

ms. - The Integrity of the Scriptures as the only infallible
Rule of Faith & Practice. Prov. 30²

I The wants of the race demand a supernatural revelation ^{of God.}

1. Answer to the question - "Is there a God?"
 - a. A First-Cause. b. a Supreme Being.
2. "What is man to believe concerning God?"
 - a. ~~Human~~ Reason is confusing on this point.
 - b. Universe shows only God's shadow.
3. "What duty does God require of man?"
 - a. In relation to man; b. In relation to God?
no answer from the universe.

II The Scriptures meet the wants of the race.

1. "There is a God."
2. "This God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal etc."
3. God requires of man
 - a. Love to man. b. Obedience & faith in God.

III The Scriptures are, \therefore , the supernatural revelation of God.

1. God would not contradict Himself
 2. " " " give a second rule of faith
- \therefore The Scriptures are the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

Every word of the Lord is pure. Prov 30th
Proposition - The integrity of the
Scriptures is the only infal-
lible rule of faith and practice.

The Kingdom of God has
been assaulted from every
quarter - Tiglath Pileser, Sargon,
and Sennacherib of Assyria; Ram-
ses II, Memphoth and Shishak
of Egypt; the Judaizers, the Gnos-
tics and the Syncretists of apos-
tolic days; and Rationalism, Mys-
ticism and Indifferentism of our own
day; have beset, & are besetting
the word of God. Once it was the
visible Kingdom that was attacked,

now it is the records and rules of that
Kingdom. Why is it? Why should man
carry the only life boat on this
rough sea of stormy life? What-
ever others may do, as for me
the whole word of God from the
1st verse of Gen. to the amen
of Rev. is the only infallible
rule of faith and practice.

This I believe to be true
not only because "the Bible
tells us of God and is therefore
from God", not only because it
has the print of God as that
majesty, holiness, light, life and
efficiency which glitters in every
word of the blessed old book; but
also because in the light of

reason the Bible is shown to be true by the fact that ^{it meets} the wants of the race ^{where} demand a supernatural revelation of God.

The first-great want in the life of every rational creature is an answer to the question - "Is there a God?" To this many answers have been given. Answers reached by ~~many~~ ~~reached by many~~ many methods.

Anaxagoras, Socrates and Zeno, found that the order and working out of all things in the universe to a definite end necessitated a Supreme Being. Upon the conscience of every man is indel-

ably written the divine claim, and out
of whose heart there extends a
hand ~~whose~~ ^{the} index [&] finger ^{of which} points
him to God. No man can
open his eyes on a starry
night and allow his mind
to consider the heavens in
their matchless beauty and
wonderful movement without
^{the conviction of}
a Supreme Being who formed
them. No man can enter
into the treasure of the snow,
or the gorgeous hues of a
blossom, or turn a microscope
on the fine texture of a butterfly's
wing and not see the work of a
divine hand. The sun, moon
and stars together with the earth

as they roll in silence thru space
forward sing-

"The hand that made us is divine."

That there is a God, all creation
attests. We need no other than nat-
ural revelation to tell us that.

The great break in nat. revel.
is when we ask - "What are
we to believe concerning that
God whom she reveals?" One
takes up a specimen and
withdraws to his study, turns
his microscope of reason on the
universe and arrives at a certain
conclusion. Another examines
the same facts and reaches a
different conclusion. One tells

us that God is everything, the other tells us God is chance.

From this whirlpool of intellectual reasoning men are flung out into the deep waters of skepticism and doubt and despair, and go down spiritual wrecks on the sea of eternity ten thousand miles from the haven of rest. Yet in it all man will not go so far as to deny the sense of responsibility. Cassius says - "you ought not" when he does a wrong. This is what makes the Brahman sit in "sublime indifference" to all the world. His moral nature asserts itself like a star in the dark. It comes to him but

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why and how he does not know. Nat-
ural reli gives us a shadow
of God's eternal power, wisdom,
greatness and goodness but
no more.

By observing the instincts of his
mind man is not betrayed. We know
as the result of his pure reasoning the
strictest asceticism on the one
hand, and the wildest rousings of
sensuality on the other hand.

