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## LECTURE IV.

### THE FACTS OF CHRISTIANITY HISTORICALLY TRUE.

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- I. Christianity open to criticism equally with any other history. Its supernatural facts must be examined in the same manner as its ordinary facts.
- II. (1.) The form of the New Testament is real and historical.—(2.) the facts recorded belong to a known historical age.—(3.) The accuracy of its geography.—(4.) Absence of imaginary characters.—(5.) Incidental confirmation of its historical trustworthiness.—(6.) Absence of rhetorical phraseology.—Simple and natural style of writing.—(7.) High character of its moral teaching.
- III. External testimony to the truth of the New Testament. (1.) It was accepted from the earliest times by men of learning and philosophers; (2) acknowledged even by heretics.—Objections considered: (i.) The existence of the Apocryphal Gospels.—(ii.) The alleged silence of contemporary historians.
- IV. Testimony to the truth of Christianity borne by the lives of the early believers