

Baptists,—nearly all have come to a most singular unanimity of opinion ; a unanimity caused simply by each using his own judgment upon the contents of scripture. This has frightened many who in other respects are and were friends to free inquiry. Confessions of faith are commonly exacted from teachers of theology, that they may not correct or alter the character of their teachings, and even from students who have yet to learn what the Bible does teach. The Puseyites allow, as the Catholics had long done before them, that Unitarianism is *the doctrine* taught in the Bible ; and they therefore go back to councils and writers of the fourth, fifth, and sixth centuries, as authorities to support the doctrine of modern orthodoxy,—by means of an inspiration which the successors to the Apostles are supposed by them to possess. Such is the posture of Unitarians at present as regards the Bible. This is the source of their faith. In this volume they read the *teachings of the Saviour* ; and these, as they believe, afford the best principles to man through life, and the most blessed hopes in death.

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I CALL that man devout who feels and tries to feel the presence of God ; who is not afraid nor unwilling to have the eye of God upon him,—who rather rejoices in it, knowing that it makes him more faithful ; who endeavors to conciliate God, not with flattery in long and unmeaning prayers, not by running down himself and human nature, but by *doing His will*.—*W. B. O. Peabody.*