

Actually in that particular instance it doesn't take much thought to see that the idea that one who is two-thirds man and one-third god has nothing to do with the picture given in the New Testament as God incarnate in human flesh. There is no similarity between them or reason in the world why there should be any relationship whatever between the two, and that this is not a story of creation given us. You already have people in Europe and you already have ~~people~~ this great conqueror and this goddess makes a new man in order to fight with him and to say that that is the origin of Genesis ~~9~~ story is just out of the air. Many of the other instances of derivation are just at first sight at least much more impressive ~~ixlix~~ than these particular ones. But it is amazing how if a person says it with enough solemnity and has a prominent enough position, people naturally accept his ~~statement~~ statement on these matters. Now we don't want to simply to brush them away with ridicule. I don't think that that is our purpose in anything that we discuss here. ~~We want~~ There are cases where that is the best thing to do, simply brush them aside with ridicule. ~~Sometimes~~ in a popular audience. Sometimes you carry a point that way as you couldn't with a great amount of reasoning, but our purpose here in class is to carefully examine just what the facts are concerning these matters and see exactly what is to be said for each one.

So we want to examine many of these points here of derivation where it is said that some other source is the source of the Biblical material and see what the facts are. Now we must let, of course, an opposition to ~~untrue~~ untrue theories of derivation lead us to take an extreme position in the opposite direction and saying nothing in the Bible comes from Egypt or from some other nation. That would not be in accordance with the facts. The Israelites did not invent the way in which they dressed in the first place. They didn't *end of 51* things like that over from one nation to another. But what we are interested in is did the events in the Old Testament actually happen or are they stories