

Paul either invented an ideal Christ or transferred Jewish myths to Jesus. Paul did not "make" the Christ of Christianity, but Jesus made Paul who is indeed the chief exponent of the Gospel of Christ. Feine perhaps does not allow Paul quite enough contact with the Greek world (see Ramsay), but he has given a just and true conception of Paul's relation to Christ.

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The Next Step in Evolution. Fourth Edition.

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When this little book first appeared it was accepted as an excellent companion volume to "The Ascent of Man", by Drummond. Tolstoy said of it: "The idea of joining the scientific truth of evolution and the coming of Christ (through a re-incarnation in men) is rich in application." Like the works of Drummond and Fiske it has appealed to thousands who had accepted the theory of evolution, and who because they could find no satisfactory reconciliation between it and the teachings of theologians had drifted from their old-time moorings out into the sea of agnosticism. The demand for the book is still unsatisfied, and so here is a fourth edition. The doctrine, in brief, is that Christ is always coming in the process of evolution. "Christ came the first time into men's vision by coming on the plane of their senses; he comes the second time into men's vision by lifting them up into his plane of spiritual comprehension. It means a new step in the evolution of man." After being six years under the cross-fire of criticism, the author expresses only the more surely his belief in the essentials of his contention. Christ's second coming should not be thought of as a literal, physical coming, but as his reappearance in the spirit and characters of his followers and in the world at large. "In that day ye shall know that I am in you." Whether we agree with the book or not we should not ignore it. As the *New York Christian Observer* says, it is characterized by fresh and vitalizing insights into a host of familiar texts, and it contains in essence all recent discoveries as to evolution, physical and spiritual.

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