

Christ, who spake as never man spake. They come as the sunshine around the roots of our deepest convictions and noblest aspirations. As the morning light his words caused all things to be seen in their true proportions and relations, while they have purified the atmosphere of centuries. His teaching subverts the false sentiments and maxims of humanity; the sermon preached from the hill-top by the carpenter from Nazareth, to the group of peasants, fishermen and mechanics, is by universal judgment regarded as the noblest utterances of the earth. It contains no commendation on what the world eagerly seeks—its pleasures, fame, riches, honor or rank; but rather on what it dreads—poverty, sorrow, persecution, humility, for those things that are esteemed among men are an abomination in the sight of God. The world's wisest men have marvelled at a vision so fair as the one held up by our Lord in his Sermon on the Mount; they have been fascinated by the conception it contains of man's moral and spiritual life. The Great Teacher gives utterance to truths that have entered the thoughts of all civilized peoples, and been regarded as living principles, sacred and current forever, as axiomatic truths, common alike to believer and unbeliever. Words so child-like, so simple and artless, spoken by the lips of a poor Nazarene, brought up in the narrowest of all national bigotries, spoken, too, by a man who had never learned letters, and yet the foundation of all morality for all time. Such an intellectual and moral phenomenon can be accounted for only in one way,—**HE WAS THE TEACHER SENT FROM GOD, AND CAME INTO THE WORLD AS THE WISDOM OF GOD.**

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