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"If we are like God, God is like us. This is the fundamental principle of all religion Jacobi well says: 'We confess, therefore, to an Anthropomorphism inseparable from the conviction that man bears the image of God; and maintain that besides this Anthropomorphism, which has always been called Theism, is nothing but ATHEISM or FETICHISM.'"--Dr. Hodge, Theol. vol. i. p. 339.

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1874.

P R E F A C E.

FOR thirty years or more the author has been busy upon a theory of Ethics. He has subjected it to every test. If it is false, he is another instance of a life wasted by error. If it is true, it justifies his absences from the pulpit; for it is of the very essence of its analysis that it sets at rest many of the questions that are dangerous in our best theology.

The author confesses that *indicia* of his special Ethics led him to entertain the scruples which this book unveils, and made disagreeable to him doctrines that have planted themselves in our common Calvinism. But these same *indicia* pointed up into the Bible, and gave him better weapons there than the novelties of an unaccepted system. If he met error by his philosophy, he would have to carry his philosophy; and that might be harder in the end than to crush the error. As a better polemic he can take the Scripture, which his philosophy suggests, and employ that base to fortify his argument. Thus he gains two things:—First, a conceded premise instead of a debated one; and second, a less suspected conclusion; for the author, having

denied himself the pleasure of tying "the millstone of his philosophy around the neck" of his theology, will gain in his philosophy itself by showing in a preliminary book with what Scripture certainties his philosophy affiliates itself.

Meanwhile, the rectification which this book attempts, is the main grand purpose of his life in giving away so much of its history to ethical investigation.

JOHN MILLER.

PRINCETON, March 13th, 1874.

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