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TO MY MOTHER





## PREFACE

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**T**HE application of the results of the study of psychology to the Biblical writings has opened up a most interesting field for the student of religion. It is profitable to consider the origin and growth of religious sanctions from the point of view of the individuals who cherished them, and to mark the order in which the various impressions which in their sum constitute authority came to their own in the human heart. I can but think, however, that only a partial view is gained when the great fact of revelation is disregarded in these attempts. It is one thing to ask how, God and His message assumed, men regarded

Him, how much they comprehended of His will and how they conceived themselves to be doing His will as spoken ; and quite another thing to assume that all the efforts of men to feel after God if haply they may find Him are on the same plane with the instructed beliefs of those who were within the sphere of revealed truth. It may be admitted without question that revelation was at first partial, and that it was from the first progressive. But unless all real authority is to be denied to the religion which issued in Christianity the first fact to be recognized in the study of Bible doctrine is God.

Consequently we are not considering in this brief study the psychology of the Holy Spirit or of His influence upon men. It is no especial concern of ours, for our present purpose, how men conceived of Him who were outside the circle wherein He caused His name to be known. Did the primitive seeker after God derive the idea of the Spirit of