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> > The matter-form no progress proves: But shall the soul of God-like man Be no exception to the plan? Shall we, who have delfic force, Aspire to run no higher course? Ave, let the mind expand and grow. Beek wisdom, love, and truth to know, Of thoughts that mingling sweep along Those gems which only tend to give A luster to the lives we live. Let friendship then our souls inspire Till love consumes with heaven's fire That relfishness we fain would leave; Then shall we to our neighbor cleave. While Justice, Honor, Mercy sweet, The prayer of earth be heard on high, And echoed back from cloudless sky The hope of ages then shall be Assured by Reign of Charity.

MILLENNIAL SUN-RISE PAPERS.

GENTILE PREDICTIONS OF THE ARCH-NATURAL MAN-

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T is well understood by those familiar with the growth of religoious ideas in Humanity, that a "Scripture" or written "Word" containing revelations of moral and spiritual truth existed anterior to the most succent of the Jewish Sacred Writings, and was revered in the pre-Mosaic and pre-Abrahamic times. While in eras still earlier, antedating by ages the first written scripture, oral Revelations were given, beginning with the first receptive types of mankind. The human race is far older than modern generations yet surmise, and the Hebrew Scripture is not, by many removes, the first Bible of mankind.

The early portion of the Old Testament was compiled, at various times and by different scribes, from these now extinct Gentile Scriptures. Reference to them is occasionally made in the Hebrew Bible, viz: "The Book of the Generations of Adam;" "the Book of Universe. Jasher;" "the Book of the Wars of Jehovah;" and the "Enunciations.

All transcripts of these earlier "Words" have long since been lost, unless the assertion of Swedenborg he one day verified, that fragments of this Primitive Revelation are still extant among some of the pastoral tribes of innermost Asia.

The creation of these vanished Scriptures of peoples long extinct was as follows: The Poet was of old the Maker. He was the Seer and the Prophet. He uttered the oral Revelations, and He wrote all the Bibles of the past. The leaves are not more surely shed from the trees than every Scripture has been shed from the Poet's heart and brain. The "Words" were the children of the Muses. Theology in its origin descended as a song: just as the first chapters of Genesis came as a poetic vision of the Creative work. Revelation is to the Poet first of all, because the basis of the poetic faculty consists in a certain fineness of temperament and mental structure; a keen sense of individuality; a sure sympathy with nature in all her processes: a deep instinct that things are born. live and grow, and are not merely made; and a yearning to be evolved into the harmony of Life, and to yield the soul to its expression. Then the impulse to love and adore, mounting in the quickening of the individual life, and taking expression in the heart's prayer to the felt In visible for communion and communication, clears the mental field from earth-born images, and God shines

They through whom Sacred Writings are evolved are never pas sive men, never respectable conformists, never sleek time-servers. The energies and vitalities of their structures oppose the efforts made to model them into acquiescence with the prevailing forms of religious authority, and hence they are considered by pedants and pietists of their own day as exceptionally and superlatively the children of the devil. Such was the verdict passed upon Jesus by the religionists of Judea. Such was the verdict passed upon the men of our own time in whom the spirit of Jesus pre-eminently reappeared the Emersons, Parkers, and Garrisons, who re-wrote the Eternal Scriptures of Truth and Humanity. They were pronounced by the formal Respectability of every sect and church, including our own,

as out-and-out, and through-and-through, the servants of Belzebub! The Sacred Words of the Past are according to the genius of the people, and therefore diverse. As to their literary form they partake of the vagueness, the infirmities and egotisms, the partially savage, and in some respects immoral, character of the Race-mind or Tribalmind where they appear. The Scriptures of the Arabian, the Hindoo, the Parsee, the Israelite, are all subject to this law. Slavery Polygamy, Concubinage, the denial of the most sacred rights of woman, cruelty to helpless captives, and savage wars of extermination

are found unrebuked on their pages.

As by a sublime law Scriptures are born, so by another law of removal, when the uses for which they are given are fulfilled, they disappear, taking their place among the things that have performed their function, and so must pass away. Like all other human productions, the present Hebrew Scriptures are subject to this law of growth and decay. They will gradually recede and pass away, as the older "Words" before them receded and passed away. They will slowly resign their position of Supreme Authority, and other, fresher Scriptures will take their place-less Oriental and foreign. less antiquated and strange to our modern modes of thought; less liable to misconception; more valuable, because they will meet the wants of the recurring hour, and answer the needs of mankind where the Jewish Writings throw no light upon subjects we man have light upon, if our civilization is to endure. It is the way of God to build up New Scriptures for New Ages. The New does not come to destroy, but to fulfill the Old. Every prophecy is the avowed harbinger of a loftier prophecy; every fulfillment of a riper and higher fulfillment. Throughout the long epochs the good is supplanted by the better, the better by the best; the fountain flows into the rill, the rill pours into the river, while the river disappears at last in the fullness of

The primitive Aryan "Words" or Gentile Scriptures of our early forefathers have long since disappeared-shattered into myths or swathed in the poetic foldings of the subsequent classic and vedantic literatures. The Word-Poem or vision which remains to us in the form of the cross; who would be scourged, tortured, and lastly the first portions of Genesis is the outcropping of a Gentile Scrip- having suffered all evil, would be crucified." Plato learned his theture, of which the last, faint vestiges are retained elsewhere as broken relics of traditions—the shadows of shadows, so worn, so wasted | ical, crucified, virgin-born Hero, long anterior to Christianity, as a from their original, as to elude the search of the most careful adept in philology.

But though these primeval, allegorical, and mystic Gentile "Words" have vanished, still legends and traditions, however distorted and misconceived, linger in the human memory, and are treasured up from the ruins of remote ages as precious pearls of truth and gems of wisdom. These venerable myths and tales, sacred relics of immemorial age, retained and revered by those who constituted the Pagans and Gentiles of Asia, furnish abundant evidence that in the most remote antiquity deeply spiritual ideas prevailed of the relations of God to Humanity, and His successive revelations to mankind. These fragments and torsos of a perished Gospel, these "broken lights" from heaven, when rightly seen, coincide with and illustrate what is revealed in the Hebrew Word concerning the coming of the Divine Teacher into the world.

The then far-off event of the one actual Advent is the burden of these old prophetic strains. It was an article of universal faith. given to and cherished by all peoples. It was incorporated into worship, embodied in symbol, and refers itself beyond the remotest t was an event heralded by the anticipations of all nations; hinted

from the beginning as a consummation of Eternal Providence. From

fullness of time, as the fair Ideal and Inspiration of human nature, by which the heavens were made." were taught and received in forms, types and symbols at first pure and lucid; but gradually growing perverted, clouded and dim. Thus was the Brahma of the Hindoos described in the vision of the Seer as becoming incarnate in Christna for the uplifting of man. Prometheus is a like personification. So is the Mythras of the Persians; the primeval Boodha of Central Asia; the Horus of the Egyptians; the Adonis of the Syrians; and the labors and painful exploits of he Son of Jupiter, among the Greeks. The source of these mythol-

ogies was a primitive Revelation common to all the nations. These Avatars and Incarnations of the Gentile Myths were not written, nor at first interpreted or understood, in any literal sense whatever; but solely as allegorical predictions, prophetic types and oreshadowings, having reference to the descent of the "Son of Man" into the world, when the fullness of time should come; and mystiions. It was only in after ages that the true figurative and purely symbolic meaning of these sacred myths, which date themselves back to the first morning of the world, was lost, and they themselves perversely misunderstood as romantic or classic fables, rather than inspired foretellings of the coming of that

To which the whole creation moves."

Not only was the coming of a Spiritual Redeemer prophetically an nounced and taught from the earliest generation of man, but many of the strange and supernal experiences connected with the evolution of Him who was to be the manifestation of God in humanity, and of humanity in God, were also definitely predicted and revealed. Students of history have long known this. They have seen that the facts of the conception and birth of Christ, with most of the historic incidents and wonders related of the Founder of Christianity, are found to be the same as those told of the Solar Man or God Man of the Gentile religions, long ages prior to the Advent. Theologians have not known what to make of this parallelism. One of the old Fathers of the Church (Tertullian, pronounced it an invention of the devil, who, knowing what would be the wondrous incidents attending the introduction of the new faith, infused into the minds of the framers of the Gentile cults the same ideas, in order the more effectually to combat and subvert the coming Church. This explanation is vastly more complimentary to the devil than to Tertullian. Skeptical writers have wielded these teachings of the Pagan Mythologies as a luminous proof that Christianity is built upon a "stolen myth," or without even originality.

