

and the existence of another saviour than the Eternal alone; but the same peculiarities that mark their interpretation of the two verses we have been considering also characterize their rendering of every other passage by which they endeavor to establish the truth of the distinguishing doctrines of their religion. From any one of their arguments you can judge the nature of all the others; and there is not one case in which the Christian rendering of the Hebrew Scriptures is not as wrong and unfounded, and not as devoid of truth and reason, as are their interpretations and applications of the two verses we have been discussing. Nor is this to be wondered at; for the sole object of our Christian friends is to prove that to be true which the Almighty has declared to be false; to foist upon the Hebrew Scriptures doctrines that they repudiate; and to make those Scriptures appear to disclose the existence of other gods and another saviour than the Eternal alone, when every writer of those Scriptures affirms and reaffirms the glorious truth that the Eternal is the Only God and the Only Saviour, and that beside Him there is no god, and no saviour, none like Him, and none else.

To conclude: the religion of the New Testament is not that of the Old; nor is it a development in any higher and more spiritual form of the principles and teachings of the Hebrew Bible. The New Testament, with its pagan doctrines of a union of three gods in the Godhead, and of a Fourth Being, or Evil Spirit, who is antagonistic to the three gods, and is possessed of power almost equal to theirs, and to propitiate whom one of the three gods was offered as a sacrifice, is as far below the sublimity of the Hebrew Scriptures, with their revelation of One