

The Son was born into the world at the appointed time; His generation, apart from the immaculate conception, the same as another child. He was truly man, and this in scripture is most carefully guarded, as also is His deity. The holy union is inscrutable and intended to be so; but it was not intended that scripture should be diverted from its definite application in order to bridge over apparent difficulties. Faith accepts that which is beyond human reason, and often faith is rewarded by an enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, to the great joy of the believer who could pre-trust.

In the Old Testament it is evident that the Son was not present, but that every prophecy as to Him was looking forward to His advent into the world, and all was connected with time, and not with eternity. A virgin was to bring forth a child, and that child was to be the Mighty God. All the prophetic details were fulfilled in Christ Jesus our Lord, saving of course those still future — the unfathomable mystery of the holy union, it were profanity to attempt to