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A SEARCH AFTER GOD. Does Design in Nature Indicate the Existence of a God?

SUBMITTED. A halo round his head, Like one who is transfigured...

"A thing of little worth - Long ago since, - gave he 'I was - Mistaking what was more effect for cause."

"Upon the ultimate I could but dream and speculate; Then sit me sady down - or work and wait."

"On feverishly I wrought, Quarrying out in deeds my thought; But found a phantom in the good I sought."

"To be - I knew not why - To think I was, and then to die - What after that came next? That knew not I."

"No human history - My toll and struggle to be free - Tans dimly self expression unto me."

"As one who hath been sent, Taught blindly, to and fro I went - Knowing not even what my message meant."

speaking either. There may be a God such as Christians and Mohammedans generally accept...

Positivists. Oh, yes, it does. John Stuart Mill has taken a grievous injury in saying that August Comte propounded a religion without a God or a future state...

Positivists. We know nothing of the beginning of things. It is beyond our ken. So far as we know, matter and force are eternal.

Positivists. Ob, I speak in a popular way of course. We want what Mr. Huxley called the 'plain people' to understand us.

Positivists. So it is. All gods are idealizations of man himself. They are man-made. Every attribute, with two important exceptions...

Positivists. We know we live upon this earth. We do not know that we shall continue our personal consciousness after death.

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The modern theory, however, at which we seem to be tending is, that light, heat, electricity, Hisself, are only forms of motion, and that death is merely the cessation of motion.

WHAT WE BELIEVE. I understand you do not believe in a Personal God or a great First Cause.

said he knew the mind of Nature in his day, and was the best fitted to talk about God...

IS THERE AN EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF A GOD?

The worlds of space! The suns, stars and comets that float in the ethereal realms of the Universe, in constant motion, traversing the paths designed them, and dancing to the music of unseen forces...

Man works with two hands. His eyes guide them; his ears are servicable in various ways; his sense of feeling, too, aids him materially.

1. There is a design in the works of art, hence a designer. 2. All designers that we know have two eyes, two hands, two legs, etc.

Remember Those in Prison.

POST OFFICE, CARLISLE, ILL., NOV. 17, 1870.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL: Please to instruct me from the Postmaster General...

REASON: In the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill.

Poor fellow! If his parents had had the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL to read, instead of the catechism and other theological works...

Lyman C. Howe.

This distinguished trance speaker has been occupying the rostrum at Music Hall the last three Sundays, and we are free to say that he has nobly sustained the reputation that preceded him here.

He called at our office the other day, and was immediately seized upon by the angels of the higher spheres, who entranced and held him for nearly an hour...

Attention.

Missing numbers will be sent on request. Errors will be corrected as soon as discovered.

ANOTHER FAILURE.

It did not require the presence of a prophet to foretell that the half-drawn aspirants to leadership, who had attempted to foist a second State organization upon the Spiritualists of Illinois...

In number six of the JOURNAL, we published their call for a ratification, and in the same number we emphatically predicted the failure which did transpire on the day of their meeting.

The Benevolent Fund.

All remittances made to this fund will be accordingly applied to the sending the JOURNAL free to poor widows and orphans who may desire to read it.

Benevolence Brings its Own Reward.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 16th, 1870. BRO JONES - I am a stranger to you, but not to your JOURNAL.

REMARKS.

DEAR BROTHER: - The amount of the indebtedness referred to was six dollars at the time of the decrease of our good friend.

Letter from Sylvester Butler.

BROTHER JONES - I sent you fifty cents for your JOURNAL three months, which I enclose this week.

Bene, Ohio, Nov. 13th, 1870. REMARKS: - By 20 means, my brother, you shall have the JOURNAL.

TESTIMONIAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL: Will you be so kind as to allow me the use of year columns, to make known to the sick where they can be cured.

I had been suffering mentally and physically, for many months. I was nearly all the time covered with a cold, clammy sweat, - indignation and general debility rendered me incompetent to attend to business.

The presence of the sick person is not required, unless convenient for them. The treatise patients wherever they may be - simply by receiving a lock of their hair.

The November Meteor.

Professor Newton, of Yale College, writes to the New York Post as follows: "On the morning of the 14th, six observers counted 123 in four hours and forty minutes."

It seems that either the earth had not reached the margin of the great meteor stream by earlier than Monday morning, or else that the stream itself, while for several years has been crossing the earth's orbit at a velocity of about one hundred thousand miles an hour.

Religious and Social.

-Judge Edwards, in preparing a difficult case for Court, and being in doubt in regard to the best course to pursue, on looking up from his papers, he saw three spirits, two of whom he knew, Chief Justice Marshall and Chancellor Kent. They had all come to assist him.

