

Higher Criticism.

What is the effect on the teaching of the Bible?

As far as can be determined from the expression of its teaching given by some of its more prominent exponents in this country, higher criticism appears to be a polite religious phase of modern infidelity, through which Satan, by his wiles, seeks to entrap the unwary more successfully than he can do through open and avowed infidelity. In other words, higher criticism seems to be a guise of Satan, while masquerading as an angel of light.

Infidel statements carry little weight with most people, as emanating from an avowedly infidel source; but when such statements come to us through what we are prone to regard as properly accredited religious channels, they are fraught with danger, inasmuch as they are presented to us in the guise of truth, and with all the prestige of those whom we have been wont to consider its hereditary guardians. The hidden dagger, in the sleeve of a professed friend, is more dangerous than the openly brandished weapon, in the hand of a known enemy.

Let us notice a single statement made by one who has come prominently before the public as an exponent of higher criticism, and see whether it is not infidel in its bearing on Scripture, when followed to its legitimate conclusion. The statement I refer to is, that the first eleven chapters of Genesis are a myth.

The gentleman who made this statement, subsequently acknowledged that it was one not free from reproach, not however, on the ground that it was incorrect, but because, to the minds of many, it suggested what is false. But this, says our critic, is a misunderstanding of the word (myth). Thus, our readers