The mystic teachings of Egypt, Arabia, Chaldea, Plienicia, India, Tartary, have each their Divine Man, virgin-born by the sunbeams or "breath of God." All the mythologies of mankind recognize incarnations or Sons of God. The Jesuit Father Ripa thought that Satan had created the Buddhist religion on purpose to confound the Catholic Church. The votaries of this venerable creed number nearly one-third of the human race. It has the dogma of the "Real Presence," the Madonna and Child, the invocation of the dead, monasteries and pilgrimages, baptism, penance and confession, celibacy and tonsure, relics, rosaries and holy water. It has a Pope at Lahsa who never dies, his spirit being transferred, at the moment of bodily lecease, to another living tenement who fills the Papal chair. This unique election is one which the Junior "Papa" at Rome has never been able to rival. This ancient church has also a large assortment of miracles, which it furnishes fresh and new-not canned and stale. as church miracles generally are. Its traditions go back to the founder Buddha, the Son of the Virgin Maia, who conceived him by a ray of light. His birth occurs on the 25th of December. He is subject to dire temptations and grievous labors. He is the Mediator between God and man. He descends into Hades to teach souls in bondage, and abridge their torments, and he then comes forth into glorified resurrection, clothed with divine power to rule the

The Astro-mythology of the learned Pagans, which was originally the Word of the Lord "writ large" in the heavens, taught them that rom a chosen virgin should be born a Holy Child who should finall deliver the world from sin. According to the early traditions of the Chaldeans, Egyptians and Chinese, the time of the Advent was astronomically foretold to be when, by the precession of the equinoxes, "Aries should change place with Taurus, and the great star (or comet) of the Virgin appear in the East." This was the star that led the Sages of Persia to Judea. The very corner-stone of the Asian religion is Cyclic Incarnations. The Spirit links Himself with the duality of matter and soul in the creature chosen for that purpose. when humanity touches its point of lowest decline, and One is born who uplifts and restores.

In some of the sacred books of China, which have been translated ve have a record of the coming of the Hero or Divine One, his birth by a virgin, his low estate, his public teaching for three years, his suffering for the sins of the world, resurrection, ascent into heaven, and coming to Judgment. To this being they gave the name of 'Shepherd, The Most Holy, the Universal Teacher, The Supreme Truth. The early Jesuits in China were aghast at thus finding in the Mythology of that country the counterpart of the Gospel nar-

When King Ptolemy, three centuries before the Christian era, saw the priests of Egypt annually celebrate the nativity of a Virgin-born Babe whom they presented in a cradle to the adoration of the people, and demanded of them the significance of this mystic rite, they told him that it was a symbolism that had been taught to their forefathers by a Prophet. Among the Gauls also, previous to the appearance of Christianity, a festival was annually celebrated to the honor of the Virgo Paritura; and long before that event was fulfilled in outward nature, festivals were held throughout the western world by the Pagan races in honor of it.

The time of the Advent was also known with definiteness by the illuminated Sages of the Orient. The Jewish Sibylline Books, composed in Egypt, and which were circulating among the people at the birth of Christ, predicted that "when Rome once rules over Egypt. then will the greatest of the Kingdoms, that of the Immortal King, appear among men; and a Holy Lord shall come who will rule all the countries of the earth, through all ages, as time flows on." In the year when John the Baptist appeared, the Egyptian priests announced that the Bird known as the Phœnix had once again been seen. Originally the mythic emblem of the sun, it had gradually ome to be regarded as a type of the Cycles of Humanity, appearing at regular intervals to consume itself and rise anew from its ashes—in mystic sign of the end of one great world-period, and the opening of

Meanwhile the Sacred College of the Imperial City confirmed what vas announced by the Priests of old Egypt; for while the Egyptian consoled himself, amid the oppressions of the dark Tiberius days, by that there are six million Jews scattered over the face of the fond belief that the Mysterious Bird was about to bear away the expiring age, the priestly College of Rome reckoned that the great world-year was about to end, and the golden age of Saturn to return. According to the Augurs, the ninth world-month, and with it the reign of Diana, had closed with Cæsar's death, and the last month, that of Apollo, had begun.

Confucius taught his people that "The Holy One should appear in the West;" and the time was so particularly described by the conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn in the constellation of the Fishes that the Chinese government, during the earthly lifetime of the Ontcast of Nazareth, sent an embassy to Rome to inquire if Augustus was the Holy and expected One who was to consume away the evils of the world. Being soon undeceived as to the Roman Emperor, the embassy returned homeward and reported failure. But he prediction was so explicit that the Embassadors were ordered o revisit the Rompan Empire, and renew their search for the lookedor Redeemer. They did so, but in the meantime the brief years of the public ministry of Jesus had ended with the Crucifixion: the events then happening in the obscure and isolated province of Judea failed to obtain their notice, and China became Buddhist instead of

Plato spoke of that "Divine One who was destined to appear at some certain period of time and impress himself on the Universe in ology in Egypt and the East, where Pagan Mythology had its mythsymbol of the coming Reality. It was a Universal Mythos. In the Bhagavad-Gita we find Christna saying to Arjuna, "As often as virtue declines in the world, I make myself incarnate to save it." These sacred myths speak to a finer sense, which the children share with

The one Truth of a Divine and Perfect Man coming to Earth to transmute its evil into good, is drawn from a primeval revelation common to all mankind. It is found as a common possession in the remotest antiquity under the names of Christna, Bacchus, Mythra, Horus, Orpheus and Balder. In India under the name of Vishnu or Savior, He was worshiped as the great "Victim Man, who before the worlds were made, because there was nothing else to offer, offered Himself as a Sacrifice." In the Bhagavat-Gita, a religious poem of the Hindoos belonging to a period anterior to Abraham, is found as clear a prediction of the Redeemer as that in Job or Isaiah.

To our ears, unaccustomed to Pagan prophecies and anticipations of Christ, it sounds strangely to hear that Zoroaster, the founder of the Magian faith, taught the Ancient Persians to expect a Divine De liverance of man from the oppressions of evil, and left a command to He was born 551 years before Christ. He says of himself: "I can spiritually dead, and of the beastly order, by the children of God history and traditionary period, to the earliest history of the world. the Magi that when the Sacred Child appeared they should go and not bear to hear myself called equal to the Sages and the good. All who retained it. "For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they offer him their symbolic gifts of gold, frankingense and myrrh

in the side-long glances of all religions; reflected in the pretensions | runs the Zoroastrian prediction: Fin the latter times a Child shall of demigods; openly foretold by prophets: and seen by the wisest be Divinely generated, and when He is borna Starshall appear shining in the day-time. Ye. my sons, shall first of all people see this the most ancient times the truths of Universal Religion, in relation Rising Star. When ye behold it, go the way it shall lead you; worto the One Sinless and Perfect Man who should be revealed in the ship the new-born Babe and offer Him your gifts. He is the 'Word'

But the value of Jesus to the Race is moral. It rests on no myth. however old, prevalent and revered. It does not stand or fall with the virginity or wife-heod of Mary. If He came into the bosom of mankind in accordance with the ancient foretellings, yet was His birth in no true sense, miraculous. The miraculous is the impossible. No miracle can get foothold in the Universe while law is law and God is God.

There are two kinds of birth in Nature. There is the propagation of individuals of the same species on the same plane, which is birth from generation; and there is the birth from evolution, which is ascent from a lower to a higher plane. In the former, the Creative Spirit acts through finite parentage; in the latter it operates directly. New types of being are always thus evolved from lower nature on the maternal side, and from the All-Vitalizing Power on the paternal. ally announced and promised thus upon the tablets of all the na. The lower species is always the basean which the higher is built up. Thus comes the plant from the mineral, the animal from the plant, the human from the animal, and the Arch-Human from the human species—born of the brooding Spire of God and of our human nature, with no finite fatherhood between; producing thus a Divine Life capable of complete at-one-ment with the Supreme, yet with no miracle. because in the full stream of causative law.

