

laboured faithfully at his own part, and in his own mode. The Master-Builder, alone, saw the end from the beginning, and so the building grew to completion and beauty under His superintendence, and according to His plan and purpose.

A scientist may take a living child and say, here is so much flesh, bone, sinew and so forth; but the life going on there is still unaccounted for. So it is with the Bible. When Biblical criticism has done its utmost, and the book is analyzed into its various literary elements, there still remains this question—how were these elements put together? Who breathed into the whole the breath of life, so that it became a living creature, as Luther says, “with eyes and hands and feet?”

It follows, therefore, that no artificial line can be drawn between the human and divine elements of the Bible. It is not a mechanical mixture of the two, but the product of a vital union of the human and Divine Spirits.

Dr. Robertson Smith, speaking on this point says, “If the silver is only in the ore, the man who has no means of smelting it is no richer by having it in his possession. If the Bible contains the word of God mixed with man’s word, like silver in a lump of ore, then no one can use Scripture for his own religious life with any certainty or benefit. The Bible contains the word of God as the mould contains the silver seven times tried. The pure silver takes the shape of the mould—it may be an imperfect shape—but it is pure silver, and the man is enriched thereby at once without any further act.”

Among the external witnesses that might be cited to prove Divine Inspiration of Scripture, two or three will be sufficient. No one can have failed, for instance, to notice the superiority of Scripture over the Apocryphal books. The silly legends and grotesque ideas which fill their pages, and above all, their image of Christ as a Divine Monstrosity, form a wonderful contrast to the simple, natural, self-restrained style in which the Scripture writers tell of the greatest things with the stamp of eternal truth.

Once more, there is the positive testimony of the Church