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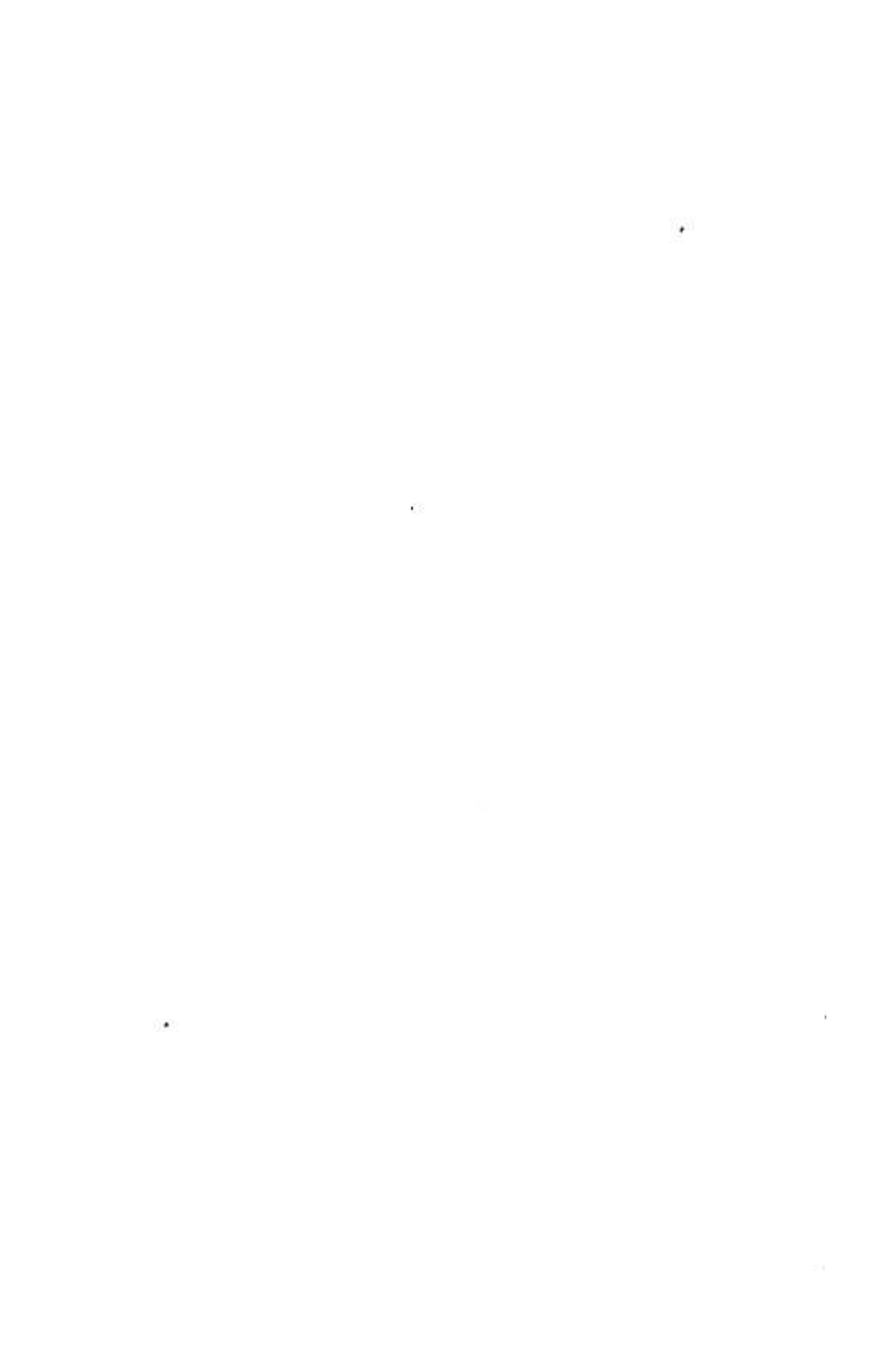
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A CROSS the chasm of the centuries,
through the dark mists of history,
there shines a radiant figure; He stands
majestic, beautiful, serene, convincing in
His fearless truth-telling, resplendent in
His virile purity.

Behold Jesus!

Called by some, the son of Joseph the
Carpenter,
Called by some, the son of David the
King,
Called by some, the Son of God.

Over His love-compelling face, the
dogmatic Church has woven a sacerdotal
veil, bossed with jewels, overlaid with

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mystic symbols, and broidered with many-coloured threads—green for Advent, purple for passion, black for Golgotha, and spotless white for Easter day.

Between the eyes of those who look to Him and His all-seeing eyes of Truth, men have erected high embattled walls of their own building, ornamented and elaborately carved with the manifold devices and interpretations of men.

Between His outstretched hands of fellowship to all mankind and our seeking hands, rolls an unplumbed sea of blood—blood that has been shed in His name by those who have taken His name in vain to prove a point in argument.

Between His Word and our eager listening ear, men have made an age-long wrangling buzz, so confusing that His simple divine message comes to our

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mind interrupted by the noisy jar of disputants.

But all the boundless barriers made by men cannot hide Him from those who look to Him with seeing eyes.

He is an unquenched and an unquenchable Light.

In His hand He holds the key to an unseen kingdom of the soul. And, speaking as one having authority, He utters immortal words.

Even if one does not accept the doctrine of the Incarnation in a strict theological sense, at least one must admit that the Word of Jesus is the most inspired, the most exalted, of all words ever spoken by any teacher, any master of men or founder of a religion, since the world began. Apart from classification of it, or exact belief concerning its verbal inspiration, the Word of Jesus is the most

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convincing of all the inspired Books the world has ever known. It bears the *internal* evidence of Truth and divine wisdom: of inspiration and revelation.

Jesus spake as never man spake. His philosophy is universal, all-rounded: it goes to the very depth of life and human experience, it goes to the utmost height of aspiration and human possibility. His Word bears upon its wide-spread, upward-soaring wings the hope, the promise, the reality of Life.

But that Word must be taken *as a whole!* Any part of it wrested away from its context, given without its just balance, and presented as the *whole* truth is a black lie—for "a lie which is half a truth is ever the blackest of lies."

The Word of Jesus is a sublime proportion: it is a balance of extremes: