

Aphorisms from Rothe.

[TRANSLATED BY C. C. S.]
[Continued.]

Materialism, and especially materialistic Pantheism, appears in the highest degree plausible to all those who have a consciousness of their own emptiness and good-for-nothingness, without feeling disgusted at themselves thereby.

The superficial system (as for instance, Materialism, and many forms of Pantheism) have a strong claim to the applause of all mediocre and easy-going brains. They offer a concise solution of problems, and one easy to formulate, and easy to repeat.

Materialism is a tendency, not a system; it cannot, therefore, be overcome by opposing a system to it, however able such an opposing system might be.

The people in our day begin to have a consciousness of the human worth of material things for truly human purposes: It is this which men call the Materialism of our age.

Heaven, the locality of God, is everywhere in the creation (in cosmic space) where God has already given himself therein a real being, where, consequently, he has a being in space, but one which does not limit him. Heaven, therefore, is in a process of infinite growth, and is therefore itself infinite.

Creation is Creation only so far as in it there is nowhere a leap, but each of its members is an actual development out of the link of the chain next preceding it.

The creation of Man, like that of Nature, is not yet concluded. Both proceed alongside of each other in perfect parallelism.

The powers of nature are unquestionably "elastic" (even according to experience) for they are infinitely modifiable by one another.

Man has many individual thoughts in his productions; God, when He creates, has one single thought, which comprehends all in all.

It is very well, to go back, in Physics, to Atomism; but when man sees in the whole of Nature nothing more than an aggregate of Atoms—when they forget, that the Creator of Atoms has, out of them, by his creative activity, brought forth something incomparably higher: this is, to put it in the mildest terms, a mischievous want of thought.

Whoever tries to explain the world without the idea of God, is obliged to guess; whoever, with this idea, sets about understanding it, can explain it.

If God could bring the creation to no better result than what it now is in our experience, he would never have set about bringing it in to being.

Only few men have the native capacity of fixing their eye and interest upon both at once, upon God and the World.

Singular men, to whom, in proportion as the world becomes great to them, God becomes small.

All true Inventions are only Discoveries.

The pain of sympathy is the only pain which God can experience.

God's activity through the Angels, is the natural result of his being in the Angels.

(To be Continued.)

Seventeen Good Habits.

1. Abstinence from tobacco and intoxicants.
2. Temperance at meals.
3. Daily attention to all the conditions of health.
4. Constant occupation.
5. Doing at once what is required.
6. Having a time and place for every thing.
7. Fidelity to all appointments and duties.
8. Paying for everything in advance.
9. Regular pursuits in some science.
10. Giving as well as receiving.
11. Aiming at harmony in conversation.
12. Looking always on the bright side.
13. Associate with none but good society.
14. Talking on edifying subjects.
15. Acting always in the right spirit.
16. Realizing the presence of God at all times.
17. Spend leisure hours reading good books.

Housekeepers should purchase a supply of ammonia to use in house cleaning. The husband has everything to lighten his labors. Now suppose his wife had her bottle of ammonia to use; she takes a basin of water and a clean cloth, puts on a few drops of fluid, and wipes off all the dirt; it is worth more than a half day's hard labor and does not hurt the paint either. She could put a few drops into her dishwasher, and see how easy the dishes could be cleaned; a few drops on a sponge would clean all the windows in the sitting room, make them shine like crystal. It would take the stains off teaspoons, too, and a tablespoonful in the moppail would do more toward washing up the kitchen floor, than ten pounds of elbow grease applied to the mop handle. A housewife has just as much right to make her work easy and expeditious as her husband has. If she does not do it, the fault is her own in a great measure.—Farm and Fireside.

Grains of Gold.

Attention to little things is the economy of virtue.

Love's words are written on rose-leaves, but with tears.

A good word for a bad one is worth much and costs little.

That of which proud people are often proudest is their pride.

Hope may lead under clouds, but it blows only in sunshine.

The more honesty a man has the less he effects the air of a saint.

If you wish to pronounce an impartial judgement accept no favor.

Juggling with yourselves is the first step in almost every wickedness.

Don't tell unlikely or silly stories, even if you know them to be true.

If you must speak upon a difficult point be the last speaker if you can.

Those who are honest "as the best policy," are half way to being rogues.

Dignity is expensive, and without other good qualities, it is not particularly profitable.

We are ruined not by what we really want, but by what we think we want.

One is never conscientious during action only the looker on has a conscience.

"When I shall be a man!" is the poetry of childhood; "When I was young," the poetry of old age.

Men beat about the wall with a hammer, fancying at every blow they can hit the nail on the head.

Tolerance comes with age. I see no fault committed that I myself could not have committed at some time or other.

Hate is an active, envy a passive displeasure; it need not surprise us, therefore, to see how quickly envy becomes hate.

Solemn Facts.

It would take 320,000 earths to equal the sun in size.

A lady who weighs 100 pounds here would weigh 2,700 pounds if on the surface of the sun.

The heat given off by the sun would melt 287,200,000 cubic miles of ice every second.

The diameter of the earth bears the same relation to its distance from the sun as the breadth of a hair to 125 feet.

A railroad train traveling without stops at the rate of forty miles an hour would get to the sun in 263 years.

The sun is believed to become some 250 feet smaller every year.

This contraction would be sufficient to generate the enormous quantity of heat which it radiates.

Another theory is that comets and meteoric matter falling into the sun may be its ailment to offset the tremendous loss which combustion certainly involves.

It would require the combustion of thirty feet of coal over the entire surface of the sun every second to generate the same heat.

The stars are supposed to average larger than our sun, and to have planetary systems like his.

The nearest star is 250,000 times as far off as our sun.

It takes eight minutes to come from the sun, but it must have required 50,000 years to come from the farthest visible stars.

When the eleven-year storms on the sun occurred the magnetic needle on the earth is variable, and sometimes considerable deflected.

The earth is flying around the sun at the rate of 1,000 miles a minute.

The sun and all the stars are moving through space, accompanied by their planetary systems at a rate varying from 20 to 200 miles a second.

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DEAR SAM: I am in prison for debt. Come and assist your loving mother. E. Foote.

SAM replied: DEAR MOTHER: So am I: which prevents his duty being paid to his loving mother, by her affectionate son. Sam Foote.

The best society and conversation in the world is that in which the heart has a greater share than the head.

It is not so dangerous to do evil to most men as to do them too much good.

A rule without an exception—A carpenter's.

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