

a re far superior, ethically and spiritually, to ~~anything that~~
~~can be found in the writings of~~ those of any other ancient nation.

Whence comes this superiority? Is it due to divine leading, or can it, as now claimed in many quarters, be traced to human sources. A. Do the stories of creation, of the fall of man, etc., ~~represent/the~~ correspond to facts, which actually occurred, and the details of which were revealed to the Israelites by God Himself, or are they traceable to a heathen source, from which mere human Hebrew genius has taken them and purified them of that ~~the~~ polytheism which is so characteristic of the writings of those nations? This is a vital question, one of tremendous importance to the student of the Bible. Certain aspects of it will be surveyed ^{below} in connection with the various nations involved. ~~of the~~