

maxim must be utterly rejected. We cannot remain true to Christ and allow that Christianity is simply one of many religions. Christianity cannot be tolerant of other religions. It must assert its claim as the one only true religion. Does the teaching of the Old Testament admit that other religions can be tolerated as true? Will you find any such admission in the teaching of Christ and his apostles? You hear no note in the Bible like this: "All religions are on the same plane, only some are a little better than others." There is no hint of an injunction to make an eclectic religion out of the best elements in the various historic religions of the world. Christianity can make no compromise, and enter into no compact with the other religions. Men are to be saved from false religions, not by them. There is only one true religion. There is only one Eternal Son of God. There is only one Saviour of the world: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh to the Father but by me." "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." "There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. As followers of Christ we should be filled with love and compassion for the erring, but with hatred and utter hostility to the error. Our very love to the heathen will be the measure of our hostility and hatred to the false systems under which they are held in bondage. As Christians we are tender, considerate, compassionate, but as preachers of the truth of Christ we know no truce with error, we give no quarter to the enemy. Our attitude is one of loving hostility. So whilst we detract not from the merits of ethnic religions, whilst we gladly recognise the gentleness and unselfishness of Sakya Muni, the practical, moral, social and political teachings of Confucius, the strength and moral energy of Zoroaster, the moral and religious light in the great teachers of Greece and Rome, we cannot for a moment allow our Christ to be placed side by side with these moral and religious founders. We place Him on the throne and call upon all peoples and tribes and nations to become subject to Him, and all men great and small to crown Him Lord of all.