

believe that it has been delayed, they discountenance all calculations respecting the time of his appearance.

The settlements of the Caraites, few in number and inconsiderable in extent, appear to have been preserved in a state of separation from the rest of the Jews, that the world might behold a specimen of what the Israelite was in the palmy days of his nation, and of what he may be again, when he shall have emerged from the corrupting and debasing influence of superstition. In this comparatively pure remnant of the Hebrews, God has proved that he never leaves himself without a witness; and especially in the conduct of this people in every age, and in every country in which they have flourished, we are taught how uniformly excellent must have been, and still is, the morality produced by the Mosaic law, where its purity is maintained, and its authority revered.

The Caraites also assert that our Saviour was a member of their community, and that he entertained the same opinion as themselves, with respect to their interpolations of the Rabbies, in support of which belief they adduce his repeated and violent denunciations against the Rabbinical interpretations, and most positively deny that any member of their sect was, in the slightest degree, implicated in the crucifixion.

These people likewise believe, that they possess the only authentic copy of the Old Testament extant. Like the Quakers, they provide amply for their poor; are principally engaged in commerce, and generally wealthy. We also frequently meet them in Poland and Galicia, where they are highly esteemed, and enjoy the same privileges as the Christians.

Perhaps no religious sect educate their children with greater care, the whole, without exception, being publicly instructed in the synagogue.

From this solicitude also originated the separation of the books of the Old Testament; the Pentateuch being reserved as a guide of faith and morals for the young, while the perusal of the remainder is deferred till time shall have matured the intellect. This division they trace to the usages of their forefathers from time immemorial. In their dress they resemble the Armenians, wearing long flowing robes, and on the head a fur cap."

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If one should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might feel for them with the finger in vain. But let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and how would that draw to itself the most invisible particles by the mere power of attraction! The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies. But let the unthankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so will it find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings—only the iron in God's sand is gold.

Truth being founded on a rock, you may boldly dig to see its foundations, without fear of destroying the edifice; but falsehood being laid on the sand, if you examine its foundations, you cause it to fall.

The reproof of a good man resembles Fuller's earth; it not only removes the spots from our character, but it rubs off when it is dry.