The leading items of Christian belief, the whole story of the Incarnation, the expectation of the Messiah, the announcement of the angel, the conception of the virgin, the birth at midnight in a cave, the name of the immaculate mother, the appearance to shepherds of the Celestial Host, the visit of the Magi, the flight from the persecuting Herod, the Slaughter of the Innocents, the finding of the Divine Boy n the temple, the baptism, the fasting and trial in the wilderness, the conversion of the water into wine, and other like marvels, the triumphal entry into the holy city, the passion, the crucifixion the esurrection and the ascension, and much of the teaching ascribed to the Savior-all these are variously attributed also to Osiris, Mithras, Iacchos, Zoroaster, Chrishna, Buddha and others, at dates long antecedent to the Christian era. And monuments and sculptures long before Moses, taught to communicants and celebrated in numberless colleges of Sacred Mysteries.

Those who stake their religious hope upon the verification of an sistorical Christianity have indeed ground for dismay when they behold in the sculptured remains of remoter times the efficies of the ike events, the crucifixion of Mithras, the infant Horus in the arms of an immaculate mother, the resurrection of Osiris and the ascension of Heracles: until they come to see that the Central Figure of the Gospels, being himself an Adept in the religious science of Egypt, acually repeated in his own earthly experience the Sacred Mysteries revealed and foretold under so man; forms in the Gentile books of prophecy, mythology and religion; and was himself the mystic fulfillment of them all. Thus the events ascribed alike to Osiris, Zoroaster, Crishna, Mithros, Pythagoras, Buddha and Jesus, have not, n the Gospels, been plagiarized from the older Oriental Scriptures. but have been lived in the actual history of the Perfected Soul who ollowed steadfastly the Divine path as the Savior of Men.

The Materialism of the day, unable to solve this riddle, concludes hat the history of the Man of Nazareth is a tissue of fables framed to accord with the old mythologies. Just the reverse is true. The old mythologies were written because they were to represent the evolutionary experiences in the life of the Son of Man. So far from being ascribed to Christ by Alexandrian Epopts, because written in the ancient myths, they were written in the myths because recognized by the eye of the Seer as one day to be ultimated on the material plane. In the Divine Order the picture of the fact precedes the fact. Those ancient myths or prophecies are declarations of unimeans whereby he can be lifted to the plane of higher evolution.

their own faith had so long taught. It explained the prime symbolism and highest mystery of their creeds. It contained the universal exmeet in all those fine and subtle allegories of demigods and heroic of the universe, which no mere mortal may interfere with. souls which mythology describes, are fulfilled in the Carpenter's Son. Prince and serf, philosopher and peasant, found here the eternal subtraditions. The coming of a Sinless Hero was the common faith of ous, appears in the oldest modes of worship.

And when the long-expected One appeared, it was not only by the children of Abraham that He was looked for. At Rome also He was awaited: and in the frozen North among the Goths; in China; in India; and in Central Asia, where, upon the dogma of Periodical Incarnations, all faiths were founded. Zoroaster had taught as he had learned from the High Brahmins of Upper Asia, and Zoroaster's disciples, the Magi of the East, following the Star which he had foretold, were the first to go and worship at his feet.

> (Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT.) IESUS BEFORE REFORMERS.

No man puts new wine into old bottles, nor mends an old garment with new

7ZESUS has been classed by some modern writers as a Reformer, with Moses, Zoroaster, Confucius, Buddha, Socrates, Mohammed, amends, restores to a former good state. All founders of religious systems declared their own mission, if they had one, and from their the character of their inspirations, the quality of their illumination, and the scope of their life work.

Moses, a Hebrew, was born in Egypt and educated in the royal amily, according to bible chronology, about 1500 years before Christ. seems well supported by his subsequent career. Aided by continuous prophetic inspiration, under implied Divine direction, he delivered his people, without bloodshed, from a foreign yoke of servitude, a national polity which continued fifteen centuries. It is estimated the earth, a majority of whom acknowledge his authority. The popular historic Christianity of the nations since the time of Constantine. 330 years after Christ, is a mixture of Secularism. Mosaicism or Indaism and Christianity, with the self-denials of Christianity and the mortifications of the Mosaic ritual left out. Its best accomplished result is an enlightened Theism and partly illuminated Rationalism, which bridges the chasm between absolute Heathenism and unadul-

Zoroaster, the Persian Prophet, is said to have taught about 1300 years before Christ. He too gave a religious ritual and law to his nation, and a philosophic account of creation, claiming a visionary illumination and commission from the Gods of his country so to do. He taught a moral system, a spiritual religion, the eternal distinction between good and evil, and confession and repentance from sin. He avorable to virtue, on various races, over vast regions and long peiods of time." The Parsees of India, driven out of Persia by their Mohammedan persecutors, and numbering about 200,000, and the Guebers, of Persia, numbering 800, are the modern representatives of his system. They are characterized as a good, moral, industrious, onest, sober, chaste, law-abiding people.

Mohammed, the Prophet of Arabia, flourished between six and seven hundred years after Christ. He too claimed prophetic inspiration and revelation, and a Divine commission to destroy idolatry, and to re-establish the worship of the one true and living God. He acknowledged the missions of Abraham, Moses and Jesus Christ; but gaining a few followers by persuasion, he resorted to violence, in self-defense, and from that time forward spread his doctrine and authority by force of military arm, and killed his enemies with the sword. His leading idea of God, gathered from his reported savings and writings, seems to be that of Power—the Creator and Supreme Potentate of the Universe, ruling, like an Eastern despot, by arbitrary will, craving homage, and extremely jealous of encroachment on his prerogatives. The number of the Prophet's followers at the present day, oniefly among savage and unprogressive races, are reckoned by some writers at 150,000,000.

The remaining Reformers of this notice claimed no especial Divine commission, nor inspiration, nor authority beyond that of their nat- must be capable of reasoning and judging. ural genius, and the dictates of reason and judgment. [The proposed limits of this article will not admit of a full account of the doctrines and comparative merits or demerits of the various systems referred to, though it would be an instructive study.]

empire and taught veneration for ancestors and Ancient Wisdom.

Sages, and instruct men without weariness therein." Again he says: "Faithfulness and sincerity are the highest things." "When you transgress, do not fear to return." He wrought a great moral reformation among his countrymen, and the wisdom embodied in his teaching is regarded by them as the highest test of excellence in character. A thorough knowledge of his writings is required of all high officials, and is also made a test of scholarship. His doctrine is said by some to be the leading religion in that populous empire.

Pythagoras, called the Samian Sage, was a Greek, and founder of mystic school of philosophy. He was born 584 years before Christ, and was contemporary with Confucius, Buddha, and the Jewish Prophet Daniel. He traveled extensively, visited India, spent twenty years in Egypt, and studied under Egyptian priests. He founded a community of his disciples, practiced vegetarianism, lived a celibate life, and cultivated magical powers. He was a radical reformer whose plans succeeded best while he lived to direct them. He taught the sphericity of the earth and its revolution around the sun, and was a discoverer in mathematics.

Socrates was a Greek philosopher, born about 470 years before Christ. He was the prince of debaters, and a Teacher of morals. He was attended by a spirit guardian who warned him when about to go or to do wrong. In other respects he was guided by his own sagacity, and professed to be a seeker after knowledge.

Plato was a disciple of Socrates, and succeeded and exceeded him as a Teacher. He amplified and perpetuated the instructions of his master by committing them to writing, and it is supposed that he added of his own. He became a power in the world of philosophic thought which for centuries dominated the cultured intellects of extensive populations. Though he taught simply as a philosopher, from intellect, he has been called "The Divine Plato."

Luther was a German, and John Calvin a Frenchman, both of whom flourished about 360 years ago. Starting with the aim to reform abuses in the Roman Catholic Church, both landed in a selfcomplacency and self-assertion but little less authoritative than that of the Papal See, which they opposed, and ended in confirming things already old. Yet their work was important, for it weakened the binding power of a corrupt, tyrannic, and unscrupulous Ecclesiasticism. They opened the way for further division and subdivision which followed in "the kingdom of the Beast," till there was such a distribution of power among the people that freedom of thought and liberty still exist showing that the story of the Divine Man of the cospel was, of conscience finally became possible under a worldly civil government, such as we have in these United States of America.

> All true Reformers accomplished a degree of good—each in his vay—some more than others, but all falling short of the perfect work. None of them except Buddha so attacked the root of the evils which afflict mankind as to destroy its vitality, and most of them do not even touch it. Their remedies, that are remedies, consist in restraining some tendencies, and cutting off excrescences, and consequently their work has ever to be repeated; it is never final. They all deal with man as a part of the system of universal nature, subject to its laws of ordinary generation, growth and decay, from which he is not to be extricated; and their methods leave him under the power | the old testament to animals. According to Macnight the ancients of the elements, and the rulers of the mingled light and darkness of this world.

