BIBLE AND MISSION 1920'S STYLE

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I've just discovered the Princeton Theological Commons; a fascinating online archive of books and manuscripts. Amongst the treasures buried in there is The Bible and Missions by Helen Barrett Montgomery. Published in 1920 the book has a quaint, antiquated style, but the content is excellent.

The scarlet thread of Scripture. This Plan of God so clearly to be traced throughout the Scriptures is indeed a mystery. Here are writings separated by centuries, composed under circumstances the most diverse, written by men of varied gifts and capacities, yet all so assembled about one master idea that no sense of violence is felt when all are gathered together in one volume and called "The Book." There is no such underlying unity discernible in any other sacred writing; not in the Koran, written by the one prophet Mahomet; not in the multitudinous and contradictory scriptures of Hinduism; not in the Hina-Yana and Maha-Yana of Buddhism. Paul did not invent the plan; he discovered it.

The Bible, the record of God's search for Man. To sketch a plan so vast in a few words is well nigh impossible; but even if inadequate it is still true to say that the Bible records God's search for man for the purpose of redemption and fellowship with himself. Other sacred books record the story of man's search for God. The Bible reverses the process. From first to last it is Christocentric. In the Old Testament may be traced the first working drawings of the Plan; the promise in the garden; the training of the family and people chosen to bless all nations; the messages through the prophets; the promises of the Messiah; in its completion and fulfilment in the New Testament, by which the dimness and misunderstandings of the past are done away in the light

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