

Christ had emptied Himself of His divine attributes. He has come down here and become a man, taken the form of a servant, emptied Himself and consequently He did not know all things. He thought Moses had written the Pentateuch. He thought the Old Testament was true and dependable. This theory was a refuge which was taken by godly men who wanted to hold their intellectual integrity and at the same time wanted to hold to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and there were a number of English (and there are some today who go far past that point but who are similar in attitude) for whom you must have a great deal of respect even though I feel that it should be combined with a certain regret. You must feel respect for them for their desire to cling tenaciously to the deity of Christ and the great doctrines of Christianity even though they feel that intellectually it is impossible to hold to the Bible as true. (Then it was just the Old Testament, but now it is applied to the New.) But a refuge which is a false refuge is a dangerous thing. It is a great mistake to try to find refuge from a problem you can not answer through a weak argument based on a faulty premise.

“Jesus Christ is God and when He says Moses wrote the Pentateuch, I believe Him. But there are problems that I cannot answer, though I believe that God will someday give us the answers.” It is far better to say that than to take a refuge in a false idea which will lead eventually to great injury.

Of course there is the problem that the Scripture says that He grew in stature and in knowledge and wisdom. We certainly have a little boy growing intellectually in some way even though while Jesus Christ was a baby in the manger He was also the God Who was controlling the stars in their orbits and directing the forces of the universe. We can not understand it, but the Scripture clearly teaches that both are true. While there might be some phases in His development, and His growing up, in which it can be said that it was the human nature that grew in knowledge, it is very, very clear in the Scripture that by the time He began His ministry, He claimed and availed Himself of the knowledge which was His as God. “He knew what was in man.” He did not need that any man should teach Him. He already knew what was in man. He knew what was happening at