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*As men, "Let us reason together"*

## CHAPTER I.

### By Way of Introduction.

**Note**—The reader is kindly urged to not omit the first Chapter of Introduction; usually dry reading, but in this case the foundation is here laid for the entire structure, and a better idea of the lines following will be gained by the reading.

I trust that my friend who is a freethinker or an avowed "agnostic" will not be offended because I use the word God in referring to the first cause of all that is created. Likewise, the staunch believer in the "Faith of our fathers" should not shrink from the word "superstition" as it may of necessity appear.

Both the guiding star of Reason and of Faith will be fairly "weighed in the balance" and carefully tested by the Standard of known and demonstrated Truth, as manifested by the fixed and eternal law that is giving a righteous government to the entire universe.

There is a principle of fixed law which should prevent faith from leading us into the extremes of the supernatural, wherein much truth may be denied, and the law transgressed, and it should also prevent "free thought" from being *too* free, wherein

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action might result that would be a violation of this law.

It is a pitiable situation, bordering onto the ridiculous, which presents the spectacle of intelligent, thinking men arrayed against each other, one side declaring there is nothing to believe, while the other declares, "You must believe or be damned." Both extremes are out of harmony with real truth, and from the resulting discord we hope to find the right and true standard around which all can unite as brothers, honestly striving for our mutual good.

I am assuming that every human being has at least some thought, at some time, of a desire to live right and do the right. I also believe that most people, like myself, have experienced more or less difficulty in knowing just what the right thing is, in many cases, or at least in knowing just how to succeed in doing the right and breaking away from the wrong.

We are simply seeking for light, and for understanding. As the mists clear away, hope is kindled anew, and I rejoice with you in that "old things are passing away, and behold, all things appear as new." This is not because there is a change in the "old things," but it is because there is a change in our thoughts and understanding. The things that have been created, and the laws controlling them, do not change. Our knowledge and conception of them do change, just to the extent of our knowledge be-