

CHAPTER VII

Christianity as Final Religion

WHAT we know of Christ and Christianity is contained in the book called the New Testament. We must either accept it or reject it as the record of the historic Christ. Many passages might be quoted in which Jesus himself and his apostles claim that Christianity is absolute and that He is the only Saviour. At two of the most solemn moments in the life of our Lord his self-assertion and the utter audacity of his claims would seem to prevent his classification with men. Either He was besides himself or He was in a unique sense the Son of God. What else can we infer from the record in Matt. 11: 25-28? Who but an absolute teacher with a final message would dare to say: "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." Such words imply omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience. In the Gospel according to John where Jesus tells Thomas (almost casually), 'I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no man cometh