

Oahspe, the New Bible.

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To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I have not been inclined to be partial to professed revelations and the various assumptions of spiritual authority put forth under a pretext of some divine commission. What may be obligatory on the faith or conscience of another is not for that reason binding upon me.

shall be: and being positive, was called He and Him. The All-Motion was his speech. He said, "I am." And He comprehended all things, the seen and the unseen. Nor is there aught in all the universe but what is part of Him.

ers. Libraries were also formed under her direction in several Illinois prisons, notably one in the St. Louis County Jail. A single incident of her life in Chicago will illustrate her work and influence. It was in the days of the panic. Suspicious looking men were seen lurking about a house where a large sum of money had been secreted.

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plained; and yet we are so constituted that no other's experience can answer for us; that is quite right and well. We do not live that other's life—we live our own. It is this very awakening to the consciousness that we have believed too long in the legends and fables of other people, that is agitating the thinking world to-day.

At this time the Supreme Being sent angels to the earth with his mandate to desert from carnivorous practices, to put away the worship of the four Heads of the Beast, cease from war, disband the armies, and have no God, Lord or Savior, but only the Creator, Jehovah. Those who obeyed should be called Faithfuls, and the others Unfaithfuls. It was in the thirty-third year of the new era that these "embassadors of the angel hosts of heaven" prepared and uttered this revelation: "To teach mortals how to attain to hear the Creator's voice, and to see his heavens in full consciousness, whilst still living on the earth." Hence "Oahspe."

"Mind"-Reading.

[New York Herald, Dec. 30.] A large company of gentlemen gathered yesterday in Dr. Beard's house, No. 52 West Thirty-fourth street, to witness experiments in thought-reading by Mr. Stuart Cumberland and Dr. M. Muscular P. Wilder. The experiments were conducted strictly from a scientific point of view. Varied tests were applied to Messrs. Cumberland and Wilder with the view of seeing how near it was possible for so-called mind-readers to indicate a locality thought upon by a subject. A three-foot rule, finely marked into fractions of an inch, was spread out on a table. Two brass artificial fingers terminating in small pointed needles were placed upon the fingers of the thought-reader and the subject. The latter fixed his eye upon the rule and thought upon a particular notch. Then Mr. Cumberland took hold of the instrument and laid the finger which wore the brass subject upon the rule. The needle slowly traveled across the rule until it stopped. The gentleman said that that was exactly the spot he had fixed his mind upon. It was a point indicating the sixteenth part of an inch. Many similar experiments were conducted by Dr. Beard. Some of them failed, but the majority were surprisingly successful, and demonstrated to the expert thought-reader in contact with a subject could indicate any almost infinitesimal point upon which that subject has fixed his mind. Much surprise at this result was felt by the scientists present. Dr. Beard, in a conversation with a Herald reporter made the following important statement with regard to the so-called "mind-reading": "What is commonly called thought-reading or mind-reading is, in reality, muscle-reading or body-reading. Several points were proved to-day by our experiments. In the first place, nothing was found or indicated unless there was bodily contact by the subject taking hold of the hand of the operator. In the second place, we found that the operator did not know what was thought, but only where it was. This is all that mind-readers or muscle-readers can do. We have demonstrated that a person who in the normal state is not a good muscle-reader would succeed very well in a trance, although, perhaps, not as well as men like Cumberland, Wilder, Bishop or Brown. The philosophy of the art is this: Muscular tension of the subject, and the relaxation of the locality on which his mind is thinking, and the relaxation which takes place when that locality is reached. A good operator like any of the men I have mentioned can quickly detect alike this muscular tension and relaxation."

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