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COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW

"The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken; lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?" (Jer. viii. 9.)

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THE Author of this volume, an American lawyer, was for upwards of twenty years a convinced and avowed materialist. His mental and professional training, therefore, lends lucidity and force to his arguments, which will appeal the more readily to honest minds and sincere seekers of the truth.

PREFACE

THE purpose of this volume is to make an application of the philosophic or rationalistic test to the Bible account of Creation, and particularly to that portion of the account which deals with the Origin of Evil in human nature.

There is room just now for an application of this test, because of the collapse of the Darwinian theory of the Origin of Species. That theory, which was the central doctrine of the philosophy of Materialism, had so completely occupied the stage, that its exit leaves a most conspicuous vacancy. If evil (in its infinite variety of manifestations) be not a primal condition out of which man is evolving, and which the human race is gradually leaving behind, as Materialism taught, what is it? If we reject Materialism, as the successors of its now deceased apostles are doing, what shall take its place?

Here are patent facts--the most conspicuous matters of daily observation--viz., the distressing facts of human delinquencies and sufferings. It