-Henry Ward Beecher says: "I believe that the great realm of life goes on without the body very much as it does with the body. And, there he says, the mother is not only the guardian of her children whom she loves, but forces that had accidents and evil influences threaten them, but draws them back and shields them from the impending danger."

-Charles E. Read, the physical medium, writes: "I am having very fine successes. Crowded houses greet me everywhere."

-Those who desire the services of Dr. J. K. Bailey can address him at Balnebridge, New York. His permanent address is box 594, La Porte, Ind.

-Our brother, Warren Chase, writes to us as follows: in reference to meetings in St. Louis: "We commenced our meetings for the winter in Lyceum Hall, on the southeast corner of Fifth street and Washington Avenue, October 6th, when they will be held every Sunday, at half past ten in the morning, and half past seven in the evening."

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Mrs. M. J. Wilcox... Philadelphia Department.

Philadelphia Department. What shall we do to be saved?

We shall present our readers here with an original poem by Brother T. L. Harris.

Mrs. A. H. Robinson, Healing, Psychometria and Business Medium.

NEW BOOKS. THE PSALMS OF LIFE, A COMPILATION OF PSALMS, HYMNS, ANTHEMS, CHANTS, ETC.

The Michigan Association of Spiritualists holds its Fifth Annual Meeting in the city of Marshall.

NUMBER THREE. We have seen a few of the things that we can do to be saved on the physical plane.

THE SOURCE OF POETRY. No mortal man can comprehend the power that measures out bright thought.

Mrs. Robinson, while under spirit control, on receiving a lock of hair of a sick patient.

THE PSALMS OF LIFE, A COMPILATION OF PSALMS, HYMNS, ANTHEMS, CHANTS, ETC.

Mediums for writing on the slate are becoming quite numerous. In this city are two children in whose presence writing on the slate is produced.

It remains to be seen what aid his mental powers will give him in this.

Through unknown galaxies their path is laid. Where spheres are haphazard and beams are made.

Of herself she claims no knowledge of the healing art, but when her spirit guides are brought.

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Not one but many angels cast their light Of spirit thought, and breathe ethereal delight.

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THE LYCEUM GUIDE, A Collection of SERMONS, HYMNS, AND CHANTS.

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TOGETHER WITH PROGRAMMES AND EXERCISES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou, who has been lecturing at Joliet, Ill., has received a call from Champaign, Ill., where she will deliver a course of lectures.

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WANTED—THE UNIVERSAL LIFE IN DEATH, by Mrs. L. Lovinger.

It is a striking fact that what are called the great benevolent societies of the Church are organizations for the propagation of theological doctrines.

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2nd.—Make an incision, opening the flesh from joint to joint, extract the rick and pus, clean the bone, and heal by dry and sure process.

3rd.—To absorb the pus by medicinal applications, cover the cords at the knee joint, straighten the leg by force, leaving the foot to pass through the leg with a stiff knee...

"Come hither, Jesus." And the lad came to us in the perfect use of his limbs. The crooked leg is straight; the withered and shriveled thigh is full, rounded as plump as the well one, the gurgling pus gone...

"What say you, madam?" "I have only this to say. I did not see the spirit. My wife says she sees, hears and feels, at times, what you call spirits. I know the child was a helpless invalid when he went up to his bed with his mother, and came down healed, sound and well. You see him as I see him. I did not heal him, nor had any living physician anything to do with his case. My wife healed him."

"Madam, did you heal this boy in and of yourself?" "No sir, my dear, now a spirit, through me, healed this, my child. I was the instrument, and I have my eye seen or felt the influence of this spirit, your father, on any other occasion than this."

"Yes, several times. Once he came to me and told me to take my sister out of the convent, and I did so, and I strove to, through his, the healing of my son to the Spirit World, and myself as the vital or living agent used by them."

"Are there other cases in which you have felt this power, and healed the sick?" "Yes, I was in Missouri this summer after the healing of my son, and there was a little child with whom I was visiting a child who had falling fits, and had had them for several years. While there, this child had one of these terrible fits. I felt this wonderful power within me, took the child in my lap, passing my hand over its head and face, and from that time to this, the child has had no return of the fits. So writes one of its parents."

"What do you prefer to say to them?" "They say it is the work of the devil, and that he does these things to deceive me and cause the loss of my soul."

"Do you believe them or the spirit, which?" "I believe the spirit, and shall continue to believe them."

"And in my soul I rejoiced and thanked God that I am free from a Christian, and that I had lived to see these things."

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