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THE KING OF THE EARTH. By Erich Sauer. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., 1962. \$3.95. 256 pp.

"The Nobility of Man according to the Bible and Science" is the subtitle of this book. This is no attempt, however, to harmonize (which usually ends up compromise) the Bible and science, for everywhere the inerrant, authoritative Bible is the author's basis for unchanging knowledge about man. This is an intriguing study which traces man from his beginning as the crown of God's creation through his fall and redemption and back to his rightful kingship. There are so many relevant subjects so capably treated in the course of this study that every page provides an attractive and meaty meal for the mind and heart. The discussion on man's freedom of will is outstanding. There are also excellent sections on Satan, on the existence of God, and the creation of the world and man. This last subject is as fairly and thoroughly treated by Sauer as anywhere to the reviewer's knowledge. Although the author himself prefers the view that the days of Genesis 1 mean periods, he presents objectively all the evidence for other interpretations.

The author is well-known for his reverent scholarship, and as a true scholar he writes so that his readers can understand what he is saying! Scarcely anyone could fail to profit from reading this book. This is his last for the author is now with his Lord.

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