Dale, p. 394.) No ! We cannot deduce Scriptural views of the Atonement from non-Biblical conceptions of the Person of Christ ; and these and all such travesties of the truth are simply the misrepresentations of that revamped Socinianism, which is so widely leavening the theology of many of the outstanding thought-leaders of to-day in German, British, and American theology. It is only, therefore, as we approach with a humble heart and an open spiritual mind, that we can expect to grasp a subject which the master minds of the ages have acknowledged to be the magnum mysterium of revelation.