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The Yalensian Cycle.

A Period that is new to us, and old to the Prophets.

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Mr. Samuel Stuart has made a curious calculation based upon the Mahayuga or the grand Indian Cycle of 4,320,000 years. This cycle is taken from the Surya Siddhanta, and was translated about a century ago by a missionary. It is stated that this cycle is the least common multiple of the periods of Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Mercury and the Moon. But it has been claimed by astronomers from Ptolemy down to Proctor, that such a cycle could not be computed by any means. The topic will be found discussed at some length in Notes and Queries, Vol. XII., No. 3, March, 1894, where other references are also given.

Extracting the pith of Mr. Stuart's investigations as there given, he points out that with the Indian, Greek, Arabic and European Tables extant up to 1800 this problem was practically indefinite, but that by the use of Leverrier's tables finished in 1877, he was able to test this great cycle at least approximately. In brief he found out that in 4,319,936.8663 Julian years the planets and the sun have the following mean geocentric

motion in degrees, to wit:

Degrees.	Degrees
Sun 339.2	Jupiter 331.9
Mercury 337.1	Saturn 313.2
Venus 337.4	Uranus 339.0
Earth 180.0	Neptune 342.2
Mars 343.7	Moon 340.0

With reference to the motion of Saturn, as above given, Mr. Gould, Editor of Notes and Queries, remarks "we have faithfully followed copy, but are tempted to suspect it should be 331.2 degrees"; and Mr. Stuart himself is of the opinion that Leverrier's tables are a trifle slow as to both Jupiter and Saturn, and that both of these planets will have place in the 338th degree. At any rate the whole of them, upon this basis,

will be found in conjunction, within a space of six and a half degrees: by which he means that if the planets have been, at any given epoch found to be all in conjunction, in the vernal equinox (Aries) with the Sun, they would in the 4,319,937th year be again found in conjunction but in Pisces the sign just ahead. All this is quite in accordance with the Mahayuga and Siddhanta. But unfortunately it is based upon a Julian value for the year, while it is our own opinion that the ancient cycle of the Hindus was founded much more closely upon the mean value of the earth's actual and astronomical year, and that it will be found to be practically correct

And this recalls our attention to a proposition we submitted quite a while ago, (vide page 5, Leaflet cxxxi-ii, Feb.-Mar. 1901) in asking our friends to assist us in determining the minimum cycle (say of the earth) that shall comprehend in one the least number of complete revolutions of as many of the other planets as possible. Now upon page 13 of the same Leaflet we intimated that the clue to this cycle was concealed in the fact "that the accurate number of mean solar years of the earth between Balaam's prophecy of the 'Star', and its culmination at Bethlehem, seems to be the least common multiple of the mean solar years of the greatest number of the planets then and yet known," and in fact all the planets were known to the Indians and their progenitors, although those visible to the naked eye alone are given prominence in their horoscopes and major astronomical calculations.

Now in an article like this we cannot go exhaustively into the topic, but it behooves us to set forth sufficient data to suggest the principles to others, and to preserve the main ones, at least, from accident. And this is so in particular now-a-days when our own ability to prosecute this important line of work bodes ominously upon possible failure for lack of means and

interest.

In the first place we desire to call attention to the certainty that the ancients who invented the Mahayuga understood astronomy thoroughly. For instance there are 360 degrees in a year circle or cycle, but 4×360=1440 and 3000×1440 years=4,320,000, which is the very measure of their Bon of Conjunc-

tion! We claim this as our own discovery.

Now the number 1440, shown above to be a multiple of this Indian Cycle, is not only a multiple of four prophetic years of years (4×360) but is the multiple of the minutes in a day, as 24 hours of 60 minutes each are 1440 minutes. Here then we have accuracy planned out by the year, the day, the hour, and to the minute; and the intention sweeps upward so as to involve the very cycle of the Equinoctial Precession into its exactitude. But the other factor, 3000, resolves itself into 5

times 600 years and this brings into the Eon 7421 of such cycles as Josephus affirms the most ancient patriarchs employed to measure "a Great Year" (Antiq. Lib. I. b. 3.) and employed for predictive purposes in astronomy. Now this period has been an enigma to all of his editors until recently when its secret was revealed by Mr. Cassini who discovered that it consists of 7421 lunations to an unappreciable error, for 600 years are 219145.35336 days and 7421 lunations are 219146.49674 days, a difference of but I.14338 days for the entire period! But further yet; 1440=28×51 3-7; and 28=4×7, which is the Solar Cycle and brings the week into the matter; while 51 3-7 is one-seventh of 360. So we can resolve the function into minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, lunations, Metonic Cycles, Solar Cycles, Circles, Prophetic years, Solar years, Sabbatic years, years of years, Metonic Cycles of Cycles, and Great years, without any trouble whatsoever.

