

have restlessly sought in vain, and as gives perfect rest to those that accept and follow it as their ideal.

Supporting these general considerations are a number of minor arguments.

The supreme excellence of the precepts and principles of the Bible negative the hypothesis that they were the uninspired product of the men who transcribed them. It is far easier to believe that the Ten Commandments came from God, than to believe that they came from a man whose sole training was received from a Hebrew slave mother, a heathen Egyptian Court, and a life in the wilderness as a Midianitish shepherd. The Bible is sixty-six different books, written by forty or fifty different authors, living centuries apart, speaking different languages, subjects of different Governments, brought up under different civilizations, writing in different forms of literature—law, history, biography, poetry, oratory, and philosophy. Yet this library is one book not only because it is comprised in one volume, but because it all teaches the same great system of truth. This moral and spiritual unity of the Bible demonstrates that all its writers were supervised in their work by one Master mind, as the unity of design in the finished cathedral, the construction of many different minds, demonstrates the supervising skill of the architect who planned and directed its construction, as the harmony from an orchestra of a hundred instruments demonstrates the skill of the composer whose music they interpret. Finally, the testimony of the writers themselves, who assert on almost every page that their writing is "The Word of the Lord," "the power of God," "the glorious gospel of the blessed God," "the commandments of the Lord," "the word of Christ," spoken "in demonstration of the Spirit," and "in words which the Holy Spirit teacheth," leaves no alternative but to believe that they were imposters, pretending to an inspiration which they did not possess, or just what they assumed to be, "holy men, speaking the truth as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Yours, truly,

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A BAKED BIBLE.

There is a Bible in Lucas county, Ohio, which was once baked in a loaf of bread. It now belongs to Mr. Schelbalt, a worthy member of the United Brethren Church, who resides near Maumee city. Mr. Schelbalt is a native of Bohemia, and the baked Bible was originally the property of his grandfather, who was a faithful Protestant Christian in the times which tried men's souls. During one of the cruel persecutions which have been so common in Bohemia, an edict was passed that every Bible in the hands of the peasants should be delivered up to the authorities and destroyed. Various expedients were resorted to by the Bible-loving Protestants to preserve the precious Word of Life. Mrs. Schelbalt, grandmother of the present owner, placed hers in the centre of a batch of dough, which was ready for the oven, and baked it. The house was carefully searched, but no Bible was found, and when the tools of priestly tyranny had departed, and the danger was passed, the Bible was taken uninjured from the loaf. It was printed a hundred and fifty years ago.—*American Religious Telegraph*.

ABYSSINIA.

Several important and interesting letters have been received at the B. & F. Bible Hall from the Rev. Dr. Krapf, respecting the present state of Abyssinia and the prospects of future Bible operations in that country. It is believed that there is a wide and promising field of action, both amongst the Falashas and the natives generally, if the Government could be induced to adopt the wise and righteous policy of allowing to Christian Missionaries liberty of residence and labour.—*B. S. Reporter*.