

material you have brought out later. Now this picture of the servant here is an admirable illustration of this principle of progressive revelation, a principle which comes all through the Bible. You take the matter of ~~the Trinity~~ <sup>the Trinity.</sup> It is never explained to us until the N.T. In fact, you have most of the N.T. before you are in a position to get a clear understanding of the Trinity.

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You find that not brought out in a mathematical precise way, but very strongly hinted at in several passages of the O.T., and even right in the first chapter of Genesis you find God saying, Let us make man in our image, and after our likeness. You ask right away, Why did He say, Us? Let us make man in our image, and after our likeness. A Jew was talking to me once, and he said, you know, I am puzzled ~~am~~ about that. And he said, You know, it sounds polytheistic. Some say it is an old polytheistic record which is purified and cleansed to make it ~~monotheistic~~ monotheistic, but they ~~miss~~ miss this verse. It still has the polytheistic "Let us," but he said, actually it isn't that way at all. God is showing His marvelous condescension in associating the heavenly beings with Him in saying, "Let us make..." Well, ~~that~~ that's all very well.....

.....2.....as to our likeness. The verse ~~sax~~ stands more or less along here in the O.T. Now, some would say the fact ~~that~~ that Elohim is a plural word might be a suggestion of the Trinity. I would hesitate about that, because so many people use it for God, without thinking it is anything else than the ~~wone~~ one God, and yet exactly the same word is used for the gods of the heathen, the elohim of the heathen is a plural word. But we use it for the one God, and we use it ordinarily with a singular verb. "Hear, O Israel...." Elohim is one God. We use the plural form, but we stress the singular, altho present day scholars mostly say that the word Elohim is plural abstraction. An abstract plural, and maybe that explains it. And probably that was the idea that most of the Israelites ~~god~~ got, and yet it is a very interesting fact, that so far as I know, all the other groups of men, they call these gods by a singular term, and when they speak of the gods together, they use the plural term, but in Hebrew we have