But this is not all; from the year 2555 A.M. of Joshua's Long Day at Bethhoron, at which the most remarkable conjunction ever recorded took place, to the Nativity there are just 1440 years (i.e., a year to every minute in a day 24×60=1440) to wit: 2555 A.M. +1440y=3995 A.M. Here then we find the fundamental factor of those ancient Magi deliberately employed in fulfilling prophecy by the Creator himself in that this

very modulus results!

Nor is even this the whole of the matter. Balaam prophecied the "Star" two years before Joshua's Long day, and the Magi came to Jerusalem two years after the annunciation; this gives us a period of 1440+2+2=1444 years for consideration. Now 1444=4×361, and 361=19×19. But 19 years is the Solilunar cycle, and 361y. is therefore a metonic cycle of such cycles, and thus we find an intimation that the Magi must have inherited the exact Secular modulus wherewith to time their visit accurately!

Now we have already shown that 2555 A.M., the date of Joshua's Long Day, was at the Septenary end of 7×365 years, in that $7 \times 365 = 2555$ A.M., which is another peculiarly significant astronomical fact; so we have discovered in this cycle and its attendants the following purely scientific factors, 107., 3617.

360y., 365y., 600y., 1440y., 1444y.

But it is to the factor 1444 years that we desire to call particular attention; 2991.75×1444=4,320,087; this is but 150 years longer than the period found by Mr. Stuart and but 87 years longer than the Indian Era itself, and all the circumstances in so vast a problem seem to conspire towards the secular accuracy of the latter, for at the end of any such vast period there are a multitude of minor molads to be taken into consideration to secure final accuracy amid the perturbations of the system.

Taking, therefore the period of 1444 mean Solar years as indicative of a corresponding whole number of "years" for each of the other planets in the System we are enabled to construct the following remarkable Table:

144	4 Revolutions	of the Earth.	Period	1.0000
Equa	1 *6000	of Mercury	**	.24063/3
	*2347	of Venus	**	.615253089049
16	* 768	of Mars	44	1.8802083
44	* { 314	of Ceres)	44	4.5987261
"	* 315	of Lucifer	•,6	4.584127
	? 122	of Jupiter)		∫ 11.83606°
• 4	* 121.73	of Jupiter }	66	111.862
"	* 49	of Saturn	66	29.469387755102
66	17.18	of Uranus	"	84.018
"	8.77	of Neptune	**	164.62
. "	.05591		44	25827.00
"	*17860	of Moon	**	.080857063

From the foregoing data it appears that between Balaam's prophecy of the "Star," and its realization by the Magi in the Spring of 2 B.C., the Sun, Earth, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Ceres and Saturn at least, would have each completed a full number of exact revolutions, and have returned to the identical places in the Zodiac that they occupied at the start: that is, their aspect, whatsoever it was, repeated itself, and the probabilities are that all the other bodies fell into some astonishing and significant conjunctive relation to them.

To compare the periods thus obtained with those obtained by others, and with the ones usually laid down in Astronomy, we

submit the following Table:

	Singleton.	Chase.	Astronomy.	MAGIAN.
Mercury*	.2408	.240	.241	.24063/3
Venus*	.6152	.625	.615	.615253
Earth*	1,0000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Mars*	1.88	1.88	1.88	1.880208
Ceres*			4.00	4.598726
Jupiter?	11.86	11.862	11.86	11.836
Saturn*	29.46	29.458	29.50	29.469387
Uranus?	84.01	84.018	84.00	84.018
Neptune?	164.62	164.622	164.60	164.620
Moon*	(.08)	(80)	.08	.08085
Sun*	3	7	3	25827.00000

It is therefore safe to conclude that the *-ed planets that looked down upon Balaam at his sacriligious sacrifice fought their way back to the very same places at the visit of the Magi, and that the others came into some remarkable rhythm there-And in this connection it must be remembered that the main aspect of the heavens at this time was not so much perhaps a general conjunction of the solar system alone, as an agreement of the movable signs of the Zodiac with the constellations themselves, one that had been anticipated from the creation of Adam. (See page 11-12 Leaflet for February 1901. No. cxxxi-ii). When the foundations of the Earth itself were laid, long eons before that, perhaps some multiple of this tremendous cycle, of 4,320,000 years, earlier, the stars and the solar system may have sung together in exactly the same way as they did when the Messiah was born into time, and thus renewed their youth: at any rate that there was stupendous harmony upon the dome of heaven in 2 B.C. in some reply to what was predicted in 1446 B.C. is shown to be necessary by this opportune discovery of the Cycle of 1444 years, and of its relation to the Mahayuga cycle of the Ancient Magi.

