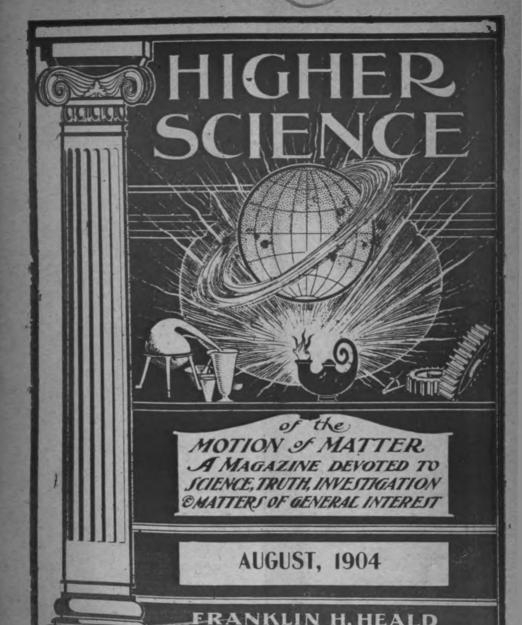
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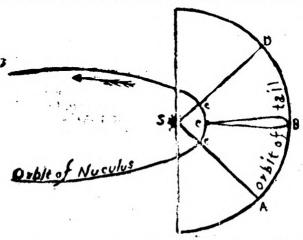
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A COMET'S TAIL Of What It Is Composed

The composition of the tail of a Comet has always been a great mystery and most astronomers believe it must always remain a mystery. If, however, we find that the nuculus is solid matter in the solar system, we may rest assured there is no mystery about it. It is not a spiritual world altho its tail were twice as long and instead of looking for mystery, let us shut our mouths, open our eyes and reason and see what it is. I have shown you in former articles that as the atoms of expanded matter are thrown off from the sun's surface,



the most are thrown off where the motion is the greatest—i. e., at the equator, where it is moving at the rate of 4,000 miles per hour. Half way between the equator and poles it would

be traveling but 2000 miles per hour and the atom thrown off there would travel but 2000 miles per hour in its orbit around the sun. At six billion miles from the sun, where it is condensed back into dust, it would be so far out from the active plane of the sun's equator that it would not be attracted by the newly forming world or its satalites but would gradually approach the sun and in nearer a straight line than planets, because of its slower motion. Coming straighter towards the sun from these vast distances, because of its lack of orbit speed it would gain its enormous velosity at perihelion because of its long, straight fall of billions of miles. Having some orbit motion it cannot fall into the sun until it is finally drawn The fact that the tail always points away from the sun (see cut) even when it is ten million miles long, is proof that it is only a waste of light from its burning nuculus and carried almost straight away from the sun by the swift outward radiation of the suns expanding atoms or gas. The fact that the tail appears as a hollow shell also shows that it is only a light shadow cast by the sun. As we near the sun, the outward pressure or speed of the gas of expanding matter is teriffic, but as it recedes farther its outward speed is gradually lessening, until at the earth it requires a man like Prof. Lebedew to discover and measure its speed.

In the figure we will let S. represent the sun and C. the We will say the comet is 1.000.000 miles from the sun: then if it made a circular orbit it would be 2.000.000 in diameter and 6.000,000 in length, while the tail which is 10. 000,000 miles long makes 45 deg. of a circle from a. to b. in the same time or travels 15,000,000 miles, while the nuculus is traveling but 1,500,000 miles. At perihelion a. d. b. the 45 deg. of the orbit of almost any comet is very near onequarter of a circle, or near enough to prove to us that the tail can be nothing but the shadow of light cast straight away from the comet's nuculus by this immensely swift outgoing of radiated matter from the sun. When a comet first appears it is not traveling so fast as it will, and does not show nearly so much fail as when near the sun. The tail is always much longer and brighter at 50,000,000 miles from the sun as it is falling towards the sun, than at the same distance from the sun as it is thrown up again. This is because there is more friction when the comet is meeting the outgoing gas from the sun than when it is moving with the gas.

