

## VOLTAIRE'S ADMISSION CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST AND CHRISTIANITY

Voltaire, the teacher of atheism, ultimately defeated by the magnificence of Jesus Christ's teaching, as well as His divine character, admits the following in his discourse *Concerning Christianity*:

"I desire for all the great wise men of ancient times—the Zoroasters, the Hermes, the Trismegistus, the Numas—to return to the earth today to converse with Pascal, for our own delight and instruction. What am I saying? With the less wise men of our days. I ask for forgiveness from ancient times, but I think that they would make a poor showing. Our Socrates and Epictetus have already been educated with that exalted science of the Gospel...

"Judaism, Shivaism, Zoroastrism have become dust. The worship in Tyre and Carthage has fallen along with its great cities. The religions of Myltiades and Pericles, Paul Aimiliou and Cato have come to pass; that of Odin has been destroyed. The language of Osiris, which became the language of the Ptolemai, is disregarded even by its descendants. Pure deism never existed. Only Christianity has remained on its feet among such adventures and among the destruction of so many ruins, unchanged as the God Who created it. The truth remains unto the ages and the phantoms of the various beliefs disappear as the dreams of sick persons.. Hence, I am compelled to marvel and to believe."