The cycle of 1444 mean solar years ends upon the 527,410th day, and the sun in that interval recedes through exactly 20° 7' 39" 21"' 36"''. This was its precession between 1446 B.C. and 2 B.C.; but from that date it has fallen back 26° 30' 42" 26"' 38"'' by 1901 A.D. But the zenith of Bethlehem, over Long. 35° 27' west, and Lat. 30° 25' north is about the same, for corresponding seasons of the year—allowing some small compensation for the secular drift of the constellations themselves. Hence it will not be an impossible problem for astronomers to construct the exact aspect of the heavens, and emplace the solar system in its proper attitude thereto for the spring of 2 B C. by the aid of this cycle and its relative planetary periods. Such scientific astrology is both legitimate and promising and the Horoscope of that auspicious date would be of universal interest.

In this connection a generic question is, What star shone vertically down into The Well of the Magi at Bethlehem at midnight of March 28th, 2 B.C. and where were the planets at that moment? The solution of this question will furnish us with the Magian configuration and enable us to complete the

Horoscope required. (Page 12, Leaflet cxxxi.)

In this connection, the following, conveyed to us by Mr. Geo. W. Geissenhainer whose line of investigations we have already noticed in these Leaflets, is both interesting and opportune. Under date of Sept. 25th, 1901, he writes us: "You will understand the importance of the following, 5651 periods of Venus are 3476.5479 of the Earth; 3476.5479+3.141592=1106.6197, 1565+1106.6197=1.4143. Is not this reversing the number (5651 to 1565) and retaining its significance. Furthermore 3476.5479, minus 1106.6197, equals 2369.9282 which is

Calcsonhainer

1260 of Mars. Was such a combination ever dreamed of? Can it be simply coincidental? G. W. G."

Now the interesting feature of all this is that Mr. Geissenhainer has gotten tangent to the dominating cycle without perceiving it; and we reply to his questions: No it is not a mere coincidence, and these relations must have been known to the most ancient Magi (such as Enoch, Daniel, and particularly to all that are or ever have been spiritually, the sons of Issachar: I. Chron. xii. 32). When we first discovered the cycle of 1444 years of the Earth, we prefaced its publication by trying to set you all at work to solve it for yourselves (see pages 5, 11, 13 of this current set of Leaflets, Feb.-Mar. 1901). From Mr. G. in this connection and from others we have received quite a batch of memoranda upon the topic, so the exposition we have given above of the cycle itself is at last due. Let us therefore test Mr. G's. figures which are founded upon the approximations of modern astronomical tables, by the fundamental ones which appear in the following proportions:

	FROM THE MAGIAN			C	YCLE.	and Ast.	
2347 768	:	5 651	::	1444	:	3476.7976	3476.5479
768	:	1260	::	1444	:	2369.0625	2369.9282
3.141592	:	I	::	3476.79761	:	1106.6992	1106.6197
1106.6992	:	I	::	1565	:	1.4140	1.4143

Now similar proportions will reveal in groups the planetary agreements for any of the prophetic periods, and the very years upon the true A. M. chronology of the generations of Adam will be found to coincide with them as punctuations upon the scroll of History! What then? Why, it is but another confirmation of the statement that all things are weighed, measured and numbered, and that History is as much of a science, a fixed one, as Astronomy; and furthermore that Prophecy is equally as fixed a science! In other words, it shows that the Times and Seasons of Prophecy are correctly related to those of History through the Cycles of the Heavens. The latter were ordained of God (Gen. I. 14-19), and three terms of their complex sets of proportions were revealed by Him to the Prophets; at last man has worked out the fourth term by simple multiplication and division, and behold, he finds that his own History upon its proper scale agrees therewith. In view of such an array of infinitely accurate figures, all strictly scientific, what human mind can even faintly grasp the situation and fail to recognize the handwriting of his Creator upon the sky by its reflection in his heart?

