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"I was prepared for infidelity in London, but I confess, my dear Ferrars, you alarm me." . . .

"But let us be calm, my dear Nigel. Do you mean to say that I am to be considered an infidel or an apostate because, although I fervently embrace all the vital truths of religion, and try, on the whole, to regulate my life by them, I may have scruples about believing, for example, in the personality of the devil?"

"If the personality of Satan be not a vital principle of your religion, I do not know what is. There is only one dogma higher. You think it is safe, and I dare say it is fashionable, to fall into this lax and really thoughtless discrimination between what is and what is not to be believed. It is not good taste to believe in the devil. Give me a single argument against his personality which is not applicable to the personality of the Deity. . . . Now mark me; you and I are young men. . . . If these loose thoughts, which you have heedlessly taken up, prevail in this country for a generation or so—five-and-twenty or thirty years—we may meet together again, and I shall have to convince you that there is a God."

LORD BEACONSFIELD'S "ENDYMION," Vol. ii. pp. 187, 188.

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"I will be a lying spirit."—1 KINGS xxii. 22.
"He deceiveth them that dwell on the earth."—REV. xiii. 14.



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PREFACE.

DEEPLY impressed with the conviction of the rapid growth in our land of irreligiousness under the garb of true religion, as well as of scepticism and godlessness openly avowed, I send forth this book, not as being a full exposition of even some of the errors of our own time publicly accepted, nor yet as essays against palpable evil doctrine, but as a warning against the subtle teaching, which, while pretending to be the result of advanced knowledge and of the higher development of free thought, is in reality a masterpiece of delusion whereby Satan seeks to blind man's apprehension of God's truth, and, by pandering to man's desire after more accurate deduction from reason, to lead him, by paths that appear right, in a way that is the direct opposite to the revelation of God.

And I shall have accomplished my most sanguine hopes, if, by this means, I may be permitted to lead some souls, hesitating on the brink of doubt and scepticism, to stop and consider ere they advance another step on to that treacherous ground; and also if, by thus tearing the veil from Satan's masked designs, some blind eyes may be opened to see clearly the gulf to which he is leading those whom he has taken captive at his will.¹

I have striven, feebly it may be, to portray Satan as man's bitterest personal foe, to bring his lying teaching to the test of the light of God's glorious truth, and, while proving the error of "the Gospel according to Satan," to state clearly "the Gospel of Christ," and to lead man, ere it be too late, to stretch forth his hand and take the gift of God, which is eternal life, which He is still offering as the only way whereby man can be saved.

S. G.

¹ Of religious books generally, London Publishers and Booksellers say, "the orthodox books will have a limited sale, but the heterodox can be sold to any extent—the more heterodox the larger the sale." This shows the tendency of the age, and how readily it is satisfied with pernicious food in the shape of scepticism and error!

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