

DEFECTS OF HIS TEACHINGS.

(a) While he recognized in Heaven an all-pervading force, he also recognized other co-ordinate powers. A Divine Being, as Creator, he did not know.

(b) The subjects of psychology and eschatology were studiously avoided.

(c) The presence and heinousness of sin is not touched upon.

(d) Rewards and awards are wholly in this life, in the form of additional blessings to the good, and dire calamities to the evil.

(e) Suffering and death, as a matter of course, are unexplained.

(f) No mediator known, no expiation taught.

(g) Prayer as understood by us is foreign to his system.

(h) Polygamy and divorce are sanctioned.

(i) The system of social life as taught makes woman a mere chattel, and children cannot exercise any will contrary to their parents. Subjects are mere menials in relation to their superiors.

(j) Filial piety embraces all the practical ethics of the system, and it leads to the deification of emperors by their successors, and parents by their children.