

Mr. Steele:--"Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself, have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force! Jesus Christ alone founded His empire upon love: and at this hour millions of men would die for Him. I have so inspired multitudes that they would die for me--but, after all, my presence was necessary--the lightning of my eye, my voice, a word from me--then the sacred fire was kindled in their hearts. Now, that I am at St. Helena, alone, chained upon this rock, who fights and wins empires for me? What an abyss between my deep misery and the eternal reign of Christ, who is proclaimed, loved, adored, and whose reign is extending over all the earth!"

Dr. MacRae:-- Similar statements have been made by many people, even by some who were hostile to the entire theology of Christianity. Thus Rousseau said: "Where could Jesus learn, among his competitors, that pure and sublime morality, of which he only has given us both precept and example? ... If the life and death of Socrates were those of a sage, the life and death of Jesus were those of a God." Renan said, "Jesus will never be surpassed."

The character of Christ is quite unique. Jesus Christ could face the multitude and say: "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" (John 8:46) In the mouth of someone else these words would sound like extreme egotism. In His mouth, they were perfectly natural because He lived a life that was superior to that of any other man who ever lived. Even those who do not accept the theology of Christ tend to accept His wonderful teachings as the very finest that the world has ever produced. His character is without a peer in history. There is not another character that can be placed alongside of Him. Not only is this true in the realm of history, it is even true in the realm of literature. No one has even imagined a character which for perfection of being, for complete naturalness and yet for supreme excellence,