

The Divine Origin of the Bible

ITS AUTHORITY AND POWER DEMONSTRATED
AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED

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PREFACE

The fundamental question in theology is, "Is the Bible from God, and of absolute authority in faith and practice?" If we firmly believe that it is, we have a starting point from which we may advance to the conquest of all truth. If we do not firmly believe that it is, we are all at sea, drifting, and no one can tell where we will come out, only it is very sure that we will not come out right. The writer of this book was once all at sea in this way. He doubted that the Bible had any divine authority. Indeed, he doubted if there were a God. He sincerely desired to know. He studied the Book itself, putting aside all prejudice for it or against it. He desired simply to know the truth in the matter. That study of the Book has now been going on for twenty-three years. He did not so much study what men had to say about the Book as the Book itself, its actual contents, in the English and in Hebrew and Greek. As the outcome of that

study he has the most absolute confidence in the divine origin, authority, and power of the Book. It is impossible to put all the reasons for that confidence into any limited number of words; but some of the reasons that will appeal to honest men of common sense are given in this book, with the hope that they will bring to others the joy and blessing the writer himself enjoys from having passed out of the blighting darkness of skepticism into the perpetual sunshine of faith in that Book, the entrance of whose words giveth light.