Verily "By measure hath he measured the times, and by number hath He numbered the times; and He doth not move

nor stir them, until the said measure be fulfilled." (II. Esdras

iv. 37.) If this is grasped at all then it must be patent that we are at the end of this age, for this same Esdras (vi. 9), writes also that "Esau is the end of the age, and Jacob is the beginning of it that followeth." Now Esau is Edom, and Edom is the Turk, and Jacob is Judah and Judah is the Jew. Yea, and the hand of the Son of Man is betwixt the heel of Reau and the hand of Jacob (vi. 10). Watch, therefore, the Eastern Question, for it is the controversy of Zion. The sick man of Europe is ready to die, he is as willing to sell his possessions for a pot of red gold as Esau was for one of red pottage, and the modern Jew is quite as ready to purchase it as Jacob was to supplant his brother. Zionism is a tremendous sign upon the political heavens, and the Hand that comes in between the heel and the hand is significant of nothing short of the intermediate Second Advent of the Lord! No matter how much longer it takes Turkey to come to her complete end, nor how long thereafter it takes Judah to attain unto her complete beginning-in between the two events there must fall that EVENT with which the Millennium begins. So once again we warn certain groups that call themselves Adventists, but are not Adventists in that they belong to the Synagogue of Confusion, to give up their vain traditions and study Prophecy for profit, rather than for certain loss—or else they too will rue it when the heavens fall. failure of the majority of self-styled "Second Adventists" to recognize the Restoration of All Israel, and the resumption of God's literal kingdom over mortals, with Jerusalem as the Capital, and its Temple as the Capital for all Nations, is the phenomenal example of modern cecity or blindness. then needeth eye salve if they do not who take unto themselves the name that puts themselves at the very nucleus of self satisfied Laodicea? It were far better to deny it and be consistent in rightly dividing simple truth than to proclaim it and smash through the very bones of Time's Skeleton without regard to joints and the perfect figure of God's plan for Man's further progress. Why, some of their blind men tell us that the 1000 years are past, that the Kingdom has come and gone! Albeit Abraham has not yet inherited a foot of land in the land of Promise! They fail utterly to see that the "1000 years" are the 1000 generations promised unto Abraham's seed. They must all be future; and if Adam's generation was short of a single "day" of God by 70 years (1000-70=930) how long and perfect must be the Age-to-come! Just think a moment; 1000 "days" thereon at such a scale, will be 1,000,-000 years; how much longer then 1000 "years," and furthermore how vast 1000 "generations" / These people tell us that a "day" in Revelations means a "year" because it is a book of Symbols; agreed: but they take its 1000 "years" as literal and ended, or else reject them altogether! Their ways are all unequal, and their traditions are in vain. In so far as the first six days of Adam are concerned we are not yet at the termination of the Sixth; and the Sabbath seventh therefore must be future. We doubt not that by all prophetic analogy it will be merely the first "day" of Christ's thousand "vears." and serve to bond the Age-to-come with the one that has gone before. It will indeed be Joshua's Long day! but by no means end His "Thousand Years!" And furthermore, as he will be its Sun and Moon, to Israel and Judah, they will Symbolically stand still in him. But why enlarge upon such topics for their benefit seeing that they merely rend one for his pains, and that you who are spiritually of Issachar, and intentionally of Gideon's Band can follow up the matter for yourselves,

For important works wherein to obtain valuable and fundamental data as to astronomy, put both familiarly and in approximate mathematical exactness, if one shall rightly divide

the data, we recommend you to secure and study:

(a)—"The Origin of the Stars" by Jacob Ennis, published by D. Appleton & Co., 1867. It is one of the works to which we personally owe a heavy debt. We read it first while at West Point in 1872, and have reperused it often since; for instance we have read it once this very year 1901, and are on our second review: each time we gain a better knowledge of the universe in which we live and are "scotched" against the numerous vain theories of the universe that disturb our times.

(b)—"The Solar System, Roots and Powers," by S. C. Gould, Manchester, N. H. It is a pamphlet, but a *Multum in parvo*, and gives data wherewith to ampliment the discussion we have

originated herein.

(c)—Vail's "Annular Hypothesis," as an extension of the preceding and with a view to the elucidation of the Deluge. Unfortunately this work is out of print, but a stray volume may often be picked up in an Old-Book Store or found in a

Public Library. It is well worth perusal.

(d)—"The Genesis of Worlds," by H. H. Bennett, a recent work (price \$1.65) which we can procure, and are glad to recommend in this connection. It contains many novel points upon World-building, and the information it provides will serve to polish off and broaden the Astronomical concept derived from the preceding list.

(e)—H. Grattan Guinness' "Creation Centered in Christ," published by Armstrong and Sons, New York City. This work is a compendium of vast and valuable data upon Astronomy, and full of suggestions for deep thinkers. Unfortunately the

Author is all astray as to Chronology and its Messianic function; for he accepts the 3½-year ministry and forces his chronology to agree thereto, but his collection of facts is consummately well done, and his intention and ability are beyond question.

(f)—Finally to round your conception of the origin of human life upon this earth itself we earnestly advise your repeated study of "Paradise Found," by President Warren of Boston University, published by Houghton, Mifflin and Co. of Boston,

Mass.

