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trary, that a careful and unprejudiced examina-
tion of the sentence in the light of the context,
and of the Scriptures generally, would have led
to far other views—would have discovered in its
terms, with ease, a far truer presentation—a pre-
sentation stern and severe indeed, yet in perfect
harmony with, and not only so, but sweetly illus-
trative of, the Divine Fatherliness of which Christ
was the grand certificate and unveiling ; to my
mind, in fact, the ungodlike and terrible Hell of
orthodox Christianity would scarcely have been
found here at all, but that the searchers, in their
approach, brought it with them, and having un-
wittingly inserted what they brought, it soon
appeared,—and to many has ever since appeared,
—to belong there ; the difficulty now being to
cast it out from thence, and descry the reality
which it has overlaid and hidden.

If you ask me how I can account for the
origin and growth of the fearful thing, if it came
not from the Book, but was carried thither and
interjected ; my suggestion would be, that, all
God-contradicting and God-dishonouring as it is,
it may yet actually have had its root in a pro-
found sense of the enormity and the hopeless-
ness of sin, engendered by the very impression