

unto the Father but by me,' we cannot escape the same inference. Paul in the first chapter of Colossians uses language which, unless we do violence to every rule of syntax and interpretation, makes Jesus of Nazareth co-equal with Jehovah. "In Him were all things created. \* \* \* In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. \* \* \* In all things He must have the preëminence." And in the final chapter of the New Testament Jesus is call the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Bengel points out that this is a manifest proof of the supreme glory and dignity of our Lord. "Before the first revelation of Him in the final consummation, there is no other God; all false gods have both been set up and removed in the meantime: and so before the coming of Christ in the flesh and after his coming to judgment there is no other Christ. All the Christs in between have been false Christs."

But the world demands others proofs than the statement of Revelation, however clear and conclusive to the Christian. We gladly acknowledge that there is good and truth in the non-Christian religions. This has enabled them to survive and gives them their power. Yet there is no truth or beauty in them, which cannot be found, is not found, in a purer and more perfect form in Christianity. Christ himself appeals to the results of his teaching as the proof of his mission. "By their fruits ye shall know them." In at least ten particulars Christ and Christianity stand supreme over against other leaders and their teachings.