It has more to say upon the "World that was" (Peter) or "The world before the Deluge" (Figuier) than any book on earth, and its reperusal is our constant pleasure. We believe that the truth is rare and rarely read. The world is prejudiced in favor of error: it is next to impossible to awaken its interest in any thing "new" that is true and therefore "old". It follows its chosen leaders, even further into the mire of its own confusion. Few there be that get wisdom, and fewer still that hold to it with understanding. We have experienced all this in our own line of independent investigation, and with its reception you are surely and thoroughly familiar. It is the same sort of experience that each of the authors we have referred to may have met. At any rate their truths and data find themselves stalled in the old book stores rather than on the racks of current readers. What they have evolved is so oppugnant to the current thought of the day that their labor is made to run in vain and seems to have been made in vain. A similar experience came near to making a misanthrope of even Solomon the wisest of men! Having done his best, and that superlatively well, he begot no sort of a reply and soured at the situation! And, if you can stand, and understand, the parallel. so will Christ even at the end of his millennium. For when Satan is released thereat he will win so much and so many unto the opposition, that the only redress will be to beat him out, and cast him into a far more conscious and age-lasting environment of punishment.

But to return to our topic, in advice to our friends as to what to post themselves upon before they "go hence and are no more seen." It stands to reason (such as we of Gideon's Band employ, in lapping the waters of truth) that; in this short life, whose only promise of a future subsists upon a faith well founded upon knowledge and conviction, one must study much to secure even a little that is safely true: and we have found that the works and authors that have satisfied our own thirst best have been such as were rejected by the world and its philosophers. Experience, even with such of my neighbors as reject proof and love to be fooled, to be lulled into error,

satisfies us that this is so. An independent thinker (we mean a logical and therefore a consistent, and so a sane one) accepts all the axioms and lives and works up to them—while to the other class even a climax ad absurdum fails to awaken their logical and personal mentality. We must confess that we have gained small respect for the "understanding" of our own generation of recognized "scholars" from such perusal of their works as we have given them: we have found them unfair, illogical, and dogmatic along every line, except the practical ones whence money comes from mathematical and mechanical results. We believe in wiping one's slate clean when his solution does not bring out the answer; that method was "revealed" unto us when we were a boy, along old-fashioned lines, and we are glad of it. It took all the higher criticism out of us and left us free to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest only what was solid, and that, it having been thus instilled into us, cannot be dissolved out of us by any elixir or nostrum of recent dogmatism. Why we had rather believe in all that Cotton Mather praught, and fought for, than swallow one per cent of what is palmed off as common fact by the D.D.'s who derive their chief authority from their own close corporations. The very stars in their courses condemn their folly, the arithmography of the texts they reject writes their doom upon the walls in terms explained by Daniel himself. The end of all things that offend against the Palmonic rhythm of creation is their utter dissolution. The Mystic Numberer (Palmoni) has crystalized the things that are into so sublime a whole that the light of its vast diadem is like the lustre of a single pearl white and trans-Let us treasure then such rays as we receive from such a source and preserve even them from an environment that treats all pearls of truth with wrath and scorn.

Such of our friends as desire to have a Jewish Almanac of the current year, 5662 M.J., whose first of Tishri was Sept. 14-15, 1901 A.D., will do well to send to the Block Publishing Co., "The Jewish Book Concern," No. 19, W. 22d St., N. Y. City, for their latest Descriptive catalogue. This handy little volume of some 90 pages contains such a calendar, and references to much Jewish literature. With this 5662d year their present 298th cycle of 19 years terminates, 298×19=5662: with Zionism looming up at such increasing strides, what a record then will be written on the next cycle against the blank pages its years will unfold. There is another little pocket pamphlet called the "American Jews Calendar." It is published by David Rubin 307, E. 94th St., N. Y., City, and may be procured of him for 10 cts. It contains no little matter that is col-

lateral to time from the Jew's own standpoint.

It seems to us that "The Kingdom of this World" does not become "Our Lord's" and "his Christ's," until after the

Seventh Angel has begun to sound his Trumpet (Rev. xi. 15, compare Rev. x. 7). Until that time Christ is seated on his Father's throne, and is not upon his own. He is to sit upon God's Throne until God has made his enemies his footstool, and until the Mystery of God is about to be completed during

the sounding of the seventh Trumpet.

It is only after the sounding of that trumpet (which includes the seven Vials) that Christ begins his own "reign for the ages of the ages" (Rev. xi. 15). Until then the Lord is as it were within the vail and acting in the capacity of High Priest, and his place upon earth is taken by "another, the Comforter." It is essential to distinguish between both offices, the High Priest and the King; in order to understand the times that are

applicable to each.

