

Christian faiths in its conception of God, and yet in four particulars has as conspicuously failed to reach the New Testament or even the Old Testament idea. (a) There is no Fatherhood. (b) There is an absence of all emphasis on the supreme attribute of love with all its great implications. (c) Allah is not absolutely, unchangeably and eternally just. It is possible, as some allege, that the western church may have emphasized the forensic aspect of God's holiness and righteousness unduly. But the Bible and the human conscience in all ages also emphasize this truth. It is found in Greek theism. The Judge of all the earth must do right. Allah, however, makes it easy for men; neither in his holiness nor in his mercy is his righteousness manifested. (d) Add to this that there is, as Raymond Lull pointed out, a lack of harmony in Allah's attributes. Without an atonement, how could there be real harmony?

Christ is the final revelation of God as regards his being and his attributes. "He that hath seen me," He said, "hath seen the Father." "No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son hath declared Him."

9. Christ combines in Himself the highest ideal of character and of redemption. All religions have ideals of character and ways of salvation. They all start from the same point in response to the hunger of the human heart for rest and forgiveness, and in search for higher life. But they all fail to reach the goal.