

things are possible, and to him that believeth nothing is impossible. One cannot discuss prayer without expressing his idea of God; and God is revealed to each man in just that proportion as each heart is prepared to receive the Eternal Presence. "They should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us."

Each growing soul must pass through many transitions and after a while it will arrive at some mile stone where it will realize that religious experience chimes in with everything else in the universe in the grand chorus of evolution. The soul, like the intellect, knows no truth until it has acquired it. Not once but often it must enter its Gethsemane and learn the purifying exaltation that alone comes through suffering. As a child I was reared in orthodoxy of the severest type. If not in words I was informed by example that reason was the supreme attribute in science and mathematics, but in the domain of religion, never! It was a sin to doubt any word of the Bible. I must receive it whether I could or not as a direct verbal message from Sinai! To doubt any ambassador who expounded that truth, was a thing to be avoided. As I now look back upon some of the illuminated (?) seers who cast radiance upon my earlier years, the wonder is that untutored childhood could have ever come safely through such glowing effulgence! Many times my younger brother Richard, my life-long, truest and best friend—the idol of my heart—when a little boy has fallen asleep in my arms, both of us shuddering at the vivid description by some loud mouthed evangelist of the lake of fire awaiting all who did not appreciate the picture. Think of two orphan children, sensitive and delicate, frightened by such infamy and barbaric cruelty. Surely there must be another God—some good God who took away our mother. Dear Dick, who has recently passed through what we call death, how thankful I am that you learned to know a more human God, and that later your poetic temperament responded to the only true God, eternal goodness. On one occasion we became much concerned about the unpardonable sin, and while neither of us could clearly define it (neither could any preacher) still we were afraid we had committed it and it must be of all things the most fearful as the preacher had wept so copiously about it on the previous Sabbath.

At another time we became much distressed about the subject of baptism and felt that if immersion instead of sprinkling was proof against the wrath to come, Heaven knows we prefer the watery ordeal. But the bondage of religious superstition gave away as the manacles of all ignorance will some day fall by reason of their own weight in the dust

Nothing but wilfully closing the avenues of the soul can keep out the penetrating rays of the Sun of Righteousness. The dawning of Eternal Morning awaits every earnest seeker after Light. Darkness slowly disperses and new truth is discovered each day. The wise man treads the path of religion as sensibly as he follows any other science, finding out the unknown. Each individual must work out its own salvation with fear and trembling. Each soul in its long march towards perfection must solve for itself the oft propounded question, "Whence came I, for what real purpose am I here, and whither am I going?" The soul will stand alone naked before the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. All dogmas and creeds and theologies will appear then in their true light, either as shams or as unnecessary vehicles to impede the soul's progress. By meditation, thereby putting myself in touch with Supreme Intelligence, I answer my own prayers; I find out the divinity latent or germinal in every man and have all faith in growth. I no longer pray to any personal God, for to attribute sex to God I invest Him with personality, thereby limiting His power. Even the dear term, Our Father, has its limitations. But God is a Principle—Law—Harmony—Supreme Intelligence—The All. If God is the All there can be nothing supernatural, for "super" implies over, above, beyond. And God is no more over, above and beyond than He is through, in and beyond. Therefore there can be no miracle. For whatever takes place either before the senses, or through occult forces is somewhere in the vast domain of nature and is amenable to natural law. We can all even in the moments of our supreme adoration worship that God through whom we live and move and have our being. We can all share the common experience of the Great Apostle, "That neither life nor death, nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, shall be able to separate us from the love of God."

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LET US MAKE MAN.

The caption of this is taken from the first chapter of Genesis. If we interpret it literally, we find it opposed to well-known facts. An individual may have cosmic consciousness, and know of events at a distance, or of events past or future, but if some of the faculties of his mind are dormant, he cannot understand what he perceives, nor impart it intelligibly to others. Moses fails to make himself understood. I do not think he had a very clear understanding of what he wrote. However, he has set the first figures. By the aid of scientific research, we may complete the solution of the problem. This is

what was intended for us to do.

The story of the creation is an allegory. The Government of the Universe consists of more than one Intelligence, each with its own special function. There are gradual changes of form. Nature always remains. There was no beginning further than the close of one event is the beginning of the next. God did not make man. The New Testament informs us that Adam was the Son of God. Hence, we are God's offspring.

The New Testament teaches us to say, "Our Father." The Supreme Intelligence is the Father of all.

It has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt that man has inhabited the earth for thousands of centuries. There is a Life in nature which unfolds forms of existence suitable to the climate and other vicissitudes. The furred animals are in the cold regions. Aquatic animals are in the water. They are not there from choice. The innate life developed these suitable forms. The dark-colored people are in the regions of climatic extremes. Nature endowed them with color and other qualities suitable to the condition. In the marshes there are mosquitos. Drain the marshes and the mosquitos disappear. Whence did they come? Whither did they go? If the conditions suitable for man were to cease, he would by his own superior faculties make suitable conditions. But if the conditions should disappear in spite of all his efforts, man also would disappear, and Life would unfold other forms suitable to the other conditions.

Solomon says, "There is nothing new under the sun." Life does not disclose any new forms. Life has hitherto developed forms for all possible conditions having existed to infinity in the past.

The Bible should be revised and made to correspond to God's word written in the rocks, the trees, the stars. As it is, it is calculated to foster unbelief. However, unbelief has its part in the development of man. It leads men to sift what they find, to obtain the pure white flour of truth, on which the soul subsists.

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The Burlington railroad has just placed an order for 150,000 Japanese fans to help cool its patrons next summer. While the heat of 1901 was still turned on, General Passenger Agent Francis sat up nights building sentences that would read well in the heat of 1902, and incidentally start the reader for some resort "best reached," et cetera. The advertising matter decided upon, metal-base electrotypes are made in Omaha, and shipped to Japan. There the ads prepared in Omaha are printed on Japanese fan paper, which is later pasted on strips of bamboo, shaped in the form of fans. By the time the fans arrive in this country, another summer has rolled around, and the demand for the familiar Burlington fan has again commenced. The price of the fans delivered in Omaha, Chicago and St. Louis, is about a cent and a half apiece.