

## THE AFRICAN ORIGIN OF THE GRECIAN CIVILIZATION

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Undoubting, ye were of the Amazon tribe."

No, Aeschylus made no mistake. He meant just what he wrote and the discoveries of the wonderful Minoan civilization have proven that the swarthy touch-born son of Zeus and Io was the incarnation of the African element that raised Greece to the very pinnacle of civilization. Minos is in direct descent from Epaphos and from the latter's prolific progeny we note such names as Agenor, Cadmus, Epropa, statements as the foregoing would throw the scholastic world into a ferment. There was a scramble to bolster up the cause of Aryanism and to preserve this one civilization, at least, to the credit of the Caucasian race. Homer was scanned with a patience unknown to college students and the classic myths were refined in the alembics of master minds. Yet there were some who cared for truth more than for racial glory and among them was Dr. Schlieman. Armed with a spade he went to the classic lands and brought to light a real Troy; at Tiryns and Mycenae he laid to view the palaces and tombs and treasures of Homeric kings. His message back to scholars who waited tensely for his verdict was, "It looks to me like the civilization of an African people." A new world opened to archeologists and the Aegean became the Mecca of the world. Traces of this prehistoric civilization began to make their appearance far beyond the limits of Greece itself. From Cyprus and Palestine to Sicily and Southern Italy, and even to the coasts of Spain, the colonial and industrial enterprise of the Myceneans has left its mark throughout the Mediterranean basin. The heretics were vindicated. "Whether they like it or not," declared Sir Arthur Evans before the London Hellenic Society a short time ago, "classical students must consider origins. The Grecians whom we discern in the new dawn were not the pale-skinned northerners, but essentially the dark-haired, brown-complexioned race." Perhaps Sir Arthur's words will carry weight with you when I remark that his wonderful discoveries in classical lands have brought him the honor of election last year as president of the British Association, the most notable assemblage of scholars in the world. I might further mention that Prof. Sergi of the University of Rome has founded a new study of the origin of European civilization upon the remarkable archeological finds, entitled "The Mediterranean Race." From this masterly work I choose the following: "Until recent years the Greeks and Romans were regarded as Aryans, and then as Aryanized peoples; the great discoveries in the Mediterranean have overturned all these views. Today, although a few belated supporters of Aryanism still remain, it is becoming clear that the most ancient civilization of the Mediterranean is not of Aryan origin. The Aryans were savages when they invaded Europe; they destroyed in part the superior civilization of the Neolithic populations, and could not have created the Graeco-Latin civilization. The primitive populations of Europe originated in Africa and the basin of the Mediterranean was the chief center of movement when the African migrations reached the center and north of Europe."

What, then, are some of those discoveries which have so completely destroyed the ethnic fetish of the Cau-

casian race? The greatest and most conclusive of them all was the discovery of the palace of Minos by Sir Arthur Evans. In 1894 this scientist undertook a series of exploration campaigns in central and eastern Crete; it has so happened that some years previous he had been hunting out ancient engraved stones at Athens and came upon some three or four-sided seals showing on each of their faces groups of hieroglyphics and linear signs distinct from the Egyptian and Hittite, but evidently representing some form of script. Upon inquiry Sir Arthur learned that these seals had been found in Crete, and to Crete he went. The legends of the famous labyrinth and palace of Minos came back to him and were refreshed by the gossiping peasants, who repeated the tales that had come down as ancestral memories. In wandering around the site of his proposed labors Sir Arthur noticed some ruined walls, the great gypsum blocks of which were engraved with curious symbolic characters, crowning the southern slope of a hill known as Kephala, overlooking the ancient site of Knossos, the city of Minos. It was the prelude to the discovery of the ruins of a palace, the most wonderful archeological find of modern times.

Who was Minos? In the myths that have come down to us he was a sort of an Abraham, a friend of God, and often appears as almost identical with his native Zeus. He was the founder and ruler of the royal city of Knossos, the Cretan Moses, who every nine years repaired to the famous cave of Zeus whether on the Cretan Ida or on Dicta, and received from the god of the mountain the laws for his people. He was powerful and great and extended his dominions far and wide over the Aegean Isles and coast lands, and even Athens paid to him its tribute of men and maidens. To him is attributed the founding of the great Minoan civilization.

I will not have the time today to review the mass of archeological data which the discoveries of this civilization have produced. They consist of cyclopean ruins of cities and strongholds, tombs, vases, statues, votive bronzes, and exquisitely engraved gems and intaglios. That which is most valuable in establishing the claim of the African origin of the Grecian civilization is the discovery of the frescoes on the palace walls. These opened up a new epoch Aegyptus.

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### Vacation Reflection.

I have had some treats in my little excursion, not the least of which was the gazing on some—albeit the smallest—of the "everlasting hills," and on those noblest children of the earth, fine healthy trees, as independent in their beauty as virtue; set them where you will, they adorn and need not adornment.—George Elliot.

### Has Another Name.

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R. Lewis is president; J. L. Betts, vice president; P. S. Burke, secretary; H. Watts, assistant; E. Jones, treasurer; J. Miles, chaplain. Temporary meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month at 8 o'clock.

The Easter spirit was high in church all day Sunday. Sermon in the morning by the pastor, "The Foundation of the Gospel and Faith." At night, one of the best dramatic Easter programs that the public ever witnessed in the church was rendered under the musical direction of Miss Amelia McKenny and dramatic direction of Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson. The public had a treat. The performers performed to satisfaction. It was because they had good tutelage. Teachers and scholars have merited that which will be long remembered.

At 3:30 Sunday the pastor and wife were guests of Mr. G. W. Hibbler and family at the Rowland apartments. A sumptuous meal was provided and enjoyed to the fullest. Seated were Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson, Mrs. A. a spectacle that will compel the admiration, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hibbler and Miss Viola Hibbler.

Monday at 2:30 the funeral service of Pauline Miller, the little eighteen-months-old child of Mrs. Miller, was conducted from the residence, 2536 Patrick avenue. Jones & Chiles had charge.

The first annual banquet in honor of the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson, will be given at the above church Thursday evening, April 19, 1917, at 8 o'clock, together with a reception.

The speakers are Revs. G. C. Logan, W. F. Botts, Thos. A. Taggart, W. T. Osborne and J. A. Williams. Other speakers, Mesdames L. Lewis, C. B. Saffold, Mr. H. L. Anderson; responses by pastor and wife. A splendid menu will be served, consisting of fruit-cocktail au naturel, olives, radishes, chicken a la king, peas en casse, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, Waldorf salad, salted wafers, Neapolitan ice cream, assorted cakes and cafe noir. Out of the treasure house of respect for pastor and wife, Mr. J. Clark, head waiter at University club, assisted by the following waiters, will take charge of dining service: Messrs. R. Martin, J. Hunt, H. Bartlett, A. Miles, R. Barner, C. Garrett, G. Caldwell and J. Robertson. Mr. G. W. Hibbler will act as toastmaster.

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