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THE DESIRABLENESS AND TRUE METHOD

OF ENQUIRY INTO

SCRIPTURAL PROPHECIES,

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“ We have also a more sure word of prophesy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.”  
—2 Peter i. 19.

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**B**OTH the Old Testament and the New, point to a coming state of blessedness on earth. In this respect revelation differs from human systems, which put the golden age at the commencement of our race, whereas it is to be a result of the remedial system of Christ, and to come at the end.

Yet amongst believers in the Divine word there is a considerable diversity of opinion respecting this time of promise. *When* it will be—whether it is near or distant—is a subject of earnest dispute. Whether it shall *precede* the great judgment or *follow* it, is questioned. Whether it shall last for a thousand common or *solar* years, or for a thousand *prophetical* years of three hundred and sixty solar years—whether it shall consist in