Whatever their individual practices may have been, the forces and passions of natural generation, which lie at the base of mortal existence and this world's social order and institutions, with their evils and good, by continual reproduction of individuals, mere Reformershad neither authority nor presumption to interfere with, further than to check abuses, and, so far as they knew or were able to limit the operations thereof to orderly channels and purposes.

Generation was ordained to sow the earth with natural offspring. Reformers not commissioned to harvest the world were not given to see beyond this veil which bounded and limited the order they were appointed to regulate and improve—that is all except Buddha, who

This veil of natural generation, which limits man's faculties, versal import, founded in the nature of man, and setting forth the forces of the world, by dominating his affections and will, blinding his | thought-directing, permanent purpose, shaping one's course to wellperception, captivating his reason, perverting his judgment by ap-The phenomena have been many times prefigured and foretold, but peals to his love of pleasure, and compelling the weaker party by stronger, no mere Reformer, that we know of, dared raise hand or The remarkable eagerness with which the Pagans embraced the tongue against to smite it down as a principal cause of offense, New Gospel, when it was first presented to them, can best be ex- nor against the social relations clustering around it. They regarded plained by the fact that it was exactly the One Grand Truth which it too much as a legal, moral and natural necessity, to think of dispensing with it. Indeed, the idea of forming society upon a bases which makes no provision therefor seems to be commonly reckoned perience which interprets their partial ones. The conditions that absurd. It is regarded as an integral principle of the natural order

In this respect the Prophet of Nazareth declares a mission and a purpose above and beyond all others. He claims to be the Son of aionian life to the world—that he can do nothing of himself, but humanity—the birthright-myth of all races—the one grand dogma what he sees the Father do—that he came not to do his own (self) which, under forms symbolic, mystical, and often grotesque and hid- will, but the will of his Father who sent him. He says, "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me." "I spoke not from myself; but the Father who sent me. He gave me commandment what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His comme, so I speak." "I do always those things which please Him." Scriptures quoted are from the Em phatic Diaglott.]

What does he do? He rends the order of the world from top to bottom and rejects it entirely, turning it upside down. He says: 'Think you that I came to give peace in the earth? I tell you nay; but rather division. From henceforth there shall be five in one house divided; three against two, and two against three." "A man's foes are those of his own household." "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. Every house and every city divided against itself will not stand." Hence this division in the natural household brings that order of life to an end, or to desolation.

He says to his disciples: "If ye were of the world, the world would love its own; but because I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." The Greek word here rendered world is kosmos, which means order arrangement. The order of this world is to marry; to possess relations springing from that connecdoctrine and the effects thereof on the lives of the people, we learn tion, and to own private property to sustain those relations. These constitute the earthly man's treasure, enchain his affections, and immerse his heart primarily and chiefly in the interests and pursuits of this temporal life. Jesus reverses this order of things. "If anyone He claimed a Divine commission, received at eiggty years of age, which | disciple." No language can be more direct and positive. "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking goodly pearls, which, when he hath found one pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." "Be not anxious what ye shall eat or led them out of their enemies' country, gave them laws to restrain drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed, for all these do the natransgression and guide them in religion and morals, and established tions seek after. Seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these [needful] things will be added to you." "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

The foundation of the present order of the world, and of the coninuance of its kingdoms and institutions, and of the heavens built thereon, is natural generation. The Lamb of God and his followers, constituting "the remnant of the women's seed who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus," (Rev. 12:17,) are slain from this foundation, being cut off from it by the testimony of Jesus, and slain by the cross of Christ, that they can not build thereon. How can those who are dead to the world engage in the propagation? To suppose they can, is to contradict the gospel, and involves a contradiction of terms. Hence we read that the 144,000 who stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion, City of the Living God, having his name, (i. e. character), and the name of his Father written in their foreheads, are virgins, not defiled with women nor with men. They are without fault before the throne of God, and they folmust have possessed extraordinary genius, for he "left an impress low the Lamb wherever he goes, being always in his presence by likeness and similarity of state. These were able to make themselves eunuchs, spiritually, on account of the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 19:28.) These terms are alike for all.

"The children of the world (aion, age) marry," which is so evident that it needs no attestation. "But those accounted worthy to obtain that world (aion) and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry (at the present time) nor are given in marriage, but are (at the present time) like the angels." As the disciples of Jesus are not of this world, they must be of the class who do not marry; or if married, when they hear the gospel call they must forsake the husbandand-wife relation for Christ's sake and the gospel of the kingdom of claimed a later and superior commission, superseding theirs. After heaven, where all are loved impartially and treated alike, as brothers and sisters in Christ. Not because marriage is essentially sinful or longs and still continues, but because it is incompatible with, and an redeem those who are ripe for the harvest.

"Neither can they die any more," refers to spiritual death, and is paralleled by his saying to Martha, "I am the resurrection." "He that believeth in me, shall never die." The absolutely dead can not believe nor know anything. In order to believe intelligently one

The resurrection, (Greek anastasis, literally, standing again, from ana, again, and stasis, standing), properly means a reinstatement in transgression. God breathed into man's nostrils the breath or spirit Confucius was a Chinese Sage and Moralist, who traveled in the of lives which made him superior to the beasts of the field. Those who have lost this spiritual inspiration by transgression are accounted that can be said of me is, that I study with delight the conduct of the are the Sons of God." Jesus said to them again: "Peace to you.

As the Father sent me, I also send you." Having said this, he

breathed on and said to them, "Receive yea how spirit." Though there has been from very early times a general belief in a resurrection of some kind, Christianity is the only system which places that bel ef on a rational basis by giving the doctrine a spiritual interpretation. In this form it occupies a prominent place in Jesus' teaching. Yet owing to their feeble comprehension, and expectation of a physical resurrection, a knowledge of the true dawned on the disciples gradually after they had been baptized with the Holy Spirit. The resurrection precedes the judgment, and proclamation of the aionian gospel, because this loss of man must be restored, and ne must have another trial, with knowledge of consequences and what he is about, (Rev. 14:6 et seq.) before any decision can be arrived at concerning his final destiny. For though all human souls may be finally redeemed, for aught that revelation shows to the conrary, it is as evident as that God is just that there will be a vast diference in the beauty, glory, order, honor and efficient capacities of ouls, according to individual effort, and degree of attainment.

Again Jesus reverses the order of the world when he says, "You know that they which are accounted to rule the nations, lord over a them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so with you. Whoever will become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever among you will become first, shall be slave of all." And thus it will ever be in a true Christian community.

The world says, "Self-preservation is the first law of nature." Hence the order of the world is, to love its friends and hate its enemies—to oppose violence with violence, hets with hate—to exact eye for eye and tooth for tooth, rendering eyil for evil. But Jesus says, "Render good for evil." "Bless and curse not." Do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use and persecute you, that you may be the children of your Father in heaven, who rains blessings upon the unthankful and the evil. If thine enemy hunger, feed him, if he thirst, give him drink." ... "Woe unto you when all men (of the world) speak well of you. Blessed are ye when men (of the world) revile and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake and the gospel. Rejoice in that day and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

For so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." He thus takes away the old order of things, and teaches that it necessary to die in order to continue forever living. He requires sacrifice daily on the cross of that earthly, carnal life which builds and perpetuates that order, and promises a pure, perfect, eternal, spiritual life, of which himself and messengers are the bearers, and a new, heavenly order in exchange. "He loving his life, shall lose it." He hating his life in this world, shall keep it unto life aionian." The latter is received in exchange as he puts the former off.

The word here translated life, twice in the fore part of this speech, and in all the parallel texts in the four Evangelists, is not the same as that in the latter part, which is zosen, the proper Greek word for life. The former is psucheen, literally soul, and is ascribed in regarded the soul as the seat of appetite and passion, and of course the source and center of animal desire and sensation. Its life exressed in the animal propensities is distinct from, and in its corrupted, self-seeking state is opposed to, the manifestation of the Divine Life of the spirit-germ which emanated from Deity, and intelligently connects the human soul with the Infinite and Eternal. Soul-life comes up from the earth; hence Jesus said to the Jawa

who opposed his soul-illuminating testimony, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above. Ye are of this world, (kosmos); I am not of this world." The Divine spirit-germ which confers on man moral discernment, conscience, rational understanding, judgment, and cognizance of infinite and eternal things, came down from above. It is frequently referred to as soul; but unless distinguished from the animal soul and seat of the propensities—which Jesus teaches that we must hate and put to death by denial, if we would escape involunlinks him to the animal creation, and subjects him to the natural tary death and gain the perfect, endless life-it awakens no defined, predetermined results.