Look at the world and tell me,
if you can, it does not need a
Spt. rev. of God. How can a
man without eyes see the path.
He must feel for it. That is what
the world has always done - feel

ing for God. So long as men
are men their wants will demand
a Dv. no. of God.

Let us establish, in the second
place, that the Bible meets
the demands of rational being
and we shall have ^{the Bible} proven
Dv. no. of God.

We ask the Bible - "Is there a God?"
The answer is "In the beginning ^{was} God."
"He that cometh ^{to} God must believe
that He is," Heb 9⁶. That there is
a God & that this God is the only
true God is the fundamental
of scripture. The scriptures de-
clare that God ^{whom} that natural mind
requires. Both are agreed, then,
that there is a God.

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The next question we want answered is "since there is a God ~~and~~ what are we to believe concerning Him?"

Natur. ult. says God is a Force, the Great First-Cause etc, and there we are left. What conception can we have of a mere force? Can you define electricity? You can only tell what it does. How much less then can we, not knowing what or who God is, define Him!

We have long since ceased to try to define electricity. We have learned that the less we have to do with it the better. So we have electric wires encased in metallic ~~encased~~ tubes or overlaid with non-transmittant

material to ward off its deadly
effect. So it is with the God
whom natural men bring
to us. He is too deadly a
bring or force to invite ^{man's}
approach. He is back of all
things but have as little to do
with him as possible. How
what Scripture answers to the
call of man's wants. ~~But~~
"God is a Spirit." ^{John 4:24} - God is infini-
ite - "His greatness is unsearchable" ^{Ps 146:5}
God is eternal. "Before Thou hadst
formed the earth, even from ever-
lasting to everlasting, Thou art
God." ^{Ps 90:2} God is unchangeable. "Every-
good gift & every perfect gift is fr-
above and cometh down from the

Father of lights, with whom is no
variableness with shadow of
turning "Jas 1st" in His being. "I am that
I am" ^{Exod 3rd} wisdom. "O, the depth, both
of the wisdom and knowl. of God! How
unsearchable are his judgments. and His
ways past finding out. ^{Rom 11th 33} in His
power. "I am the Almighty God" ^{Gen 17th} in
His holiness. "They met not day and
night saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God
almighty, which was, and is, and is to
come, ^{Rev 4th} in His justice, goodness and
truth. "And the Lord passed by before
^{Moses} ~~him~~ and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord
God, merciful and gracious, long suf-
fering, and abundant in good-
ness and truth, keeping mercy
for thousands, forgiving iniquity

and transgression and sin, and
that, ^{will} by no means clear ^{by any} the guilty.
When is there a quest. in the mind of
man concerning God that this does
not answer? The Bible comes in
overtop and beyond all the wisdom of
the world, tells us "God is a spirit etc."
^{does not} This satisfies the wildest longings of the
mind? God! Infinite eternal and
unchangeable. Think back to the
first day of our first parents when
God walked in the garden - and
farther back still. let your mind
go down with the first sunset on
creation - Think back still beyond
all this, before there was a star or
sky, ~~before there was a star~~ away back
till your mind breaks on the shores of

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"In the beginning God!"
eternity - "God who inhabiteth eternity".

Then turn your shots like a great search
light into the future till you have
seen America rise to its highest devel-
opment, and out of its crumbled ruins
another nation rises, and so on and
on till ^{flames from the} Rockies and join with
the flames of the Andes and the
mountains break forth in volcanoes
and the seas evaporate ~~into flames~~
and the stars fall and the earth
and the heavens dissolve and
^{are} consumed by some unknown
sun - Think on till solar systems
and stellar systems be ~~gone~~
by in forgetfulness of eyes gone
by - and we shall find ourselves
still looking into the face of eternity.

Eternity with God! And hear Him
say "I have loved you with an ever-
lasting love." And ~~our eyes~~, looking
down the streets of that City of God,
with its palaces ^{of splendor} and gardens of
flowers ^{fragrant}, with ^{its} celestial
breezes ~~and~~ filled with the song of
the great multitudes of that City
redeemed, and we look behind
us and there is no ^{beginning} ~~past~~ and ahead
of us and there is no ^{ending} ~~future~~ - one
eternal now. Then "we shall
know even as we are known"

Forever with the Lord - our God!
This is ^{our relationship to} the God of whom the Bible
tells and of whose ^{message} ~~word~~, it is
recorded, "Every word of the Lord
is sure."

