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## PREFACE.

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During many centuries of the world's history a custom prevailed in many of the nations of the earth of employing bond men and bond women for the performance of common labor. The first appearance of slavery in the western world of which we have any record was during the sixteenth century, when the Spaniards took possession of Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies, robbing its native inhabitants—the American Indians—of their rightful wealth and possessions, and reducing them to bondage and servitude. In the space of forty years twelve millions of these people were worked to death in the mines, and otherwise suffered premature death, at the hands of the merciless and barbarous Spaniards. Whole cities and scores of towns were thus depopulated. This cruel practice continued until the excitement resulting from the discovery of excessive wealth in the western continent had abated.

The question of slavery was but lightly considered in what now constitutes the United States of America, prior to the year 1619, when the captain of a Dutch



trading vessel sold twenty African Negroes as slaves to some of the plantation settlers at Jamestown, Virginia. Their value as laborers was readily discerned, and expeditions were soon fitted out for the purpose of bringing these people from their native home in Africa to the wilds of America, to be thenceforth servants unto the white man. After the plantations of Virginia were supplied with Negroes, the practice of buying and selling them was extended throughout several states of the South. Families of the despised blacks were broken up and relatives scattered, and the wretched unfortunates entertained but little hope of ever meeting again on earth. This inhuman traffic—dealing in the souls and bodies of men and women—was perpetrated for more than two hundred years, until abolished by the pen of Abraham Lincoln in his memorable Emancipation Proclamation at the city of Washington, January first, eighteen hundred sixty-three, and a subsequent amendment to the Constitution, declaring slavery forever abolished in all territory within the jurisdiction of the United States of America.

The hearts of true Christians everywhere, and of all others who are not imbued with a deadly race prejudice, are caused to gratefully adore and thank the Creator of all for the liberation of this poor, despised, and

persecuted race of people. And now in the brilliant sunlight of modern intellectual development and civilization, "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created *equal*; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, *liberty*, and the pursuit of happiness." But hark! from the distance I hear a voice, loud and clear, whose echoes resound throughout the length and breadth of the land, exclaiming: "The entire world is in error; the Negro is not a man, he is simply a beast; read my book entitled 'The Negro a Beast,'—'The revelation of the century.'" It is the voice of Charles Carroll.

This author makes a desperate effort in the above-mentioned book to substantiate his theory that the Negro is not human, and possesses no immortal soul, but is simply a "black biped beast," and therefore only intended for a slave. This he professes to prove by a correct interpretation of Holy Writ and in accordance with the latest researches of modern science. Accepting as an hypothesis that the Negro is a beast, Mr. Carroll endeavors to harmonize the Bible and science with his position. After a careful examination of the book entitled "The Negro a Beast," Mr. William G. Schell, who is a minister of the gospel, *feels it his duty to place before the reading public*

a work on the subject, in reply to the position assumed by Prof. Carroll, showing wherein he has shamefully misrepresented and wrested the Holy Scriptures, and proving his self-manufactured *science* to be nothing but "science, falsely so-called." This is the only necessary apology for the appearance of the present work. The theories propounded by Mr. Carroll vanish from our sight into the realm of obscurity and darkness, whence they emanated, before the convincing arguments of this book.

May God hasten the time when all race prejudice may be obliterated, and every soul for whom Christ died be recognized as precious in his sight, and a worthy recipient of the redemption grace purchased in the death of our Savior.

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