

escape from intellectual difficulties, though we may be thankful that they are able to hold fast their faith untroubled by them. But let them at least consider that there are thousands of others, who are not so easily satisfied. Science is for them a very real thing, and reasonably sure scientific conclusions stubbornly insist on being taken into account in the construction of their beliefs. These are well aware that science has been repeatedly mistaken in the past and may be mistaken in many things now. But some things they cannot help regarding as certain. If Bible statements can be fairly read so as to come into any kind of harmony with these, well and good; they are prepared to listen to its teachings in its own special sphere. But if where they are able to test it the Bible as commonly interpreted manifestly fails, then all its authority as a revelation from God is gone. For such these papers have been written, and if any have found help out of their perplexities, their purpose has been served.

