

the Gospels are eliminated. However the author uses Paul's account in 1 Cor. and Gal. of the resurrection of Jesus, but only as the belief of the apostle, not as an actual fact. The Gospel of John is not used at all. The miraculous element is whittled down to the narrowest limits. This in brief is the result as set forth with much critical acumen and clearness of Hess. It is a story far less rich in subject matter than the traditional narrative. But in this critical residuum one sees the essential features of the old. Really consistent logic that would take away so much would cut this off also, for the supernatural Christ is still before us. Schmiedel is logical with his anti-supernaturalistic hypothesis when he rejects all but nine words of Jesus. But logic is not always fact nor truth. The value of this book lies chiefly in the specimen one gets of the fairly conservative German criticism, not in the conclusiveness of the arguments.

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The Child of Nazareth.

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This is a remarkable book. We have a number of volumes on the Childhood of Jesus, some of which are not only fanciful, but positively hurtful. In this volume Mr. Waugh shows adequate knowledge of the times, the customs, the land. He has, besides a vivid and sympathetic imagination, one under good control. Sometimes he overstrains a point or builds much on very little, but on the whole, one is struck with the justness or at least the possibility of the correctness of his remarks. The book will do much to enable one to realize the probable facts in the childhood of Jesus as he looked out upon the wonderful world around him and gradually entered into its throbbing life. I think the author is decidedly in error in attributing to Jesus as a child disgust and horror at the whole system of Old Testament sacrifices. In several other cases he has read modern motives back into the mind of Jesus, but, taken as a whole, the book is a distinct success.

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