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INTRODUCTION

INSPIRATION

It is evident that our interpretation of the Bible will depend very largely upon what we consider the Bible to be. If we look upon it simply as a human production among other human productions,—a system of religion among other systems,—then we shall expect mistakes, false standards, and false reasonings, as we do elsewhere. But if the Bible is exceptional—a revelation from God, and not merely the teachings of man, we shall expect to find it a transcript of his character—a pure, true, and safe guide in all that it professes to be. It is given to man as God's way of salvation from sin and death. In dealing with it, the question of authorship is our first question.

THE WORD AND WORKS OF GOD EQUALLY FROM HIM

It is much the same with the word of God as with his works. Where did the heavens and the earth come from? Did God make them? or did solid ground come from nebulous matter and that we know not whence? If so, then we may believe in a chance law evolving an orderly cosmos out of chaos, in vegetable and animal, coming as the result of spontaneous generation, and man with his wonderful faculties and possibilities the descendant of Simian ancestors. Instead, however, of