MATERIALIZED SPIRITS

Since I have been old enough to ask questions and weigh the value of answers, my fidelity to many old petrified notions and beliefs has been considerably below par and in certain cases below zero. One of these infidelities has always been. contrary to the general belief, that the Devil is meaner than god. I do not go back of the returns, either, in arriving at this conclusion, but simply take the inspired history, by god. Another is a doubt that there are spirits and souls or anything else, in a live body which the five senses do not reveal and which the sixth sense of Reason denies. I therefore have always doubted the peddled reports of the supposed materialization of the same, notwithstanding the direct evidenceevidence of eye witnesses to the facts. I have, however, lately been compelled to reconsider the matter and I now wish to recall and wipe out any levity or chagrin I may have caused at the expense of my spiritualist friends, and to announce to the public that I believe spirits fermenti do actually materialize bodies, to certain people. Altho I have never actually witnessed any of these manifestations personally, I am as well satisfied and perhaps better, than if I had, that such is the case. I have a friend in whom I have great confidence, when it comes to relating what he has seen—and he has seen enough already to turn his hair as white as snow and to make his hands tremble, even in broad day light. Since hearing his story I have no longer any doubt but that John, the Revelator, actually saw and heard all the things that he mentions and swears to in the last Book of Wholy Wrot. Neither can I longer doubt the stories of colored people, certain deacons and women who tearfully testify to having seen great lights of exceeding brightness and magnitude, or that they increase in both heat and dimensions each time thereafter that the story is repeated. My friend is not a man to be deceived into telling an untruth because of anything like an overdose of religious zeal, inasmuch as he is not religious. When he indulges in the "blood of Jesus," he takes it as whiskey straight and cannot therefore be accused of seeing things for Christ's sake or of lying for the glory of God, as Paul d.d. (Rom. III. 7 and 28.)

My friend whose name I will not mention, as he is not particularly proud of the circumstance, not being pious, was very much under the weather and some of us were taking care of him. We were, at the time, well aware of the fact that he saw something which none of the rest of us could see. We

could tell by the way he looked, by the way he yelled and tried to get away. His hair stood straight up and we were compelled to tie him to the bed and take shifts in watching him look, and listening to him scream and beg for many a long hour before he gradually quieted down so that he could get fitful snatches of sleep. During all this time nothing unusual had manifested or materialized to any one of his faithful watchers, nor does he himself recall the terrible Beasts or Serpents which harassed and threatened him at this period. It was during the ensuing days of convalescence that he can distinctly remember and recall the materialized bodies of spiritual mice and rats as they run merrily 'round and 'ound the room upon a picture moulding which was about two feet below the ceiling. Sometimes they appeared to be quite as small as mice, then as large as rats and again as large as squirrels. This bothered him some, he says, and the fact that they always ran around from right to left. Why were they not all the same size, why did they always go the same way, and why did they never tire? Not being saved by the blood of Jesus, he little dreamed that they were but the materialized spirits of mice, rats, squirrels and whiskey and therefore could not tire, being operated by god, without the loss of energy. After he would watch them and puzzle himself for an hour or so he would turn over and go to sleep, but when he awoke again and looked up, there they were, still making the same regular revolutions in the same direction without any aparent fatigue or failing ambition to complete another orbit. ever the time came a few days later when he looked up to find them gone. They had disappeared as completely as if they had never existed, and with them the moulding upon which they took their long stunt of physical culture. There is one thing that bothers my friend more than anything else now. He says he can understand how the spirits of the mice, rats and squirrels could materalize thru the agency of the fermenti; according to the beliefs of spiritualism, but he cannot understand exactly how the spirit of the moulding could reincar-I must look this matter of the moulding up, altho it is probably of no consequence to genuine and faithful spiritualists. Faith is what we must have. It should not shake the faith of a good spiritualist if he makes the mistake of caressing and saluting with an holy kiss, the blown-up rubber bag of the medium which he believes and is willing to swear is the materalized spirit of his grandmother. Why then, should the materalized moulding disturb his faith. If a rubber windbag can materalize into a deceased relative, why waste time wrangling about a simple old picture moluding.

SOMETHING ABOUT JESUS

- S. A. West, editor of *The Master Christian*, says in a personal letter:
- * * * * I appreciate the solid articles in your HIGHER SCIENCE, but you say some things about Jesus, that I would not say or think about a dog. I used to talk the same about Paine, ingersoll and others, when I was in the pulpit, but I have since learned better. * * * * * I may be mistaken, but I believe there is a big life of sincerity, kindness and honest love for all mankind, back of your expressed words. Anyway, I feel it in your writings. * * * *

