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To Professor Asa Gray  
With the Written Kind Regards  
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**I dedicate this Book—**

**“Unto Him that loved us, and washed  
us from our sins in His own  
Blood.”**



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## P R E F A C E.

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The Adversaries of the Doctrine of Evolution frequently say, that it has not been scientifically verified, and therefore, ought not to be accepted. Like the adversaries of the Bible, they demand evidence, which in the nature of the case cannot now be produced, and reject the light of such evidence as we do possess. But no man can do this and be truly honest. The jury box, and on their oath, is not the only place where upright men are called upon to decide their minds by *the weight of evidence*.

The whole evidence before our minds at this hour is divided into two classes. There is first, a limited amount of evidence which can be shown to harmonise both with the "special creation" doctrine, and with the doctrine of Evolution, *and which therefore proves neither*. And there is secondly, a larger amount of evidence, impossible to reconcile with the special creation hypothesis, but which supports entirely the Doctrine of Evolution. This, I contend, amounts to a legitimate proof of Evolution, and proves conclusively that the special creation hypothesis is untenable.

But, if at present, we have not a sufficiency of evidence from Nature before us to entirely verify the Doctrine of Evolution, I contend that we find enough evidence from the Bible to give it scriptural proof, and give us, for the first time in all history, a *bona fide* Science of Religion, or a Theology in deed, and not in name only.

For a more extended treatment of the subject, I must refer the reader to "The Government of God." I have again to thank my cousin, R. Woods Colquhoun, for aid rendered while the work was in the press.

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*Maidstone,*  
*March, 1883.*





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