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PREFACE

Most of the chapters in this book contain the substance of Lectures delivered by the author at Summer Schools and other gatherings for religious study. They have been put together in such a way as to form a more or less consecutive exposition of Christian belief in relation to some of the questions that still perplex sincere enquirers; whose difficulties the author appreciates, alike through his own experience and from the many opportunities he has had for personal discussion. He writes as a simple layman, who has found in the Quaker principle of the Inward Light that which leads to a satisfying experience of Jesus Christ as the way to God.

The selection and arrangement of the topics to be dealt with has not been an easy matter, and some repetition has been unavoidable. The fabric of Christian belief is not like a tower, where stone is laid on stone till the whole is completed; its nature is rather that of an organism, in which the development of each part involves all the others. Experience of the Fatherhood of God, for example, raises (when its implications are thought out) the whole question of Divine and human Personality and is inseparably bound up with the Christian conceptions of Sin and

Redemption, of Prayer and Providence, and with the problems of Evil and of human Immortality. These questions have necessarily to be dealt with in succession; but none of them can be adequately treated in isolation from the rest. The endeavour has been made, by the free use of cross-references and in other ways, to reduce as far as possible the repetition of arguments.

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Mr. A. Clutton-Brock's *Studies in Christianity* (Constable, 4s. 6d. net) has appeared since this volume was written. While the author has not attempted to cover the whole ground, his book contains a most illuminating exposition of some of the foundation principles of our faith, and should be read by all who wish to work out more deeply some of the leading thoughts suggested in the following pages.

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