

Trinitarianism Has Gnostic Rootst

Philo is the first and only Jewish philosopher of antiquity. To him Plato was only Moses talking Greek; but, in spite of his Judaism and Platonism, he shows only too many traces of that Gnostic error which is so fatal to sound thinking.

It was fatally easy to make the Logos a link between God and the world, thus apparently solving the problem of how the two were connected. The same problem was puzzling devout Jews on the moral side: how could the all-holy God have any dealings with a sinful earth?

The idea of putting a link in between seemed so simple, and yet, in the light of subsequent events, we realise that no number of links between God and the world in any way lessens His responsibility for its creation, or His connection with its evolution.

It suffices to say here that Philo inserted the Logos as a barrier between God and the world. St. John caught up the phrase, but made the Logos a channel between God and the world. St. John's conception is Scriptural. Philo's is hardly even Stoic; it is Gnostic.

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