

alleged, that he who when in the world was "the light of the world" should have left the scene without indicating to his followers what these untrustworthy portions were? It is a source of the deepest consolation that Christ and the apostles left behind them their oft-repeated and unmistakable testimony to the inviolable sacredness and unqualified trustworthiness of the whole of the Old Testament. But these modern lights are so much better acquainted with the subject; and though Jesus Christ made the world, he was not so well acquainted with the details of the operations as they are! Let it be borne in mind that the gentlemen to whom I refer are not atheists nor avowed infidels, but those who believe the Bible contains a revelation from heaven; that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he came into the world to reveal God and to teach the way of life to man. If there were half the contradiction in the Bible that there is in their opinions, one might indeed despair of discovering what is truth from it.

I will now just notice some popular objections. I do not for a moment deny that there are some difficulties in connection with the Bible. He who comes to the study of theology with the idea that he will find it so much easier than chemistry, astronomy, physiology, or any other science, will assuredly be disappointed. Notwithstanding that we have the promise of divine assistance, if we seek it, the things of God can be learnt only by the same uphill process as is the conditions of success in all other studies; and if after years of research, and the removal of many difficulties, some difficulties should remain, this should not prove a stumbling-block, for the same thing occurs in the study of the material world. In this department also there are things which no one can explain or account for by any known law.