

Nature's Interior Unfoldings.

BY D. G. MOSHER.

No. IV.—CULMINATION OF GERMS.

The variety of modes of fructification and propagation by the various organized forms...

The seminal and ovarian germs of the male and female, are recruited from the surfaces of every spherical atom...

If a diverse male pair, are guided by pure love, will and wisdom at the time of sexual embrace...

The precreative organs, informers of the vegetable kingdom, are analogous in many respects to those of the animal kingdom...

Toplady, on Predestination, when speaking of those whom God had passed by, or left to pursue their downward course...

Stepping outside of Christianity, we find the theory that man started from a low point and is passing an upward and onward unimpeded toward the infinite source whence he received the beginning of his individualized conscious being...

Education of the human soul, as prompted by Christianity, resembles the tethering of a lamb in the midst of a beautiful and rich pasture, so that it cannot grasp anything, only such as comes within the reach of its tether...

The central idea of Christianity—faith—tethers the soul to the fossilized ideas around which it may revolve, and grasps all that comes within the circle reached by its tether...

The passions are a numerous crowd, Imperious, positive and loud. If they grow mutinous and rave They are thy masters—thou their slave.

Lechery, which is prompted by the lowest faculty in man's nature, and when uncontrolled, fills the world with misery, wretchedness and death.

Now, I shall endeavor to illustrate the difference between a mere organic compact of individuals, and a perfected organic form or germ.

An organic compact of individuals of the same degree and of the same species, is but a simple element or principle in the construction of a perfected "whole," or a perfected germ...

Perfecting organic forms contain all forms and degrees of forms of both organized and unorganized matter.

Mosherville, Mich.

Outside or Inside.

BY W. F. G.

"Can the cause of reform be best advanced by planting ourselves outside of Christianity as is done by free religionists, or by taking our position inside of Christianity, and giving to it a higher meaning than it has borne heretofore?"

The above question, discussed not long since by the Free Thought Association of Lake City, suggests to my mind the following thoughts: As there are two theories of man's origin, one of which assumes that he was struck off perfect from the mint of creation, stamped with the image of God; the other, that he has been evolved from the animal kingdom as a crowning work...

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No wonder that demons dire are pleased by theologians in all the avenues leading to knowledge to frighten their votaries back into the caves of ignorance, where faith abounds and Christianity reigns triumphant!

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WHY DOES NOT GOD KILL THE DEVIL?

BY JOS. HAIGH.

Why does not God kill the Devil, The curse of His earthly domain?

Why does not God kill the Devil— Why did he create such an elf?

Why does not God kill the Devil, If he is the author of sin?

Why does not God kill the Devil, And wickedness bring to an end?

Why does not God kill the Devil, If he goes about like a lion,

Why does not God kill the Devil? It does seem to me very odd,

Why does not God kill the Devil? I ask this great question once more—

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Cosmogony.

BY A. A. AVERY.

Now let us see what proofs we have to establish the fact of the earth's acceleration or approach to the sun,

Now let us see: Mercury moves in its orbit 109,767 miles an hour; Venus 80,000; Earth 68,288;

is now, and consequently must have been many times larger, and being less dense,

With all the facts of geology to teach us the process of world making, I would like to ask the nebular hypothesis school how it is possible for a body of a specific gravity one-fourth

Taking the view of creation (I use this word because the language furnishes me no more appropriate) how nicely everything fits in to the very niche prepared for it,

What a remarkable testimony in favor of this theory is the cleavayot observation of Stewart in N. B. Wolfe's work entitled, "Starting Facts in Modern Spiritualism."

Florence, Ala.

The Sun.

BY A. M. SIMMONS.

The mean distance of the sun from the earth, has, according to recent observations by some of our most celebrated astronomers, been calculated at 91,700,000 miles,

The sun's diameter is about 850,000 miles, and the period of rotation on its axis, 25 days and 8 hours.

The transit of Venus, in December next, and again in 1882, will, it is agreed among astronomers, settle the important question of the sun's distance, the determination of which, has ever been considered the grandest of astronomical problems.

Spectrum analysis with the aid of photography to record its discoveries, can scarcely be overestimated; combined they are destined to work some important changes in the system of physical astronomy.

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than 30,000 or 30,000 miles. Their spectrum is very complicated, especially near their base, which is very bright.

When we ask, what force imparts such wondrous velocity to this matter, we have none but speculative answers.

It must be remembered that 300,000 miles is nearly one-quarter of the sun's diameter, and as Proctor has shown, even a velocity of 500 miles per second has been recorded in one instance;

Then, what and where is the power? The theory has been entertained by the writer, that the magnetic forces of the solar system, cause all the phenomena of solar eruptions; and it is no longer a subject of doubt, but of absolute certainty, that these eruptions are magnetic storms, upon the earth have the most intimate relation.

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