The life of that Holy Spirit which spake in Jesus, of which he anthe events happened, and could happen, but once in the history of sheer force or subtle craft to minister to the pleasures of the nounced himself the mediatorial giver, (see John vi), and which is now coming down from heaven thron ing resurrecting life to the world, when received in its fullness, causes the Divine germ, which is of kindred nature and origin, to spring forth and expand, (as does the vegetable creation in the genial breath of vernal skies), till it assumes entire control and clothes the creature with a brightness like that of the woman clothed with the sun. The creature under its direction, by voluntarily forsaking the Old for the New and Supernatural Life, becomes a New Creation, wherein all old things, such as marriage, carnal affections, carnal relations, selfish property, have passed away, and all things relating to life, its

Such a New Creation on earth bringing the angelic life down to mortals, requires a new kosmos, (world), social order, environment, such as exists in a community of united and consecrated interests, spiritual and temporal, wherein can be exemplified the impartial, Universal Love, of which Jesus said, "By this shall all men know mandment is aionian life. Therefore, as the Father has spoken to that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another." It will avail nothing for any to say this is impracticable doctrine, for I have tried it fifty years, and hundreds have proved it within a century, with many and various dispositions, and we know whereof we testify.

Jesus announced himself the Messiah foretold by a long line of prophets, who, in connection with the Mosaic economy, prepared the world for his recognition and acceptance. His claims were so extraordinary that without such previous preparation and attestation his testimony could not have been believed. It is but little heard even now. In this respect he is not paralleled by any other Messenger or Teacher, if we except the first-anointed Mediator of Christ's Second Advent—said Advent being a revival and continuation of his First, with the added increase due to advanced conditions, both in this and the spirit world, and in the elements of human culture and intelligence. This advance we think is owing in the main to the new powers and principles set in motion in human nature by the operations of his First Advent. Again, in the revival of his work, after it has been counterfeited, falsely interpreted, misunderstood, and trod under foot for many centuries, both the apostacy and the revival being foreseen and predicted by Jesus—also in the sudden springing p and marvelous extension of his plant, after it was seemingly crushed by his violent taking away and becoming invisible to the world—are to be seen evidences of a mission perfectly unique.

A HASTYGRAPH.

o the Editors of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT: HOPE my articles are not too many nor too long. It certainly grieves me always to write and send you no subscribers. A greater grief to-day is to tell you of the death of another! and very near neighbor to Mr. Webster, who passed from our sight a year ago. In his removal your list was not weakened, as the family continue the paper, and have even sent you still another name. Yesterday the earthly remains of Mrs. Eliza Ann Morrill were entombed; but I trust her subscription will go on as before.

We do not talk much of Death in THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-PHOUGHT. To-day, the advanced thought of the intelligent world is, that there is no death to humanity; "The Dead are like the stars; by day

Withdrawn from mortal eyes: In glory through the skies."

So sang Bernard Barton, a Quaker poet, an English Whittier. oorn more than a hundred years ago. The world is much wiser now han then. Science is already revealing mysteries that make immortality not a mere possibility, but probability. Less than another century will make it assurance. And then men will wonder more t the self-complacent Agnosticism of to-day, than we now wonder at the Christian witch-hanging and burning-alive, so long practiced in both Old England and New! Death as now dreaded and suffered shall yet become obsolete. We were made to be free: to perfect ourselves in Freedom-to subdue matter to spirit in the name of that Omniscience and Omnipotence that sleep in the stone, dream in the animal, but wake in the man-will ere long wake up in man. and work in the spirit of man; and shall work till matter is conquered by spirit, and present chaos and our night are cast out as the unclean demons of two thousand years ago. Surely we need not talk much of death, even now, in our WORLD'S

ADVANCE-THOUGHT. Our friends disappear, but do not die. I did not tell you that Mrs Morrill had died. To our imperfect sight she condemned in the generative order on the animal plane, where it be- disappeared. And our apparent loss is great. O, very great indeed! This generation, I fear, knows not many such as she. Her husband obstruction to, the spiritual or aionian life which is descending from and two lovely daughters preceded her—the former an eminent physician—several years since. But her shining example and sacred motherly influence can not, will not, be lost on the two surviving sons—both in professional life. Holding them all as I do, having known the family for more than half a century, I should like. that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he with your permission, my dear Mr. Editor, to close this with the beautiful benediction of the Scottish bard pronounced upon them:

"When, soon, or late, they reach you coast, O'er life's rough ocean driven,

A Family in Heaven!"

PARKER PILLSBURY. Concord, New Hampshire, November 3, 1838.

WHEREVER the true Soul-Communionist may be, be there ever so

THERE is a Spirit of Each, and there is a Spirit of All, and above

much evil around, the transforming force will be at work.

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HOW MESSIAHS ARE ANOINTED-WHAT ELECTRICITY IS.

MESSIAH is spoken of as "the Anointed One." In the spiritual sense this is far from being a mere "figure of speech." To spiritually anoint is to actually and practically apply a vital force of higher life and greater potentiality than had before been experienced by the one anointed. While this process is invisibly if not imperceptibly in operation at this time all over the world, the higher vitalization being dispensed to those who are spiritually prepared to receive it, the realization to the recipient being according to the degree or state of recipiency, there have been a precious few in the long stretch of ages of human experience on this planet -Special Cyclical Radiators of Light-to whom the dispensation and endowment has been as vivid and realistic to the external sensibilities ("unutterable" as interiorly felt) as would be the pouring of "substantial" oil on one's head. Aye! in spiritual anointing the vital fluid is more sensibly felt, as it graciously flows down upon the head and over the body, thrilling with New-Life sensations all the being from the soul outward. Only translated souls are witnesses. The evidences to mortals of the impartation of the power will be its manifestation, first in their souls, and then in changing environments. In Past "Advents" the cotemporary generations failed to recognize "the Comings," and humanity, as a race, have not yet comprehended them, though individual souls have; and when this point is reached there is another advance, another Divine Messenger. And so in cyclical successions inflow the life-waves that evolute everperfecting instruments for the expression of the divine attributes of Love and Wisdom, the animating principle being gradually withdrawn from the existing formal expressions to serve the purposes of the higher order. The fossil remains of ancient life-forms, of monstrous and destructive structure, that are used in the colleges to illustrate the science of paleontology, are post-mortem evidences of this truth. The forms and conditions that are now dominant in this world-self-assumption, in individuals, churches and nations, the arrogance of wealth and position, and every form of wrong and injustice-must perish, as did the life-expressions of the primal ages under the advance of higher life conditions. Though absolutely irresistible in their perpetual progressive movement, the spirit-forces operate mercifully upon negative or opposing conditions: the approach is signaled by advance-lights on the Divine side, and by timely premonitions from the Nature side: by the silent influence of Messiahs, the voice of Prophets, the instructions of the Inspired, and by convulsive movements and intellectually unaccountable phenomena uponthe material planes. When voices are heard where there are none to-speak; when pieces of metal enlarge and ensmall without mortal agency, or entirely disappear; when a delicate central piece of a watch is so twisted out of shape that an intelligent force not human must have been the cause; when messages of warning or advice are received from mysterious sources; when the airy imagery of the dream become actual occurrences,—when such evidences are within the experience of the many, it may be known that the Transforming Power has begun its work. Then think that what is possible in the minute is possible to an unlimited extent! Know that such evidences are not alone for the ones to whom they are given. Ye who are witnesses must now bear testimony. Dwell not on the signs, but point to the Light. Boldly make proclamation that this present world must pass away-that it is passing away-and that only enough of it will remain to be, like Egypt's monumental pile in the midst of solitudes, a warning and monitor to other races coming on in their evolutionary order that all for them too must perish but the

It is impossible for the Divine Attributes to be realized by cirtue of or through any system of formal worship, or through the deepest and most extended studies of external nature, for the clear reason that Divine Truth, being Love and Wisdom potentialized by junction to creative being, of necessify precede these. Until the consciousness rises above effects it can not understand causes. What is called "the inductive philosophy," or the method of reasoning from effects back to causes, fails in the spiritual field, or is incom pletely concluded, by encountering a New Life condition. Human reason terminates with the limitations of time and space, for it is of them. But with the hope that a Promethean spark may fly from the soul into the mind of some one who has not yet received the Light, we will move further along the shadow side of, and closer to. the twilight zone that brightens as it onward stretches into Unilight or Perfect Day.

