

**GOD AND THE BIBLE:
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES
BRIEFLY STATED IN ANSWER TO
SPECIAL QUESTIONS PUT FORTH
BY THE "BOSTON INVESTIGATOR"**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649328147

God and the Bible: Fundamental Principles Briefly Stated in Answer to Special Questions Put Forth by the "Boston Investigator" by George H. Emerson

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

GEORGE H. EMERSON

**GOD AND THE BIBLE:
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES
BRIEFLY STATED IN ANSWER TO
SPECIAL QUESTIONS PUT FORTH
BY THE "BOSTON INVESTIGATOR"**

GOD AND THE BIBLE:

Fundamental Principles Briefly Stated

IN ANSWER TO

SPECIAL QUESTIONS PUT FORTH BY THE
"BOSTON INVESTIGATOR."

BY
GEORGE H. EMERSON, D.D.

BOSTON:
UNIVERSALIST PUBLISHING HOUSE.
1892.

Copyright, 1898,

BY THE UNIVERSALIST PUBLISHING HOUSE.

By the Same Author.

THE DOCTRINE OF PROBATION EXAMINED.

16mo, 175 pages, 50 cents.

THE BIBLE AND MODERN THOUGHT.

12mo, 165 pages, 50 cents net.

University Press:

JOHN WILSON AND SON, CAMBRIDGE.

D7
101
E5

P R E F A C E.

THE pages which follow are in substance, and mainly in form, a compilation of a few editorial articles which appeared in "The Christian Leader" in the spring months of 1892. The introductory chapter will explain their occasion and special purpose. They are now printed in book form, in the belief that they may meet the needs of those who are as yet not distinctly informed in regard to the basal principles of Theism and the Scriptures, as these are now held by later thinkers and scholars. The effort has been to put the several statements into as intelligible a form as the subject matter will permit. The few changes in the text consist in eliminating, as far as practicable, the peculiarities incident to their serial charac-

ter, though it is hardly possible or desirable to mask their editorial quality. It is hoped that in the convenient form in which the essays now appear they may reach a new class of readers, and so, to the extent in which they reveal truth, be of service to serious and inquiring minds.

G. H. E.

Boston, June, 1892.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
INTRODUCTORY	7
I. WHAT THE WORD "GOD" DOES NOT MEAN	13
II. WHAT WE DO MEAN BY THE WORD "GOD"	20
III. GOD AS HE IS, AND AS HE IS APPRE- HENDED	26
IV. WHAT DO WE MEAN BY THE WORDS "OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN"? . . .	33
V. THE BIBLE AS THE "WORD OF GOD"	39
VI. HOW THE BIBLE CAME FROM GOD . . .	47
VII. WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHO WROTE THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?	53



10. The number of children in a family and the number of books read are shown in the table below.

Number of Children	Number of Books Read
0	0
1	10
2	20
3	30
4	40
5	50
6	60
7	70
8	80
9	90
10	100

Draw a line of best fit through the points on the graph.

GOD AND THE BIBLE.

INTRODUCTORY.

AN "OPEN LETTER" AND AN OPPORTUNITY.

THE "Boston Investigator" of Wednesday, March 9, contained "An Open Letter to the Clergymen of Boston," signed "Lemuel K. Washburn, Editor of the 'Boston Investigator.'" It called upon the clergy to answer certain questions, — such as "What do you mean by the word 'God'?" What "idea" do you mean to convey by the word? How do you know that there is a God? What is meant by the phrase "Father in heaven?" In reference to the "bible" general questions are put, as to its authorship, its authority as God's word, what makes it God's word, and so on.

The following is the "Open Letter" in full: