

~~some today which we will call *Accommodation*. According to this view Jesus Christ was the Lord of glory. He knew all things, He was supreme, He was Savior, whose death would save all who believe on His name.~~

Jesus Christ did not come to teach science or criticism. He did not come to teach us who wrote the Pentateuch; He came to teach us spiritual matters. "And therefore," they say, "when He refers to the Pentateuch, He just adopts the terminology of His day. This does not mean He agreed with it but merely that He paid no attention to this particular problem, which is not what He came to teach us." That is the theory of accommodation. According to this view Jesus knew better, but did not choose to take a few days to give a course in Old Testament criticism or to prove that Moses didn't write the Pentateuch. Since that wasn't His purpose, He just referred to it in the contemporary way.

Although we do not accept this view, we can draw from it a valuable point. If you want to lead sinners to Christ, and they try to get you into an argument about whether it was possible for a whale to swallow Jonah, you would be foolish to take a long time arguing about it. Yet that doesn't mean that it would be right for you to say something that you knew to be false, such as to say: Oh, of course there was no way for a whale to swallow Jonah, but that is just an old myth. What is important is to learn about Christ. If you say that, you are taking a position that no one who believes in Christ can take, for He referred to Jonah and to this occurrence as a historical event. You don't necessarily have to discuss this matter; you should try to keep them on the main trend. After they come to believe in Christ and are saved through Him, then it is good to go on to show them that they should accept what Jesus Christ accepted, and should