Good and the True.

To say that positive electricity in its relation to negative electricity is the same as a/higher spiritual consciousness in its relation to a lower spiritual consciousness is not stating complete truth, but it is suggestive enough of truth to direct the intuitive scientist to the full truth. Our solar center or the material sun is electricity, and as such it is the EXECUTIVE AGENT throughout the solar system—all formations and transformations being MEDIALLY possible through electricity; but the INTELLIGENT DIRECTION is centered in a Spiritual Sun, which is invisible and uncognizable to the mento-physical man, and forever will be.

The fundamental error of the electrician, resulting in the insufficiency of all his theories, is in looking into matter for the Force-Centers of electrical action, where they are not, instead of looking for them in the realm of spirit, to the materially imponderable and intangible, where they are; and this, seen by unerring soul-light, his own experiments demonstrate. For instance, in the case of two balls "oppositely charged" and suspended from silk threads, here a more intense vital condition comes to absorb or indraw and make a component part of itself a less vital condition—analagously to the higher spiritual thought drawing to itself as growth-elements all that is harmonious with it in lower spiritual thoughts-and they merge into a single sphere or electrical field. This field represents A UNITY OF SPIRITUAL INFUENCE, and the soul or Force-Center of this unity must be somewhere in "empty space" outside the now united halls, for had it been in either before the mergement of the spheres. within those lines it would have been confined, and the power and intelligence would have been lacking in the intervening space to induce the junction; and in this intervening space, as a necessity of equilibration, must be the new Center of Force, there must reside the Soul-Principle.

so, as we have before said, there is a soul of each, there is soul of all, and over all is the Soul Supreme. The earth has its own "clectrical field." which is the compass of its intelligent will-force as a sentient being; but it is included in a still wider "electrical field," and is therefore subordinated to still higher electrical conditions—of the exact nature of which itself is only beginning to awaken to consciousness. And, subordinated to the planetary electrical conditions, all things are contributory, each in its own special field or sphere, to the earth's evolutionary progress, all harmoniously, though unconsciously, combining in its acceleration. Thus telegraphy, electric illumination, steam locomotion, and all other human activities, as well as all "natural" activities of earth, air and water, work in unison exactly as directed and required by the Planetary Mind or the intelligently-combined Aggregation of All-subject, however, to the Parental Solar Influence.

The movements of matter in their relations to spiritual energies are only apparent. Negative electricity, as assumed by the scientist, does not exist. What are called electrical repulsion and attraction are but the contracting and widening of homogeneous electrical radii or fields, on the frontiers or outer lines of which matter-forms appear; ter-forms being the outer expressions of these states. If the real | the earth.

Force-Centers were in what the scientist recognizes as matter, all the universe would be matter-massed, and there would be but one kind of matter-an infinite tomb of infinite death, if such a condition may be imagined.

The life-forces flow in from the positive or masculine side of Creative Energy-from the formless and absolute as intelligence in essence—and are projected back from the negative or feminine side in specific and time-qualified forms, these forms being responsive to spirit-germs seeking higher unfoldment as the result of a progres sive impulse acquired in previous time-limited existences. Thus all forms, from smallest individualizations to the revolving worlds, are the results of temporarily arresting the eternal and unconditioned spirit-forces for the purpose of producing an infinite series o special expressions of the One Infinite Intelligence, so unfolding germination and development, involution and evolution, as the uni versal "plan of salvation." The full truth is expressed when we add that essentially distinct forces are not to be understood by what has been said, but One Force in dual or self-counteracting operation. Jesus, the seed-form or spiritual germ that was to unfold and sympathetically attract to itself all humanity in a Unity of Love-the rapidly multiplying souls of which Unity are now awaking to conciousness of their oneness with the Divine all over the world-was an open channel between the Infinite Source of Light and the yearning Mother Love of Earth-the necessary negative condition for the involution or absorption of the Light-and therefore partook of both sides of the Divine Nature. "I and my Father are one." His was a Perfected Soul, involved in the fecundating conditions of the natural humanity to divinely unfold and increase its kind, after the manner of the germination and unfoldment of the natural seed when in volved in the quickening chemical conditions (so called) of the soil

The reader should now be prepared to accept as altogether ra tional the statement of truth that a World-Changing Messiah, or Cyclical Radiator of Light, is one who comes or is sent to the earth (an "Advent" is a necessity of the cosmical movements) soul-conditioned to be electrically charged with the life-essences of a higher plane of being, of a more advanced state of spiritual consciousness pon receiving this charge he [he-she] becomes the type of a New Life subsisting basally upon an Old Life; and then the New Life will elevate and transform to its own superior nature the Old Life. The infusion of the New Elements is a gradual process; but the consummation is culminatory, like the bursting of the bud into bloom. The correspondent of this spiritual process in nature is the sap ascending by over-attraction from the roots to the top of the

All beings of the universe, individually and collectively, are bound by the reciprocal law of mutual support, a truth which makes clear to the ordinary comprehension the reason of the rule given by all Illuminated Teachers against selfishness-which is deathfully restrictive, the life of the soul being measured by the universality of its sympathies. And it also explains why inventors have not een able to utilize that "mysterious force" of which we have recently heard so much, the existence of which some eminent scientists are said to believe in. As we stated in the second issue of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT, that force will only respond to the inocation of the spirit-man, of soul, and for the general good, because t dominates a wider electrical field than human beings, as such on the selfish and animal side, are interested in. The more diffusive a spiritual force, as manifested through its own peculiar electrical currents, the more potential it is; and it never concentrates at any point save to volatilize, or expand to its own degree of universality, all that is assimilative with it on that plane—in result a complete transformation. The Sun's electrical field, for instance, [the Spirit Sun is meant, of which the material sun of the scientist is but the reflection], includes the whole solar system, and within this com pass (though itself dominated by another, in whose constitution enters, as all things within our solar system are potentially focalized in it), it is the Supreme God. Thus the effect of impregnating the lower conditions of being with the life-essences of the higher is to uplift to the plane of the latter and integrally absorb the essenti qualities of the former, their non-essential qualities falling to a still lower plane-exactly illustrated by the growth principle of the tree an extending its roots deeper into earth the higher it towers heaven ward. If there are no essential qualities to carry up and absorb, [the original spirit-germ having failed to germinate, and only selfishness, with its hydra-head of lust, hatred, avarice, jealousy, covetousness and wordly pride, cumbering the ground], then the germ or barren soul will be rescued from its degradation as the center of that low spiritual consciousness-its eternal death; but the falsities which like fungi, had gathered around it, will be the spiritual fertilizer for its germination in another evolutionary course. The rescue will be by re-absorbing it in the electrical conditions of its emanaion, and although universally diffused therein, it will continue to be self-conscious spiritual entity, for it came as a thought of the Divine, and in the course of the eternal cycles it must fulfill its destiny of immortality-will be again projected from the Focal Center of its electrical field for unfoldment in matter. [This paragraph esoterically explains the parable of the talents, as given in the twentyfifth chapter of Matthew].

The New Dispensation comes to harmonize all truths, and the logmatisms of science must disappear before its advance as well as the dogmatisms of religion. It will be the Absolute Science in all directions. Dogmatic science declares the ultimate indivisibility of the atom, and subjects the atmospheric envelope of the earth to the same planetary laws of attraction and repulsion that it does the solid portions accords to it the same matter properties and principles. This it must do to make the gravitation theory consistent. Then if the atom is ultimately indivisible, must not the atoms atenuate themselves out to the solar center? And if so, where is the blank space, the "empty ether," for the earth, including its atmosohere, to revolve in? The truth is that the demarcation line of scientific cognition between the exterior limit of the earth's atmosnhere and the regions beyond is the lower boundary line of a higher. and the higher boundary line of a lower, spiritual consciousness: and the life that is in the lower is no authority whatever in regard to the life-conditions of the upper.

