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to man in Christ Jesus, and declaring to us, in Him, His will for our salvation. And this record I know to be true by the witness of His Spirit in my heart, whereby I am assured that none other than God Himself is able to speak such words to my soul.' 1 And this, not the peddling infallibility of the literalist, which dots all its i's and crosses all its t's, an infallibility which nobody ever did or ever could prove, this is the true inspiration, this is the real miracle of the Old Testament.<sup>2</sup> The great aim and purpose of the Bible is to lead me to God; if it does not do that for me, it matters nothing, and less than nothing, that I believe every syllable of it to be infallibly true. If it does bring me to God, equally little does it matter what opinion I hold touching the outward fashion of it; it has accomplished the great purpose for which God put it into my hands.

## <sup>1</sup> Answer to the Form of Libel, p. 21.

<sup>2</sup> This, too, is of course the answer to Huxley's shallow taunt that modern apologetic effort devotes itself to keeping the name 'Inspiration,' while carefully emptying it of any definite sense (Science and Hebrew Tradition, p. vii.).