

and we concluded that there must have been a presiding Mind guiding throughout to give this unity.

3. We have looked into it and found that in a remarkable sense it is God's Book, as no other book is, a fact that points to its authorship.

4. We have seen that throughout the whole Book there runs a benevolent design, a wonderful purpose of grace—God is seeking the sinner and the Book records how this redemption was wrought out and finally accomplished. We have seen that this is the key to the interpretation of the Book.

5. We have also seen, how, in the accomplishment of this purpose, the hand of God compelled the history of the Jewish people into a channel contrary to their natural tendencies.

6. We have looked into the Gospels and have seen the portraiture of a character that is not of earth, and could not have been conceived by the human heart, and the testimonies and works of Jesus confirm and give meaning to the whole Book.

I might have adduced other arguments from prophecy, from miracle, and from the history of the church. Those that I have adduced are, to my own mind, amply sufficient. They produce in my mind a conviction, which nothing can shake, that the

Bible is God's Book—a distinct revelation from God to man. I hope my readers will appreciate the standpoint from which I have viewed this question. It is not novel, yet one not sufficiently attended to by those who have to defend the Bible against attacks, or who wish to have some clear grounds for the faith that is in them. Looking upon the Bible as I do, I have no fear for it. God will take care that it will accomplish its beneficent work. It will "Endure forever." I am not perplexed either about the petty criticisms—scientific, chronological—which are being perpetually reiterated against it. Let once the arguments advanced in these papers be clearly seen, and take possession of the mind, and no small dust of criticism can blind the eye to the fact that the Bible is God's Word to man—the inspired record of His redemption work. Our feet stand upon the Solid Rock, even though we may not be able to tell all about its structure, or explain some of its peculiar markings. Let the Bible then speak for itself as to its origin and as to its inspiration. Thoughtful reader, let it speak to your heart and "find" you there, and you will say with one of old, "The entrance of the Word giveth light."

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MATTHEW ARNOLD.

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And, truly, he who here
Hath run his bright career,
And served men nobly, and acceptance found,
And borne to light and right his witness
high,
What can he better crave than then to die,
And wait the issue, sleeping underground.

—*Westminster Abbey, Matthew Arnold.*

MATTHEW ARNOLD is dead!
The son of the great head
master of Rugby school, and himself
an Oxford professor and lay inspector

of schools, has gone to join him of
whom in 1857 he wrote:

Fifteen years have gone round
Since thou arodest to tread,
In the summer morning, the road
Of death, to a call unforeseen,
Sudden.

Well may we, though in a somewhat
different spirit from its author, echo
the sentiment—

O strong soul, by what shore
Tarriest thou now?