New Dispensation scientists—to whom alone this Key to the Uniersal Mysteries is available-will take these truths into reverent consideration at the threshold of a higher stand of investigationoming to the task in humbleness of mind and all-lovingness of soul and their discoveries and developments along this line will make clear what is now dark, and reveal Electricity as the Smiling Face of God. Invoked in a spirit of devotion to humanity it will prove the nagician to call into existence, for the common good, wonders and blessings transcending what the most extravagant dreams of the ancient alchemists would have been in realization. The influite trans mutations possible by means of electrical action are ever exactly adapted to the state of spiritual consciousness it represents—it creatively responds to the requirements of the soul conditions that are in domination, without the misplacement of a single atom. Who would enjoy heaven must have a heavenly soul. As well expect the bird to inhabit the water, or the fish the air, as for angels to live outside of angelic environments, or beings below angelhood to live within them. The consciousness rises as the sympathies extend. and thus the Spirit of Fraternity brings its own rewards. The era of Universal Peace will be the era of Universal Happiness. Before its children. Out of the darkness Light will spring forth. Everything approach oppressors will pass away. All necessary labor will be indicates the supreme moment is at hand. pleasurable and spiritualizing. Thought exchange will largely take the place of the postal service; the footman's path-ways will lead over the unvielding waters; voyagers will meet and salute each other in mid-air; fields will be ploughed as single furroughs are now urned: venomous reptiles and insects and noxious plants will cease to be, from lack of sustaining elemens; ferocious animals will become docile or extinct; the cyclone will no more ravage the landscapes, the volcano no more belch forth its fiery torrents, the earthquake no more destroy and appall; the physician will be clothed with a magnetizing power that will subdue pain while he imparts the vitalizing fluid that will build up anew; and the people's Spiritual Teachers will come when called as Moses and Elias appeared on the Mount Even now, with tremblings of fear, or thrillings of joy, the New Consciousness is stealing over the souls of the inhabitants of earth. Yet a little while, and neighbor will ask neighbor, countryman will ask countryman, and nation will ask nation. "IS NOT THIS THE

The stalk had fulfilled its mission, when the bigots cut it off, supand these fields or radiuses of influence represent so many different posing they were killing the vital principle; but the flower scattered states of spiritual consciousness or degrees of intelligence, the matitis seeds, and now the Christ-Spirit of Peace is springing up all over

"THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL."

HOULD I not succeed in getting a large sum from Congress I shall believe that the spirit world is a great humbug, for it nas caused me to spend a large sum; and unless you are sustained inancially you will have to come to the same conclusion."

The above is quoted from a letter addressed to us by one almost. not quite, an octogenarian; one who has been a Spiritualist, in the copular acceptation of the word, over thirty years; and who, most of this time, has been engaged in what he believed to be a work of phianthropy. His words may be profitably studied by all who imagne money can be primarily used to do spiritual work, or that material bounties are the most valuable compensation for spiritual work, even in this present life.

To save our venerable friend from further disappointment, and all others whose hope of material success rests on the same basis, we will say to him, and to them; that no earth-freed spirits ever did advise mortals how to acquire material wealth; and earth-bound spirts so advising have no fore-sight as to results, only as they may see through the eyes of the mortals in whose murky atmosphere they live, move, and have their being." But the latter class are not, in ustice, to be censured but compassionated rather, for disappointments suffered from mortals holding worldly intercourse with them, for the law of sympathy attracts them, and this same law impels them to give the answers to questions that are desired.

There is nothing within the accomplishing power of worldly neans that can equal the lowest degree of Soul Power, faithfully and universally directed. Material dependence can never become independent of itself-it unfailingly produces only itself. They who mainly depend upon the use of money in wielding a spiritual influence are as ignorant of the nature of Divine Truth as the worms at the root of the tree are ignorant of the nature of the fruit it bears, Of as great folly is the attempt to realize heavenly conditions by the use of money, for self or others, as would be the attempt to raise a tropical plant by piling snow around it.

True, while on this material plane, so far as the material envionment is concerned, we must be "sustained financially;" but if being so sustained until we shall have accomplished the task assigned us in the work is not a part of it, then it is evident the work itself can not be Divine. How can the weight be moved if the leverage-power is not above its level? If the work is Divine, money will come as it may be needed—the material elements or influence thereof, in this case, going down to the roots, while the true life-principle, the spiritual sympathy of the contributor, will enter and become a part of the Spiritual Unity represented—where, safe from the tarnishing and corroding effects of time, and being of germinal nature, it will forever multiply and increase.

There is a fundamental spiritual principle underlying the above eported declaration of the Nazarene, and if only one in one thousand of the professing spiritual teachers of the world understood it, and would be its living examples to those who look to them for light, Truth's conquest of Error would not be long delayed. The infinitesmals or invisible particles are grouped and combined into forms and force-expressions in harmony with thought-impulses, and the grosser the thoughts and desires the grosser and more material will be the results. Money, being convertible into all forms of worldly wealth, may be said to be the essence of material accumulation, as Divine Truth is the essence and accumulating energy of spiritual power. The soil is prepared for the plant, and the plant is not cultivated for the soil, only in that dominant degree that the higher is universally related to the lower. The human, in spiritual evolutionary progress, has passed out of the soil environment or the root stage, as ruling condition—is fairly through the next, or animal stage, the meridian of which is marked by the development of the rational principle and in the days of Jesus man had reached the flowering time of the spiritual, and was ready to receive the Messianic pollen or impregnat ing element that was to insure the immortal fruitage. (We give the absolute truth as to process, if not history). This point having been reached, the elements had to be attracted and accreted, inspired and assimilated, to round out and consummate the spirit-man proper for domination over the lower conditions—of which is material wealth Though the line of sympathetic connection is continuous and unbroken from the lowest to the highest, the lower spiritual consciousness is dead to the refined sensibilities above it—as dead as the fish is to sereal conditions. The relation of the one to the other is the relation of the bloom and forming fruit to the roots—the former drawing elements of beauty and high utilities from the pure upper airs, while the latter attract their growth elements from the gross earthly conditions below. As the natural roots grow up through the soil into the atmospheric air, so the spirit-man grows up through the atmospheric air (the planetary mental region) into the region of unitary spiritual power, the planetary Soul Sphere, where contrarieties and contentions of the lower zones are harmonized into Divine Truth and Love the Unilight Plane of Full-Sightedness and Perfect Satisfactions. A whole cycle of time may intervene, and undoubtedly will intervene, between this heaven of emancipated souls—the only one there is and the only way of reaching it—and many who are closely enveloped in a thought-atmosphere of worldly wealth-getting. And the reward of reaching it will not be the approval of men-for that, along with worldly wealth, will be on lower planes of consciousness-but it will be in the felicities of the love-atmosphere the soul will attract around itself, in and through which, as the field for the play of its creative magic, it may forever revel in the living companionship of all it ever held dear, and continue to grow into the realms of bliss and increase its celestial treasures eternally. Every atom in the universe awaits to be glorified by the expanding soul. As souls live in the sympathy of each other, there is no competitive spirit to impose limitations upon progress in the heavenly fields.

Wно comes with a higher thought than had before prevailed will for a time be a stranger in a strange world; but in the end he will make that world his own.

(" Hab" in L'Aurore du Jour Nouveau, Paris, France; THE COMING PRODIGY.

Spiritualists, you who boast of your progression, leave the church and all the temples of the world, if that is your pleasure-emancipate yourselves from priestly domination, and ignore all that is false and superstitious in religious systems; but, because you have become habituated to uprooting old religions and their altars, do not seek to destroy the very foundations of Truth itself-do not stifle angelic voices from heaven.

A Great Voice from Heaven, a Supreme Power, a Dominating Force of Love, is announcing itself to-day to the world, and will soon break forth into a Prodigy that will confound human pride.

All prophetic human tongues are announcing the reign of Woman. The Reign of Woman would not be proclaimed if she was not the depository of Divine Secrets

[From La Luniere, Paris, France]. GOD IS SPEAKING.

We have particularly noticed for some time that all the spirital papers are filled with prophetic matter. It seems to us as if prophetic fire was flaming up from every mind that thinks and studies the signs of the times. On every hand we find people expecting that some unusual event is going to take place. * * * This is not only the condition of the public mind in Paris, but we find it is the case in all parts of the world. Both in the secular world and the religious world people are asking what the Infinite is preparing, for God is speaking through grand spiritual voices everywhere to His

[From " Le Messager de Liege," Belgiun INTELLIGENCE EVERYWHERE.

