

God, we were to appoint a committee of the most learned men to compress into one question the information which intellectual humanity was most earnestly desirous to obtain from God, we do not suppose any form of words could be devised to convey the question more definitely, concisely and satisfactorily than the same sentence put interrogatively, namely: Did God create man in His own image? It is well known that not a few men, greatly learned, who have chosen to condemn, reject, and ignore this communication of the fact at the commencement of the Bible, have utterly lost and confounded themselves in the vain endeavour to determine and solve this question by their own unaided efforts.

Appreciating, therefore, in some degree, the importance of the information here presented to us, we observe that it is not communicated as though the Author of the communication considered it merely as an item in a general communication, which might peradventure have some degree of interest for the intelligent beings to whom the communication is addressed, but particular attention is called to it; it is made as emphatic as words can make it and strengthened by a verbal variation in the form of the statement; it is repeated and then reiterated. Evidently, the importance of information thus placed almost at the commencement of the Bible, is recognized by the Author of the Bible. Shall we not, then, do well to consider and examine whether this be not the primary fundamental fact—the foundation stone, as it were, upon which the superstructure of divine revelation is built?