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LIBERAL CHRISTIANS OF THE UNITED STATES,

THE
CHURCH OF THE FUTURE,

VARIOUS BODIES, BUT ONE SOUL,

THE
ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN AN EPISTLE, "HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD,"

IN
AFFECTIONATELY AND RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

BY
THE AUTHOR.

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ESSAY I.

THE BIBLE, INSPIRED AND INSPIRING.

THE question of the inspiration of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures is one of those great moral problems, which never are, but always are to be, solved. It was discussed in the earliest, and probably will be in the latest ages. For it is in part an historical inquiry, and different principles of historical judgment will lead to different conclusions. It is an intellectual and spiritual question, and therefore all the complexities of mental culture and moral character will come into play, and determine each person to his result. But perchance new words will not be thrown away on such a rich and sublime theme, pertaining to the point where the mind of God has connected itself with the mind of man. To-day, as in the morning prime of the Church, when learned fathers mused and wrote, the fresh dew rests upon it, and glistens bright to heaven. Ever new, as ever old, the march of human affairs, the novel experiences of the race, the arrival of new geniuses, and the successive crises of Christianity, cannot drain dry of interest to every conscientious mind the magnificent question.

Man still asks, and will for ever ask, as if it were too good news to be true, *Has* the Infinite Intelligence in any sense *spoken*? Is there a *Word* of God? Is there a whisper of