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FOREWORD

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It is always a great privilege for a young man to have the opportunity of close association with an older one who has done outstanding work in the study and defense of the Word of God. Such a privilege was mine. First as a student and later as assistant to the late Dr. Robert Dick Wilson I had the example and inspiration of a close and constant association with this faithful scholar and servant of the Lord. His kindly humor, his patient earnestness, and his untiring devotion to the task to which he felt himself called of God made a never-to-be forgotten impression upon me.

Among the many things which he said to me in those last years, two ideas were often repeated. The first was: "Build solidly. Prepare thoroughly. Never be satisfied with superficial answers. God's Word can stand the most thorough investigation. Do not shirk the difficult problems but seek to bring the facts to light, for God's Word and God's world will never contradict one another." The second great emphasis was on the importance of the Bible to all Christian teaching. Dr. Wilson believed, as Christians have through the centuries, that the Bible is the foundation of Christian experience and Christian doctrine, and <sup>he</sup> considered that the greatest service he could render the Christian world was in repelling attacks against the trustworthiness of the Bible and showing that it constituted a solid foundation for Christianity.

When Dr. Wilson wrote this booklet, a cloud, seemingly no larger than a man's hand, was beginning to be <sup>appear</sup> visible on the horizon of the Christian world. Since that time the movement