

What, and Whence are Ideas?

BY D. WINDER.

In early life, I had a literary friend, an honored member of the medical faculty of Maryland, who, for some reason unknown to me, manifested much interest in my intellectual development, by furnishing me scientific books, and, on all suitable occasions, by drawing me into a discussion of some scientific or metaphysical question.

The importance of the foregoing lesson to me, in the investigation of religious and philosophical questions, can be appreciated only by those who have learned that no religious or philosophical idea has ever existed in the world, without having its foundation in some fact.

All the false theories of the human race are merely corruptions, or perversions of primitive truths; and all the crude and superstitious beliefs of the age are distortions of true facts.

If it be true, then, that we can not originate an idea, whence has the world derived the idea of a self-existent God, or creator of the universe? That this idea exists among all nations, savage and civilized, history amply proves.

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My reader should bear in mind that we live in an age characterized by the extremes of Materialism and while I admit the predominance of superstition among the ancients, by which truth was mutilated and deformed, I insist that there is a golden mean somewhere between the superstition of the ancient nations, and modern Materialism, where truth may be found.

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As the name of Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, is concerned, being one of those spurious epistles with which the church of the second century was flooded.
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ART.
Spring Exhibition of Pictures at the Exposition Building.

This very fine show of first-class paintings opened on the 6th, and contains numerous pieces worth long, careful study, and commanding the enthusiastic admiration of every lover of art...

Another Step.

Sometime ago we made a note of the fact that Hyde Park, Mass., had, after a stormy debate of those who had charge of the matter, admitted the works of A. J. Davis to the public library...

An Inquiry from Bro. J. M. Peebles.

Bro. Peebles, in one of his letters, asks the following question:
'Who is the author of those articles on "Death, or the Pathway from Earth to Spirit-Life"?'...

Capt. Brown.

We are in receipt of several letters inquiring in substance, if we are about to endorse Moses Woodhull's calling our attention to the fact of a recent notice of Capt. Brown of Iowa...

The Valcour Free Love Community

It appears from the Boston Herald that the noted Valcour Free Love community is now pronounced not only defunct, but decomposed, it says:
Wilcox, the main promoter of the scheme, has been out in jail by Shipman, charged with stealing \$70...

Letter of Fellowship.

The Religio-Philosophical Society granted a Letter of Fellowship on the second day of April 1875, to Dr. K. Cleveland of Oak Point, Washington Territory...

Another Humbug.

The Joliet, Ill., Republican contains the following:
For some little time past, quite a ripple of excitement has been caused in spiritualistic circles by the advent of the "Celebrated Materialization Medium" Miss Jennie Shollenberger of Chicago...

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Mr. Whitaker being so thoroughly convinced that he declared that nothing but a human face had been shown or could be and he was going to bed. And to bed he went more of a skeptic than before.
Shortly after, the Shollenbergers were shown to their rooms and the company dispersed.

Removing a Troubled Spirit.

The London Spiritualist gives the following account of one of Mr. Home's seances:
Mr. Home next passed into the trance state, rose from his seat, and went to a corner of the room, then he bent his arm, and appeared to be talking to some invisible person leaning upon it...

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your work in securing test conditions for us," and the whole room was perfumed with the most fragrant odor, reminding one of the "Balm of a Thousand Flowers."
Then another and another spoke of what they had received. And when the light was struck, which was immediately after the flowers ceased to fall, and such a sight no mortals ever witnessed, except those that have set in Mrs. Thayer's circles...

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Now, reader, these things are so wonderful that I know you will ask, "How can these things be?" To which I make answer and say, "I don't know the modus operandi." I only know the fact.

Bro. J. M. PEBBLES has several letters addressed to him in this office.

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Mrs. M. J. WILCOXSON's labor at Boulder, Col., were attended with great success. She is engaged for the next three months at Greeley, Col.

The Spiritualists of Milwaukee, celebrated the 31st anniversary with becoming ceremonies. Addresses were made by Mr. Baldwin, Dr. H. S. Brown, George Coffrey, Mr. Freeman, Mr. N. B. Smith, O. Prudner and others.

THEODORE F. PRICE lectured during the month of March, at South Bend, Indiana, and at Sturgis and other points in Michigan. He is now moving towards Toledo, Ohio.

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[Scrap from the Daily Iowa State Register, March 18th, 1874.]
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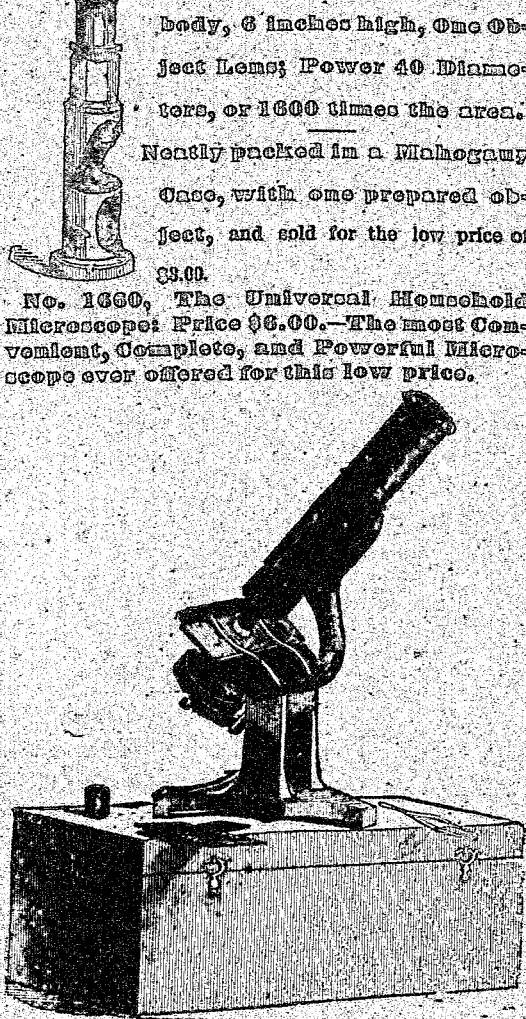
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