A man with the brains which Bro. West shows, will not remain a "master christian" much longer. He is right, not to speak or think of a decent dog, as HIGHER SCIENCE speaks and thinks of Christ, after reading his inspired history. No dog was ever illegitimately born into the world to destroy the family, that most sacred of human institutions. We can respect a well-bred dog who does the best he knows, and even excuse his filthy habits, but we can not excuse or respect a man, half god and half virgin, who wore petticoats, parted his hair in the middle and lead the idle and worthless life of a tramp, teaching both by precept and example that if a lily (a flower of the field, which has but one day to live) does not provide for the morrow, therefore a man should not. people of that period evidently had the greatest possible contempt for him and hung him between thieves to emphasize their contempt. He had picked up a dozen of the laziest, lowest and dirtiest characters of the most despised people who ever escaped from the jungles of Africa. over-running the country, begging and destroping fruit trees during the day time and stealing and robbing cornfields and chicken coops at night. A silly and tearful gang of female Jews were following in their wake, seizing every available opportunity to slip up behind this long haired anarchist, to shed tears on his feet and pour grease over his head. Is it any wonder that he was despised and hated, even by Jews? when they noted that he was leading their mothers and sisters and sweethearts away from the path of virtue, into the slums of mysogomy and dishonor? The home (the love of which is the only good quality a Jew is possessed of) is the foundation of civilization, and this cur, a thousand times lower than a cur dog, came into the world expressly to destroy it and

says so himself. Even the old "man after god's own heart" Poligamy, of David and Soloman, was better than the mysogomy and prostitution of Jesus Christ, and his priesthood or ministry even down to the present time. (Read the crimes of preachers). Bro. West is right went he feels in my writings that I have a kindness, love and pity for my fellow human beings. If not, why should I be giving my life and property to an ungrateful and unappreciating public? trying to show them how they are made ignorant slaves by the knaves who work this christian bugaboo, to rob them of their reason, virtue, and independence? He was right too when he learned better than to ridicule Paine and Ingersoll-against either of whom no word of reproach can be brought. Ingersoll saved us all from hellfire by ridiculing it out of the minds of the fools who believed it. He did not come into the world to destroy the family, and no preacher or savior ever dared enter the sacred precincts of his home.

CHANNING SEVERANCE

The portrait this month in our collection of Freethinkers, is that of Mr. C. Severance, whose pen productions have appeared at intervals in Freethot publications for the past twenty-six years. He was born in Vermont fifty years ago the 24th day of June, and from his earliest recollections has had an inherent hatred for religion. His ancestors were all deeply religious, so some psychologist is needed to figure the cause. His grandfather was a Presbyterian with the usual blue abdomen, and a face with the regulation solemnity. His father evoluted into a Universalist preacher and poured water on the fires of hell for thirty-five years, figuratively speaking; but he has no memory of a time when he did not feel disgusted with preachers and preaching. He is a Freethinker without a string on the word free, and wonders why, since science killed God, that any one sees a necessity for religion. eighteen years of age he was the youngest freight conductor ever promoted on the Vermont Central R. R. He followed railroading in the east, and out west, for twelve years, when he came to California, got married, ranched it one year and then became an humble follower of Jesus—the carpenter, and he has been pounding nails ever since.

Isaiah, LXIII. 6. I will tread down the People in mine anger and make them drink in my fury, and bring down their strength to the earth.

—God.





EDITORIALS



The great annual San Diego boom fake is still alive. This year it is a \$100,000,000 steal plant; inasmuch as steel has been over-produced for years ahead by the \$1,000,000,000 steel trust.

Suggestion, for August, the greatest magazine of the new (?) Psychology, publishes our Sixth Sense article, which appeared in May number, entire, including illustrations, without comment. We have been hoping that some one would knock this chip off our shoulder.

We have sent sixteen premium trays this month, so you can see how fast we are getting rich. However, they have pleased our friends who do pay up and have carried safely in every instance from which word has arrived. We propose to try it two months now and maybe you will do better. Do it now.

This old Jew god, Jehova, always discouraged modesty, and if a Jew still insisted on being modest he would take away his posterity and cut him off. I. Kings, XXI, 21., viz., he will kill the modest man's children first and then kill the man him. self. But as there is no such a dangerous character in nature, we need lose no sleep. These yarns are only spun to brighten money out of the pockets of the ignorant.

Essence of Reason, is a neat little book of about 100 pages, by J. A. Campbell of Ontario, Canada, which is on our table and one of the best criticisms of the Bible which we have ever seen. Any man, woman, child or "culled pusson" who can read or listen to that 100 pages and remain a christian, is an absolute and incurable idiot, who has no right to incumber the earth, and disgrace the name of man.

