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THE SELF-EVIDENCING NATURE OF DIVINE TRUTH.

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The evidence on which Divine truth bases its claim to our reception is one cognisable and appreciable by all. It appeals not to man as an educated or intellectually accomplished being, but to man as man. It requires no intellectual efforts for its recognition. It addresses itself not to any faculty in man, which is developed only in the minds of the few, not to his logical or reasoning powers, but to that higher reason, that moral nature, which is common to all. Its appeal, in one word is mainly, not to the head but to the heart. No one who listens to the message of Divine truth can excuse his neglect or rejection of it by pleading intellectual incapacity—by saying that he is incapable of following out a process of historic proof, or of weighing elaborate arguments, and investigating subtle trains of reasoning. If the truth as it is in Jesus were a philosophy, such an excuse might be valid. If it pre-supposed, in order to the reception of it, the same powers which qualify for instance, for the intellectual and critical study of the higher mathematics or metaphysics, then would its evidence be utterly beyond the range of the vast majority of men, and the humble and illiterate might justly be exonerated from all responsibility for their ignorance or belief.