The Lord, as Melchizedek, is now acting in quite different capacity than he is yet to assume when the last enemy has been put under his feet. He and those that arose with him were but the wave-sheaf of the real harvest: the latter will be the resurrection of the Righteous dead, and the changing of the faithful living at his second advent. The Lord will then have left his Father's throne and have come down to take his own throne and Kingdom in its specific sense. Henceforth the Period of Ages known and anticipated as the millennium follows, and all the typical, punitive, preparatory and at least merely human periods end or merge into that one which is peculiarly his own and that of those with whom he shares it. It will be over human (mortal) beings-increased and multiplied out of the remnants of the nations that are "quick" at his advent, and survive its stupendous incidents; but it will be The latter are carried on by superhuman (immortal) beings. the ones who "neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels." While the former replenish the earth, under the new conditions, until it is subdued and brought into a renewed Edenic state. We must view the plan in its entirety as well as in the orderly and successive stages that complete it: and must not forget that the parts are similar to the whole in their own degree. The Father rules all things and Heaven in particular is his sphere. The complete suppression of the Rebellion of Satan, which began in these regions, is the broad matter that is at issue from this standpoint. It began in Heaven, pervaded down to the earth, and has long ago been put in process of suppression (wholly in Heaven from whence Satan has already been cast out, and already partially here below). The agents that take part in this restoration are as wheels within wheels according to degree: God, Christ, Immortal Human Beings, Angels, Mortals, Devils, Satan. The scene extends from the Highest Heaven, via the Earth, down to the Lowest Hell; but its active locality is now on Earth, with new and startling phases about due. Yet the final end is far away. For the theme is far more than a mere conflict yet to come—it has been the conflict of the Ages of the Ages; and through the Eons of the Millennium itself. and even beyond it into that dread and acute "Little Season" that succeeds, it may be contemplated as one of ages upon ages yet to come!

But the victory is all, and has always been and always should be, with the powers of light. It is a grand thing to be found upon God's side of the matter, and what a surprising one that God has left mortal man as absolutely free to take sides in the

matter and as exactly as if he were himself a God!

But this theme is far too sweeping to be dealt with save by a mere summary that may suggest some of its multifarious won-It cannot all be grasped at once; and any summary (unless one checks the force of objections that are all specious at their core, because only apparently against the solution) must fall short of truth itself. The best way to gain any fair conception of so grand an Epic is to let an honest one grow rich by "lying fallow" as it were. Do not assassinate any thing; "nor shall thou murder" any thing! What we need is a solution, the first step is to get a start, and a comprehensive matter such as this begins with God and ends with Him, the whole of it extends from Heaven to Earth and down to Hell, yes and back, over the same route! Our mortal point of view is Earth, and that of the individual is only a spot upon it occupied for but a moment! Why the topic compasses the whole Universe for all eternity, and shall a worm light up the picture with its own glow that exhausts even its vitality in the futile act? Or shall one mere glow worm undertake to put out another's light because for sooth he tries to pierce the gloom? Let each be true to all and add their little light together so that mayhap twilight may grow into Light itself. When the Sun arises we little ones will have small need of individual candles even to see each other !

But to come down to sources of light in the present dearth thereof: Among other books that we have read (and often reread, because of the good points that are their own, and that we have found nowhere else, and with perfect charity for what at present we still think are bad ones, and we ourselves may be wrong even as to this, and having read wish that all our friends possessed and were familiar with) is an old "out of print" volume entitled "Fallen Angels." It is by one Josiah Priest and one edition was published at Albany in 1839. If you ever run across a copy in an old book store secure it at sight and read it over and over. Its truth will survive, its errors cannot. From this book we got a better idea of God's plan than from all of

our perusals of Milton. The fact is, Josiah Priest took the same theme and put it into a prose that is full of rhythm as to the philosophy of Life. The very Heavens had their Eden, and the Lord God the Creator himself is the Redeemer—as the Old Testament states over and over again. The chief value of all such books resides in their powers of suggestion; they represent the best work of specialists; and cannot but broaden the information and sharpen the reasoning faculties of others; they reach the old book stores eventually because so few minds are really in earnest to find the truth, and the majority of minds are soon wearied at the concentrated attention they require. How satisfactory it would be, could our own little group but anticipate the glorious intercommunion of the days to come; and gather now and here and canvass all these topics book by book and so clarify our ideas upon the entire plan!