We have on our list a number of regular subscribers who are long past delinquent. Many people want their paper continued when time expires and some want them stopped. There has been so much trouble and difference over this simple little matter that the law-makers fixed the law so that the paper may be sent and bill collected. We do not wish to do this, but dislike to cut any one off who would like to have it continued until income season; therefore please let us know if you wish it continued.

Dittrich Ehlers, publisher of *The Seventh Trumpet*, writes a long personal letter from his home in Missouri, (the State where ignorance can close a World's Fair on Sunday), admonishing us "to cease from working against the faith on god and the lamb, because you do not know them." We will promise to investigate and report their true characters in Higher Science, if Bro. Ehlers will bring them around. So far we have only had nasty stories, contradicted stories, and faith, to judge them by. Judging by the only evidence we now have, they were the scum of filth.

A poor half-witted fool, dropped into our office the other day, to have us publish a few pages of foolishness about the abuse of animals. He represents The Animal Defender, a so-called magazine which has been disgracing our exchange list for a couple of years. This man has a vile face and looks like he might murder his own mother, but is ready to sniffle and cry and whine about the wrongs of dogs and rattlesnakes. He is one of god's partners and would help brain 8,000,000 little innocent babies in a single night, without a pang. He would have three or four kinds of fits, if a dog were thrashed for keeping neighbors awake at night, but would beat his own child to death because god (thru Solomon, the great polygamist mason), recommends it.

Occasionally some preacher of the so-called "liberal" sects announces seriously that orthodoxy is dead, that the historic churches of Christendom are water-logged and sinking, and that people are deserting them in multitudes and are flocking to the open doors of liberalism, where with relief they can breathe for the first time in their experience the free and untainted air of a rational spiritual environment. We wonder how many are actually impressed, not to say misled, by this comical claim. Evidently the daily press is deceived, and they seldom fail to give wide currency to such announcements as though they were recording facts. * * —Ram's Horn.

The Daily Press is not easily deceived and even when wrong it simply reflects the sentiment of the majority. The worst thing that could happen would be for the great ignorant mass to flock to the "open door" of Freethot. It will take thousands of years of evolution before they have the brains to understand the simple proof that there can be no life after a man is dead.







After the 1st of Aug. we will send to each new subscriber a beautiful present. consisting of a souvenir tray, made of metal, with California scenery. Every old subscriber who pays up or renews or pays in advance, during the month of Aug. will also receive one. You will think when you receive this tray that it must cost as much as the magazine, but we buy them by the hundreds and get them at a reasonable price.

We are not wedded to the superstitious past, either socially, politically or religiously. Now and the future is all that concerns us.—Arkan-saw Traveler.

Who turns with sanctimonious look Her eyes upon the sacred book, Which reads about the Holy Spook? The Christian woman.

Harriet M. Close.

The following verse, from a poem by Henry Harrison Brown (editor of Now), published in the Magazine of Mysteries, shows that his reason is running in the proper channel with the Procession of Planets:

My birthright this, and I decree henceforth
To know but Truth and Love! This world is lost
As planets are in light of parent suns.
For Truth is now my fixed star in the north;
While I am center! Love's orbit is crossed
By every joy. All around that center runs.

A year ago we answered the christian paper, Ram's Horn's question, whether or not a young christian had a better chance than one not a christian. We showed him clearly that they do not have as good a chance, because experiece has taught bankers and business people generally that they are not honest. We showed by a quotation in his own paper that in England there are seven million each of Infidels and christians and that the proportion in the prisons are: Infidels, I in 20,000; Catholics, I in 40; Ch. of Eng., I in 72. (HIGHER SCIENCE, May 1903, page 130). We showed him that the reason they are not

honest is because they believe the iniquious doctrine of Vicarious Atonement. He now says, in a long article upon the reason of 90 per cent of the Philadelphia criminal's bed by a certain club are graduates of Sunday schools:

* * * "Nine-tenths of these fallen men and women were graduates not of college but of christion homes, and three-fourths of them came from Sunday schools." There is but one thing to be said. As a promoter of right conduct, the doctrine that all things shall be forgiven them that believe, is a disastrous failure."

