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I. This pronoun, I, denotes in Christ a triple excellence. Because he is the best person for liberating, Psal. [80:11]: “For I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.”

Again, it denotes the highest wisdom for informing, Isai. 48[:17]: “I am the Lord your God that teaches you profitable things.”

¶ Again, it denotes the highest clemency for rewarding, Gen. 15[:1]: “Fear not, I am your protector, and your reward.” On account of these things truly Christ can say, I am, he that excels all others in truth of being. Just as it denotes the great effect, the essence of participations, Exod. 3[:14]: “I am who am.” The Lord said in the Apoc. 1[:8]: “I am alpha.”

Second, by the power of creating, just as something excels nothing, health excels sickness, Isai. 44[:24]: “I am the Lord, that makes all things.”

Third, in the benignity of redeeming, so the mother excels the stepmother, the friend excels the enemy, Jer. 11[:19]: “I was as a lamb, that is carried to be a victim.” Matt. 8[:7]: “I will come,” on the cross, “and heal him.”