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Contra Celsum

The NT continually impressed upon Origen something of the historical nature of the Christian religion.

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For as the Greeks would answer such objections, so would we, in the same, or a more effective manner. Unless, indeed, it should be the case that he has heard this boast, I them all, from some and senseless individuals, who do not perceive their own , and should thus , from having had such as his teachers, that he was acquainted with them all.

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But if he deems poverty and the cross to be evils, and conspiracy on the part of wicked men, then it is clear that he would say that evil had happened also to Socrates, who was unable to show himself pure from evils.

Origen: the Manuscripts of

Thus Origen's work is of interest not only to the historian and theologian, but also to the hellenist. If he means, indeed, that there is no word or sign that can represent the attributes of God, the statement is true, since there are many qualities which cannot be indicated by words. Nevertheless, that they might not appear unworthy of credit, they represented the of these personages as great and wonderful, and beyond the power of man; but what have you done that is noble or wonderful either in deed or in word? For our prophets, and Jesus Himself, and His apostles, were careful to adopt a style of address which should not merely convey the truth, but which should be fitted to gain over the multitude, until each one, attracted and led onwards, should ascend as far as he could towards the comprehension of those mysteries which are contained in these apparently simple words.

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What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? A common charge against Christianity was that it was a recent innovation.

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Nay, he would not even quote the passage in the letters of Plato, to which we referred in the preceding pages, concerning Him who so beautifully arranged this world, as being the Son of God; lest he too should be compelled by Plato, whom he often mentions with respect, to admit that the architect of this world is the Son of God, and that His Father is the first God and Sovereign Ruler over all things.

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And you will be induced to accept this view, by regarding the heavenly bodies, whose existence and splendour we perceive as we gaze at them; and yet, I presume, their appearance does not suggest to us whether they are created or uncreated; and accordingly different opinions have existed on these points. Apparently, if a doctrine is not declared plainly literally in Scripture, neither should one try to find it allegorically.

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For He came for whom these things were reserved, viz. Notwithstanding this, however, he wished to show that this statement was an invention of ours, and borrowed from the Grecian sages, who declare that human wisdom is of one kind, and divine of another.

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