The following is from one of our original subscribers (charter student), Adam Bashore, of Oakley, Kansas:

* * * * I wish I were able to own all the literature you have produced on the *Procession of Planets* theory. I have noticed that very little honest criticism is given it. Most people imagine that abuse is all that is in order. Such people usually have a borrowed character. * * * The *Human Nature* correspondent does everything but call you a fool. He has forgotten, perhaps, that a borrower of ideas has none of his own. Personally I care nothing for, and know nothing of, the discoverer of the Procession of Planets, except I am under obligations to him for shedding new light. * * *

In a long article treating of possible inhabitants upon the planet, Mars, the Occational Magazine for April says;

* * * * The canals on Mars seem mostly to be a matter of speculation in the minds of astoronomers. If genuine and of artificial origin, it means that the planet is inhabited by an intelligent race; this, however, is claimed to be a mistake by other scientists. Mr. Franklin H. Heald in his Procession of the Planets disapproves of the irrigation system by the inhabitants and says: "It seems more likely that the canals are made by the great rush of water from Polar regions to the equatorial regions after one of their long winters of cold storms for twelve months. It is more reasonable when we remember that Mars is flat and smooth, not having cooled enough to have any mountains. It is receiving its water at its poles as snow, and when this melts it of course flows toward the equator, digging deep channels until it is evaporated again by the hot regions, into steam, to again fall at the Poles by the force of gravity. Thus we can perceive how these canals may be made by this endless round of water flowing but one way.

Mr. Heald believes that Mars is not cooled off sufficiently to support

life excepting, perhaps, in its lowest form. *

The Czar threatens to start toward the front next month. The front started toward the Czar last month.—New Era.

Aurin F. Hill, an architect of 13 Isabella St., Boston, writes

* * * * The earth stands fast and is a plane, draws the largest audience on Boston common thus far in 1904. Water at rest at the sursur, is level. Skilled mechanics and civil engineers, while constructing water works, always line. * * *

Our friend must have gotten this erroneous idea from god. When the editor of this Magazine was the owner of Elsinore Lake, he had it surveyed twice by different skilled engineers, who agreed in figures that the surface of the water curved 22

feet in less than 8 miles. When god made the earth and universe "also" in six days, he was not quite dry and still a little soft himself and we could not expect a fool who made himself out of nothing to know much. Thank fortune most white men know more than god (?).

J. A. Campbell of 233 Bay street, Jersey City, (see advertisement), in subscribing for magazine, says:

* * * * Pleased to know you were born an Atheist. You may always be proud of that, and long may you live, to sow the seeds of Truth. * * * *

The revelations of devout and learned
Who rose before us, and as Prophets burned,
Are all, but stories which, awoke from sleep
They told their comrades, and to sleeps returned.

—Omar Khaywam.

If Christians have the cheek to endorse Gen. XIX:8, and Judges XIX:24, 30, they are worse than brutes.

—Bible in a Nutshell.

Writing of our sixth sense article in May magazine, Paul Tyner of the New Thot magazine of New York, says:

* * * * I do not think that intellect and intuition conflict, or that one is higher or lower than the other. It so happens that at different stages of progress, different faculties are developed at the apparent sacrifice of another. My own opinion is that the all-round man will show a development of intuition side by side with intellect. May I call your attention to marked passages in an old lecture of mine, which I inclose, which goes into this more fully. * * * * Trusting that improvement in your health continues, I remain, etc.

The editor of HIGHER SCIENCE, has been impatiently waiting for some psychological magazine to make this very point to the public. We hope Mr. Tyner will do so, and give us a chance to correct the mistake which the new thot people make in that line.

Here is a sample of the way spirits forget things which happen to them on earth. Quakers will smile when they read this message to Amy Post from a Quaker who has gone before. It is astonishing how her trip thru the "tunnel' mixed her on the use of the friend's "plain" language.

Amy Post—Thee will accept, friends, a word from me, I hope, friend Alice said I might try. There are some in the city of Oakland and San Jose know me; Rochester, Albany and other cities, they will be glad to know the underground R. R. of death did not swallow me, but through its tunnel (the grave) I have found the City of Eternal Light, no difference of caste or color here, good men and women are equal. Yes, have seen friend Friend Douglas and many others, it was not a lonely landing on this shore, but a glorious one, and so it will be for thee, my friends, when thy day to come over is here.