Agreeably to our hopes and his own plans "Jim" got back from the Philippines, and was discharged in time to arrive here on the Eve of July 4th. He was in fine condition, had fully enjoyed his campaign, and had no end of matters to relate: and brought back many interesting relics and souvenirs. After a week or so at home he was ordered up for examination and passed high up in a class of 32 at Fortress Monroe and thus secured a recommendation for the Artillery. Then came a long delay, but upon Oct. 1st he received his orders and is now stationed with the 88th Battery at Fort Trumbull, New London, Conn., my own birthplace, and where he reported upon Oct. He is now therefore a full fledged 2nd Lieut.. U. S. Arty., and we are personally very glad to know that at last again there is a Lieutenant Totten in the Regular Army. He is actually assigned to the very last battery that I myself belonged to, and I presume that I shall feel quite at home with him if I should find opportunity to run up there some day (only an hour and a half trip) to see how army life goes nowa-days. Here then with thanks for the fellow interest expressed by other Gideonites we leave the youngster with his prize, and feel confident that in the stirring days of the rapidly approaching military future he will undertake to quit himself like his tribe (Manasseh) is wont to do. You, my friends know full well that I believe both Ephraim and Manasseh are to stand shoulder to shoulder in the coming fray-well, the fraying will not be taken out of Israel's skirts: her battles will be providentially ordered by the same Great War Power that went before the hosts in ye olden times and has not grown older than the Ancient One has always been. We can all afford to be patient as the Battle develops along the lines mapped out for the plan of the ages—it is arranged for Victory upon God's side.

We are continually receiving queries as to Napoleon, 666, &c., as Antichrist. We believe that 666 plainly indicates Rome—first Pagan then Papal. It is a system rather than a personality, but since the Mohammedan capture of Jerusalem has never lacked centralization in the current Pope. There are to be but four empires before the Fifth, that one stands forever; and as Antichrist, the little horn of Daniel VII, lasts 1260 years nothing short of the papacy can fill its requirements—and the era is so nearly over that, since 1870 A.D., there can remain but few moments now to consummate the matter.

In the mean time we have no doubts as to Turkey being Edom or Esau and that Zionism is to be a prominent factor in the pioneering process of restoration. We do not however regard its present phase as the one that God will recognize. It rather seems to us that He will use it for what it is worth, and supplant it for what is worth more. In the old restoration Zerubbabel preceded Ezra and Nehemiah followed him—nor did Nehemiah finish the walls without a tedious exercise of military vigilance. So it will be in this far greater period of restoration. Perilous times? Why certainly, both according to the type, and the predictions of Moses and all the prophets. Edom is the end of the Age, and Jacob is the beginning of it that followeth after,—but Jacob must be schooled pretty severely even yet if we read at all correctly as we run!

November is a month of remarkable conjunctions, aspects and stellar configurations. Watch its incidents closely and keep track of its almanac. Something ought to happen.

Jupiter and Saturn will be in Capricorn throughout its course: Venus enters this sign on the 7th for the rest of the month: Upon the 14th the Moon enters that sign for three days and conjoins with Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn on the 15th; Venus then comes into conjunction with Jupiter on the 18th, with Saturn on the 19th and later on Mars comes into the sign of Capricorn on the 24th: finally on the 28th, or Thanksgiving day, Jupiter and Saturn meet in line; so as the month ends Mars, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn will be all together in Capricorn. Now this is a very significant sign in the heavens, as the sign of Capricorn is one that has, from the earliest times been held to be peculiarly significant. It is on deck now, and so are events, events of moment along all sorts of lines. Astrologists find occasion to make special judgments in these premises, but we are satisfied to find enough that is already remarkable in the premises without hazzarding specific risks at additional predictions. Our point is this: we live in wonderful days, and as the signs agree they may indicate more yet: of course there is to be much more yet, and the stars in their courses will be there—not to bring them out, or force them,

but to agree with them. God did not set the stars to do, or effect these things but to agree with them; they merely keep time or rather score the dates upon the dial of the ages, they do not force the score! Yet they may be read in advance for their law is rigid. The only, and thus the real trouble with previous readings as such is that they depend upon the reader and he may not have all of the conditions in his grasp. Therefore dear friends in all these things note the signs, and the signs in the signs, but beware of the interpretation; be willing to listen, but slow to agree - yes, and slow to disagree. Be ye ready, watching, and be safe against over-certainty yourselves: readiness is one thing, but to be "too previous" with one's own interpretation based on whether it is hope or dispair is quite another. Patience then among the watchers is the virtue that is chief among the chiefest. Watch so as to be ready, but go along about your own affairs,—so long as they will bear watching-without any extra frills. Of one thing you may be sure: that day will come as a thief and a snare upon all that dwell upon the face of the earth - be ye therefore diligent to dwell a degree or so at least above that plane, i.e., secure a point of view that is higher than the highest hills—Himalaya, for instance, was higher than 15 cubits above Ararat even at the Flood. There are heights and heights, and there is but One that can say unto us—Friend come up higher!