How miserable would the race
be had the Scripture stop at
a revelation
of God and ^{had} not told us of our
relation to God and to man.

Shall I fall down and worship
my mother and father because
they gave me birth? "Yes," answer
the wisest conclusions of the world.
"Worship no man," says the Bible, "nor
angel. Worship God, and Him
only shalt thou serve." Ancestral
worship, however dear to
the ^{filial} heart ~~of~~ must stand cor-
rected by "Honour thy Father
and Mother." Natural rule says,
"What ye would not have men
do unto you, do ye not unto
them;" The Bible says, "Whatso-

even ye would that men sh^d. do to
you, do ye even so to them." Mat.
mt. 7¹³ 13. Mat.
ml^o. says - "Stand aside and
let your neighbor have full way
to fight his own salvation,
and your duty is done." The
Bible says "Brethren, if ye see
a man overtaken in a fault; ye
which are spiritual, restore such
an one in the spirit of meekness;
considering thyself, lest thou also
be tempted." ^{Gal. 6¹} "Love your neigh-
bor as yourself." Is not the
brotherhood of man a foreign
idea to all books but ^{the} his one
of the Bible; every word of which
is pure?

Again what is the duty God

requires of man? Am I left alone
on earth while God sleeps in
heaven?

~~To this~~ The reply is
"I will guide thee mine eye being upon thee. He that keepeth
his feet from stumbling. Ps 121:2
walk before me and be thou

perfect." "Every man shall
appear before the judgment
seat of Christ to answer
for the things done in the
flesh."

What is man's ideal?
The perfect man Christ Jesus
years of youth. Is death an
annihilation? No. It is entrance
into life eternal. What must
I do to be saved? "Believe on
the Lord Jesus Christ and thou
shall be saved". Can I have
the assurance of salvation
now? "He that believeth on me
hath everlasting life". In order

to be more acceptable to Christ
shd. I mar my features and
mar my body? No. for the
Bible says we are to develop
in every way possible, and grow
into the fulness of him who
filleth all in all. — as
it is recorded "All scrip. is given
by inspiration of God & is prof-
itable for doctrine, for reproof,
for correction, for instruction in
righteousness that the man
of God may be thoroughly fur-
nished unto all good works." ^{2 Tim. 3:17}

The Bible is consistent from Gen-
to Revelation and in perfect har-
mony with reason. It teaches
that sin against an infinite

Being demands an infinite punishment; this was done for man's
stead in the death of ^{God's} ~~his~~ only
son on Calvary. The Bible
demands only that which is
conducive to the higher nature
of man's character and forbids
that which is not so productive.
No asceticism, no more sacrifice
for sin, no more fearful looking
forward to a dreadful doom,
but it gives us a joyous hope
for a life of peace and freedom
from sin, a hope which we
have as an anchor of the soul
both sure and steadfast. ^{Heb 6:19} No
other book or revelation but the

Bible offers such a perfect
life of complete development, and
usefulness of man's character.

The Bible, as we have it, is the
~~the~~ ~~book~~ ~~that~~ supplies the
wants of the human race.

The Bible must, therefore, be
a direct revelation of God.

As a direct word of God it must be
the infallible rule of faith and
practice.

The Bible doctrine
of God is one that will not
allow God to contradict him-
self. It follows, ∴, that the
Bible is the only infallible rule
of faith and practice. † And
it follows also from the scriptures
doctrine of God that He is not one.

Who, ~~would~~ ^{given} leaving ~~one~~ rule of faith
and practice, would not give a second
rule. The Scriptures are, therefore,

the only ^{infallible} rule of faith and practice.

"Every word of the Lord is pure." Let
us take it, then, and live by it, till
in Heaven He shall make us more
able to fulfill every word of it to
the praise and glory of His name.

Give us the Bible?

"We won't give us the Bible
God's holy book of truth.

The blessed staff of hoary age

The guide of early youth

Our many a dreary road

Its sun sheds a glorious light

The voice that speaks a Saviour's love

And calls us home to God."