Louis Le Cauliner, proprietor of "Ls" remedies, Red Bud, Ills., writes:

* * * * I admire your courage to publish HIGHER SCIENCE when you have to live in a crowd of (mostly) superstitious and meddlesome people. However, to get a little encouragement from a few courageous and thinking men, as you undoubtedly do, must in a measure, recompense you for your labor, but the main reward is undoubtedly the satisfaction of knowing you are right. * * *

Dr. Saulnier is the organizer of an anti-meddlers society, and a man far in advance of the people who work and vote like suckers, for the people who tell them what to think. He questions our sixth sense pig story, and would like to see the test made with third sense, smell removed. We believe they would return just the same if their noses were sawed off, and hope some animal-lover will try it.

If you give less than ten per cent to the Lord, you are a thief, and you will go to Hell. If you do that and claim to be saved and sanctified, you are a liar, and the Book says, "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."—Burning Bush.

On account of the ambiguous language it would be a difficult task to separate the sheep from the goats according to the above incomprehensibilitiveness. One thing is certain, if lying hypocrites are to be burned, it will take Saint Paul, Jesus Christ, Mary Abraham, God (I Kings, XXII, 22, 23), all the saints, priests, preachers and other christians.

* * Never has a Priestcraft-organization confessed their Sins, Crimes, and Wickednesses, which are sevenfold worse than all others; never did truly repent from it; yet boldly they all compel People to confess to them their Sins. It is the worst Mockery, Blasphemy and Abomination before God. * * * * My Friends, can you find anything in the Teaching of the lowly Nazarene, that even commends Sunday-schools, Picnics, Festivals, Fairs, Socials, Prayer-meetings, and all other appointments by Men, that tend to Bondage and Servitude, therefore is false worship; * * * * —Seventh Trumpet.

Well he used to manufacture liquor to keep them drunk still longer, at these festivals, picnics, etc.

Jno. D. Farris, of Timbo, Ark., in a long interesting letter, eases his mind by radiating the following truth:

* * * * There was H. L. Green, Dr. Burr, and many others of great brains all the way back to Thos. Paine, who gave their whole lives to the liberal cause and died in poverty. Where is the wealthy, liberal-like Carnegie to shed a tear? There is Watson Heston, now of Carthage, Mo., who could have amassed a fortune, had he devoted his talent to political

or religious dishonesty, but his character was too noble, honorable and grand to compromise with frauds for money. He gave the fruits of his brain to the Liberal cause and thousands are feasting on his cartoons and literature while his poor old body lies deceased, suffering and helpless, all day long, day after day, alone while his prematurely grey-headed, devoted wife toils at the milliner's shop to provide and then wait on poor, sick Heston thru the night. * * * *

* * * All spirits have not become awakened. Awakened souls can see in the atmosphere of Waterloo or Gettysburg the pictures of all that happened there, both on the material and spiritual side. In spirit they can walk again with the Christ and see all the wonders of that immaculate life of God manifest in the flesh. And they have pupils on the earth plane sufficiently unfolded, this spiritual knowledge may be imparted to the world.—Vitality.

If the same old atmosphere is still hanging around Waterloo, it must indeed be getting a little stale and have the smell of our blessed d. h. saviour.

When poor old Job was meditating upon the ash pile, where he had been sitting for 21 days covered with gunnysacks, ashes and carbuncles, he was envying the wicked, who know nothing of the curse of god's ignorance, and complaining bitterly, he said (Job. XXI 7 to 15 inc.):

"Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, and mighty in power. Their homes are safe from fear, neither is the rod (curse) of god (ignorance) upon them. They send forth their little ones like a flock and their children dance. They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. Therefore they say unto god, depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have if we pray unto him?"

There are some very pertinent questions in these sentimnets of "the wicked (?)" which it might be well for the charity-fed ministry of this city to answer. To be sure "what profit if we pray unto him," altho' these candidates for charity will stand shamefacedly before women and darkies and recite incidents where prayers have been answered, they know perfectly well that they are lying, and that a prayer to God was never answered since the world began, and never can be. "Depart from us." They did not want any old child murdering god around at night, braining their dancing children against the door posts. To make a long story short, the reason the wicked (unbelievers) prosper, are safe from fear and the "rod of god," is because they have brains enough to think for themselves and are not too lazy to do so. The man who can believe there is a god is but an ignorant, lazy fool and has no moral right to citizenship in any civilized country. He is lower than the brute and if he believes and practices what is taught in the "holy bible" he has no right to live, and should not be permitted to disgrace the earth with his filthy thot and presence. His low forehead and scowl of hate should be the brand which would permit any honest Atheist to dispatch him upon sight.

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