

I find it interesting that Hartshorne is every bit as emphatic as Bultmann (or vice versa!) in insisting that there is nothing entirely new or unparalleled in the understanding of God assumed and expressed by the Bible and the Christian message.

Thus he says: "The idea of a God of love has dawned on many in many lands and at many times. There is no book the absence of which would leave us helpless to arrive at this idea. It was found in China, India, pre-Christian Palestine; an approach to it was known by the Amerindians, some of them at least. Plato almost had it: in certain respects he came closer to it than the medieval theologians" (*Omnipotence and Other Theological Mistakes*: 125).

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