

Reading - 19th century Universalist Hosea Ballou...in his 1805 "Treatise on Atonement" wrote:

"the belief that the great Jehovah was offended with his creatures to that degree, that nothing but the death of Christ, or the endless misery of mankind, could appease his anger,

is an idea that has done more injury to the Christian religion than the writings of all its opposers, for many centuries.

The error has been fatal to the life and spirit of the religion of Christ in our world;

all those principles which are to be dreaded by men have been believed to exist in God;

and professors have been molded into the image of their Deity - and become more cruel."

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Universalist Reformer and writer , Charlotte Perkins Gilman in 1923 wrote "His Religion and Hers"

"Birth-based religion would steadily hold before our eyes the vision of a splendid race...the duty of upbuilding it. To the mother comes the apprehension of god as something coming;

she sees his work, **the newborn child**, as visible unfinished and calling for continuous service...as the thought of God slowly unfolded in the mind of woman that great Power would have been apprehended as the Life-giver, the Teacher, the Provider, the Protector- not the proud, angry jealous, vengeful deity men have imagined.