



THE ETHICS OF SPIRITUALISM:

System of Moral Philosophy.

By Hudson Tuttle.

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The worst form of tyranny, although itself given over to propensities, depends for its existence on the observance of the higher laws by those it governs.

CHAPTER XIII.

DUTIES OF SOCIETY TO CRIMINALS.

True government is the concrete expression of the will of society; practically based on the free consent of the majority.

A true republican government, is the expressed will of the governed; and its every provision must be for the good of the whole.

The Mosaic code, of an "eye for an eye," flourishes even to the present day, despite that Christianity claims to be founded on charity and love.

This must all be changed. Fear may prevent, it never reforms. It has held undivided sway and the result is not flattering.

There is a criminal class. They are human, but unfortunately constituted. They cannot be trusted.

The law and the theology on which it rests have no faith in man, nor belief in his immortality.

There is no law of moral duty written in letters of light, so that he who runs may read, it is the obligation we owe to the unfortunate, and the undeveloped.

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Under the present system, when a convict emerges from the gate of the penitentiary, does any one claim that he is reformed?

There are asylums in which the blind, by patient instruction learn difficult arts, and to read with their delicate sense of touch.

The prison should not be a rack of torture, but a school of reform. By this means life and property would be far more secure than at present.

If government attempt, as it does, to assure protection, let it make its assurance good. Now if a robbery is committed, the robber is convicted and sentenced.

The last crime we have to consider is the capital offense, which has been unflinchingly punished with death.

The sacredness of human life should be upheld firmly that even the murderer should not forfeit it.

If the death penalty is for the purpose of vengeance, or if it is for intimidation, hanging is too mild a form of execution.

Humanity can know but one duty in the premises. It may shrink from it now but the future is full of promise.

A Vision Literally Fulfilled.

Ed Richardson, a colored man who was stemming tobacco for R. R. Pierce & Co., had a vision which he related to Mr. Pierce's son and others a short time after Mr. Nicles was ascertained to have small-pox.

Mr. Moody on Ministers.

Moody says there is too much rottenness in the church, and he wants the church to wake up and purge it out.

The Prayer Cure.

A remarkable instance of cure through the agency of prayer is reported from Minnesota. Mrs. Vinnie Case, a young married woman, residing a few miles from Spring Valley, was, as she and the physicians supposed, dying from consumption.

THE GREAT SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT.

BY SELDEN J. FINNEY.

No sooner was the Christian movement begun to be wrought into outline than the disciples began to quarrel. (See Acts xv) And when that movement was organized, it was with creed and ritual.

When will our brothers in the churches recognize these verities? I am here with my soul and its faculties, aiming at the great business of being, not of imitation.

This great movement cannot be long misused without becoming stationary or retrogressive. Like one of its divinest powers, clairvoyance, its misuse is its destruction.

The spirit of this great movement has been well called the "Lex Magna of the Universe." It cannot be bottled up in a creed or a church any more than can sunlight or the magnetism of immensity.

I can conceive of no greater folly than to contrast the other life with this, as though the two worlds were antagonistic, and we must forego all enjoyment of the one that we may realize the blessedness of the other.

We can not run away from our sins, for they fix their consequences in the spiritual organism whose functions they pervert.

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Dr. Watson versus Dr. Edwards.

DEAR BROTHER:—I have just seen an editorial in the Northwestern Christian Advocate, published in your city, Rev. Arthur Edwards, Chief Editor.

I assert, fearless of successful contradiction, there is scarcely a phase of modern Spiritualism, from the sublime to the ridiculous, that its counterpart is not to be found in the Bible.

I need not stop to prove the identity of angels and men from the Scriptures. This is as clearly demonstrated as anything can be by Biblical history.

The "man" who appeared to Cornelius, telling him to send for Peter, is called an angel, for he was a messenger on an important mission—the breaking down of the middle wall of partition between the Jews and the Gentiles.

The "man of Macedonia," who came to Paul at night, was an angel, though not so called, for through his agency the Gospel was first preached on the continent of Europe by Paul, who, at his request, went over into his native country, and planted the church at Philippi.

We might mention Moses and Elias, who appeared to, and talked with, Jesus, Peter, James and John, on the Mount, with many others, but we must address ourselves to this queer document emanating as it does from church authority.

The first phase of spirit manifestations which our editor denies, is "that forms appear." He believes, I presume, the Biblical history, where, as I have shown, "forms have appeared under every dispensation of the Old and New Testament.

"O, consistency, thou art a jewel!" very rarely found among the clergy when writing on this subject. Hear our clerical expositor of the Advocate: "There is not a single performance in any one of the cabinets or dark circles in Europe, America or England which cannot be duplicated and explained as hollow and cheating tricks."

I have seen the same individual "in America," at the Centennial, while the gentleman medium was confined in an iron cage, come out to me, standing by me for some time, talking freely of our former meeting in London. His features are as strongly marked as any I ever saw, and when once seen, leave an impression on the memory that time can scarcely erase.

I have had many materializations in my library, where there was only a curtain hung up in the corner for a cabinet, with a brick wall on each side, and nothing behind it but a chair, the medium having been carefully searched before taking her seat.

I have had my spirit-wife hold the curtain up and call us to examine and see that the medium was there, all in the daylight. She has shown herself often in the daytime, in the presence of scores of living witnesses; has taken a chair and sat down by my side, talking as in other days.

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