

And thus the Evangelic Jesus is Himself the supreme evidence at once of the historicity of the evangelic records and of His own Deity. No criticism can shake this sure foundation. It may be that the Gospels exhibit inaccuracies and inconsistencies—though it were well for such as love to dwell on these to lay to heart Rothe's warning against being so taken up with the sun-spots as to overlook the sun.\* It may be that the Evangelists were liable to error and subject to the deflections of contemporary opinion and personal prejudice—though the more one studies their writings, the surer does one grow that untenable as every theory of Inspiration may and indeed must be, some singular aid was vouchsafed to those unlearned men who 'carried so much æther in their souls.'† It will hardly be disputed by any intelligent believer in the Deity of our Blessed Lord that He was imperfectly comprehended and incompletely represented by His

\* *Stille Stunden*, p. 22: 'Wer über den Sonnenflecken die Sonne übersieht, sieht der richtig?'

† Philostr., *Apoll. Tyan.* i. 33: τοσοῦτον ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ φέρων αἰθέρα.