Hall Caine also wrote a story denominated "The Scape Goat." We have read it twice, but cannot feel that he has grasped the type, let alone understood the antitype. A Scape goat is not a "cat's paw," nor a scape grace, nor a shirk nor a go-between, the very gist of the idea is a free man; a man atoned for, although literally loaded with his neighbors sins he goes "wholly free." That is what Azazel signifies. The scape goat was sent out to the border land where no man dwelt so as to be safer from man's hand than even Cain was in the land of Nod. Every modern idea, whether it is in fiction or definition, of the Scape goat, seems to us to be the literal inversion of its plain significance. The goat that was slain, set the typical scape goat absolutely free and free means free. Barabbas was the fulfilment, Judah was immediately represented, all mankind through Israel were more broadly meant. Of the two goats at that awful assize Jesus Christ was chosen for Jehovah; chosen to suffer and atone—while Jesus, Barrabas, was elected to go free-wholly so; and Judah, and Israel, and all other men, their sins upon His head and forgiven, go loose, as loose as if they were set loose beyond man's habitations. What on earth does all this mean if not that Christ atoned on the cross, and man went free thereby? Why then upset the idea blazoned as the scape goat and make his life and character a vaster suffering than if he had been slain? If you take your neighbor's debt and pay it, and he goes free—is he free or not? Why of course he is an es-caped goat! Of course, you see it!

The survival of error is one of the most noticeable features in literature; like all sorts of mould, weeds, and moth, unless eradicated at sight it propagates at such a phenomenal rate that the whole plot is dominated by it and in due time lost. When a scholar knows that a common statement is radically wrong he should never tolerate even its reference in his presence; and least of all should he be guilty of employing it. For instance, the Olympiads did not begin in 776 B. C.; nor was Caesar assassinated in 44 B. C.; neither did Jerusalem fall in 70 A. D. The correct dates are 777 B. C., 45 B. C., and 69 A. D.; and even if all the text-books hold to the old dates in spite of irrefragible proof that they are wrong, it is a far greater wrong to transplant these errors into new literature. should false reasoning upon vital points be suffered to stand and confuse the simple minded: their fallacy should be ex-Take for instance the following summary posed at once. found at the conclusion of a long article upon the week day of Crucifixion, its object being to support the Friday-theory and disprove the Thursday-FACT. It appeared in the Herald of Gospel Liberty Sept. 26, 1901, and is as follows:

"Suppose now that the Lord was crucified Thursday. The first of the seven days of Unleavened Bread is thus Friday. Six days before that brings us to—Saturday. And the Lord arrived at Bethany on a Sabbath, thus journeying against the

law!"

This statement is ram-jam full of error and false reasoning, and thus as the conclusion of a long argument, its own defeat gives the case to the opposite side. The gist of the final argument is put forth in the question: "Would the Jews from Jerusalem flock to Bethany on a Sabbath to see Jesus and Lazarus?"

Now in the first place yes, why not? It was just as legal for them to go out to Bethany at the end of a Sabbath to see Jesus and take Supper with Simon, as it was for the disciples to walk in from there to Jerusalem after the ascension! Jesus himself led his disciples out "even unto Bethany" and subsequently the angel sent them back even "unto Jerusalem * * * being distant a Sabbath day's journey." What therefore is there of weight in this patent perversion of facts?

But the very foundation of the logic is erroneous: "Suppose now that the Lord was crucified Thursday;" granted he was so crucified. "The first of the seven days of unleaventheread is thus Friday": again, granted: it was Friday the Feast day, Nisan 15th. But the next sentence will not hold water—

"Six days before that brings us to—Saturday." Not at all; it brings us through Saturday and that to the end of the preceeding Friday; for Friday the 15th at sun down is the point from which to measure the six days and they run as follows:

Nisan 8 0 10 11 12 12 14 15

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 Frid. [Sat. Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs.] Friday.

Thus, traveling on Friday the 8th of Nisan, Jesus arrived at Bethany just as the Sabbath day came on: he did not travel on the Sabbath but right up to it, and his journey ended with the 6th day of the week. Now he could have pressed on a-Sabbath-day's-journey and so have come even to Jerusalem, had he so desired. But he rested instead, and those who came to the Supper that next night could have done so even on the Sabbath day and still been free from the law, and that is just what they did.

It is thus apparent that this whole antagonistic argument collapses with the riddling of its own summary. Do not suffer yourselves to be confused by such points. There cannot be any point to error any way. Just get right down to the matter and expose its fallacy. Finally in all such cases go to the Harmony, for instance, for this point, to § 591, page 245, Gospel of History, so as to refresh your minds as to what has been

proved to fit the case.





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