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PREFACE

THE teaching of Revelation concerning man's ultimate destiny is not vague or inconclusive, though it has sometimes been made to appear so through metaphysical interpretations; systems of thought have arisen by this means which from time to time have been accorded a certain sanction or authority. But it is now widely recognized that such systems of metaphysical definition cannot be final as statements of truth, since they must ever be subject to critical revision with the progress of mind; the changes or modifications to which they have been subject in the past are an indication of what must follow in the future as truth is gradually freed from error.

Some recent attempts have been made to forecast the destiny of man by the light of modern science, and in this light it may

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perhaps be possible to form a reasonable, though necessarily vague, conjecture as to what may be the nature of that perfected earthly state of man toward which all the higher activities of the present life appear gradually to tend. But of that ultimate destiny of the human soul which lies beyond the horizon of this world, Science supplies no data whatever upon which a conclusion may rest ; concerning that which transcends the boundaries of the earthly life Revelation alone supplies the key. It has been the aim in this treatise, therefore, to adhere strictly to the teaching of those original scriptures which affirm a revelation of human destiny by "the word of prophecy" and as manifested in the person of "Jesus, the Christ."

I am not aware that this exclusive aim, of ascertaining the destiny of man by the light of Revelation, has hitherto been attempted, except incidentally, with reference to some less single purpose and in a fragmentary form. The prophecies bearing on

this subject have had a profound significance for devout minds in all ages, but the teaching of the scriptures with reference to man's moral redemption has had a tendency to place the revelation of his ultimate spiritual future in a remote and shadowy background.

While a release from the conditions of sin is the first and most pressing need in the life of the individual, the supreme note of joy which finds emphasis in the scriptures is based upon the revelation of "Life and Immortality," including the manifestation of this in its ultimate form in the person of the Messiah. Few, comparatively, realize how full and complete and perfect is the revelation of human destiny. Many imagine that the knowledge of this is withheld from man; that nothing is known, or can be known, of man's ultimate future; while some would affirm that a veil should be drawn over that future lest the activities of the present be hindered by the contemplation of that which apparently is remote and unsubstantial.