The simplest and most natural conclusion we can come to is that the world is governed, and things are not run by chance. Voltaire himself strongly believed that there were Great Governing Spirits between the Infinite and man, who each had his appointed charge in the realms of space. Charles Fourier thought that every solar system was governed by a Council of High Spiritual Beings. Howver this may be the universe is intelligently governed; it can not e otherwise; chance is an empty word, without meaning, and is simply used to hide our ignorance.

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HARMONIOUS labor is a state of joyous rest.

(Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT.) MORTALITY AND IMMORTALITY. ALICE ESKEL.

MMORTALITY is a hope with Christians of all denominations. Spiritualists say that with them it is a certainty, because they have seen and heard many evidences that the spirit is immortal; be cause spirit friends have materialized themselves, and have proved their identity in various other ways, too numerous to mention; but the certainty of immortality seems to have paralyzed the efforts of most Spiritualists for progression, and they are as worldly, and fear and bewail death about as much as-Christians, who only have the hope of immortality to sustain them.

What is the reason that death and corruption lay their blighting fingers on all things? Why is it that so few are convinced that there is another state of existence; and the many are groping blindly in the dark, weeping and wailing for evidences that will fully satisfy them? Are death and immortality the manifestations of a Power outside of humanity; or are they conditions subject to development by, and under the control of, the human beings that people the

The elements of death and decay in all things, places and existences, can be overcome and conquered by the elements of IMMORTAL-ITY; the latter are subject to DEVELOPMENT and GROWTH; and every uman being, and every spirit, must cultivate and unfold them, before he can be free from the elements of DEATH and CORRUPTION, in any state of existence; and no one anywhere on the broad face of our globe, or in the spirit spheres in connection with it, can ever be conscious that existence is immortal until he has assimilated and incorporated INTO his being the EVER-LIVING CELESTIAL SUBSTANCES that compose the elements of immortality. Nothing that is presented to the external consciousness (such manifestations only have value when they awaken the soul to the necessity of imbibing im-

nortal elements) can ever give any one PROOF OF IMMORTALITY. The Spiritualist will answer the last sentence by saying: "Have we not unnumbered evidences of spirit existence?" Yes; but these evidences only go to prove that there is another state of existence: they do not prove to the individual's satisfaction that he will enjoy an everlasting existence of never-ending bliss and happiness, for this constitutes true immortality.

No finite or mortal elements can give evidence of the existence of NEINITE OF IMMORTAL ELEMENTS

What are the finite or mortal elements? The elements of Ha-TRED, INJUSTICE, ERROR, ENAY—all the passions and appetites that man embodies and makes predominant by cultivation and development-are subject to, and are elements of, death and corruption; and WHOEVER contains any of these elements in his being, in any state of eristence is support to Death and Decay-not eternal detruction: but subject to many painful and unpleasant changes, made necessary by the action and destroying force of corrupt elements WITHIN.

Other states of existence-spirit life, astral life, etc.,-are not imortal life, anymore than other states of misery from the one we are in are perfect and everlasting states of happiness. The Spiritualist talks of going to a Summer Land, and the Christian talks of going to heaven, just as if eternal happiness can be gained by a journey to another country, and death and despair obliterated by a change of residence! We can no more obtain the former, and sweep the latter out of existence, by trips through the eternal spaces, than we can do so by traveling from place to place on our planet. Inharmonious people generally imagine that change of residence will create perfect harmony in them.

The different degrees of spirit existence, that we call the "spirit world," are, all combined, composed of the united thought-atmospheres of humanity, and, therefore, only as human beings in physical bodies elevate their thoughts to the REALMS of CELESTIAL PU-RITY, and regenerate themselves, by striving and working to develop the germs of IMMORTAL ELEMENTS that everyone inherits from those Lofty Altitudes, can spirits, and the spirit spheres, be regenerated.

The thought is the substance that unites the spirit in the physical body with the spirits that live in his thought-atmosphere, and as ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. hought-affinity is the link that binds them together, the spirits bound to him think just the same thoughts as he does; and the individual in the physical form becomes their TEACHER (whether he is conscious or unconscious of their existence does not alter his relaionship to them), and not the reverse; for while the spirit out of the physical body has any remnant of passion or appetite remaining in his being-mortal elements connected with matter-he must continue in connection with, and can only learn through, material channels—the physical organisms of men and women inhabiting the earth. This is the reason why Christian spirits believe in Christian ity, and know no salvation outside of the doctrines taught by that system of religion; neither can they fmpart the true system of regeneration, for their TEACHERS are ignorant of it. These spirits believe within and around them; the spirits of Mahomedanism firmly believe in the Mahomedan doctrines; the Phenomenalists' spirits believe in Phenomenalism; and so on throughout the endless category of mortal thought, the spirits think the same thoughts that human beings think. The most advanced spirit can know no more than the most advanced human being in physical form.

People in the physical and in the spirit spheres are a Unity and Angels and the Immortal Realms are a Unity.

ANGELS from the CELESTIAL REALMS can only approach people in the physical, and spirits, to help them to higher knowledge, when men and women, in the physical, have developed IM-MORTAL ELEMENTS within themselves; for Angels can only unite with the IMMORTAL, as the Higher Thought can not affinitize with the lower thought, anymore than Love and Hatred can be

felt at the same time in the same breast. Consider for a moment, O Error-Blinded Humanity, the awful responsibility of every human being in material form! When one thinks wrong, he not only hurts himself and others in physical existence, but he wrongs numbers of poor ignorant spirits who nurture the same thoughts as himself, and who look to him, or her, as pupils look to TEACHERS; and how can these despairing spirits progress i they are taught nothing to make them better and happier; and besides, there is no other way to change their unhappy condition, and they have to remain in it as long as their TEACHERS give them bad essons. From this terrible and seemingly unchangeable condition of the spirits in spirit-life was impressed the idea upon people in ma

terial form that "eternal torment" awaited the wrong-doer. Spirits extend and develop wrong thought-teaching the same as the wind (which is the meaning of the word spirit) blows the seeds of the thistle hither and thither, and when they root in congenial soil they extend still farther the pestiferous crop of thistles, and this is the dreadful harvest that the generality of mankiud must inevitably reap from the bad seeds that they have themselves sown from day to

Humanity are waiting for some God-Being-outside of themselves -to destroy evils that all are creating every moment of their lives. As well wait for a God-Being to root up the weeds that encumber the earth. The God-Being-Immortal Elements-MUST, and WILL BE, DEVELOPED in men and women in physical forms, and only through these attainable means can the sorrowful conditions of Life, and those terrible peace-destroyers, DEATH and CORRUPTION, be overcome; and in no other way can the ALMIGHTY CONQUERING POWER OF GOOD be brought into action upon our planet.

The elements of Infinity, or Immortality, are LOVE, TRUTH, CHARITY, MERCY, JUSTICE, etc., -all the Divine Attributes of he GOD-NATURE are in men and women, everywhere, either in germinal form, or in different stages of development; and only those RULY and SOULFULLY realize that they are IMMORTAL in whom these elements are PERFECTLY DEVELOPED; for this exalted condition -to which no one in the physical, or in the spirit spheres, has yet attained—gives the individual power over LIFE as well as death, and unlocks every treasure and knowledge in the universe to his attainment, for he is ONE with the ALL-IMMORTAL and has reached ANGELHOOD.

All°conditions below this lofty station are, more or less, prisons for the soul, which is not truly free from mortal elements until it has developed the UNDYING TRUTH WITHIN, and this each soul must

Note. If people will carefully study the life and teachings of the Christ, in the Testament, keeping in mind the thoughts expressed above, they will understand the spiritual significance of the truths that he was striving to teach mankind by precept and example.

ALONG with the most appreciated reading matter that comes to us are the editorial paragraphs of The Golden Gate. THE Soul Sphere is beginning to give up its treasures to the con-

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oice of the Infinite Power shall speak again in thunder-tones that shall level your crime-stained works to dust!

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. "For the Lord of the Harvest hath said it, Whose lips never uttered a lie.
And His Poets and Prophets have read it In symbols of earth and of sky. That to him who hath reveled in plunder 'Til the angel of conscience is dumb
The shock of the earthquake and thunder And tempest and torrent shall come.'

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