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Strictly private

Dear Sir

This letter comes from one who is entirely unknown to you; but as your writings have done so much towards bringing back to me my faith in the Bible, I thought that, at least, you ought to have the satisfaction of knowing it; and this I trust will lead you to excuse me for thus troubling you.

My position for the last two years (to within a few months ago) was that of a doubter. I was captivated by the brilliant and, what seemed to me, unanswerable reasoning of such men as Mill, Spencer, Darwin, Emerson, but by circumstances which now appear as nothing more or less than Providential, I was led to read "Nature and the Bible" and by so doing became aware that all these



engaging superstructures of logic were, either grounded on assumptions that were entirely fallacious, or erected on bases by no means adequate to their permanent support. I realized that hitherto my reading had been too much on one side - superficial, and that I had not taken a sufficiently elevated point of view. I began to doubt my doubts, and now by careful study of the Scriptures, earnest prayer, and association with two very dear friends, whose influence is ennobling beyond expression, I am happy to say that I have regained the faith which for a time had been lost to me.

Thanking you for the part you have taken in effecting this great change.

I remain, Sir

Very sincerely yours

Henry Herbert Collins