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stian System of Religion a Restection of Mythology—The Father, Son and Holy invowed from Egypt, as was the Cross, a in the Resurvection of the Dead, and the of a Future Life—The Story of the Talk-pent came from Egypt, as did the Devil-reve and Christian Scriptures first found at tria—Subjects for Earnest Thinkers.

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[Copyright, 1890 by the Author. All rights reserved.] That the civilization, literature, and religious thought of Egypt contributed largely thing which makes a nation prosperous and had, it was unlawful to pronounce or write

derived, have survived, and now reach us true Deity.

revelations in the interest of any religion. was worshiped under some one of his as-In the author's recent volume, entitled pects. BESEARCHES IN ORIENTAL HISTORY, occasion was taken to show how the religious inculsian valor, among which were Palestine and preponderance.' Egypt, were subjected to Persian rule B. C. those conquered and tributary countries. wise Typhon, in the Egyptian system? These facts furnish the key to the interThis Supreme God of Egypt, Ra, is best heaving, charnel houses rattling, the tombs an acquaintance with all of them. As the cients, p. 15. several empires became independent of for-

oppressive friends on the South.

in the work referred to it is maintained to harmonize the conflicting religions of the was a personification of the rising sun. world, and form a common faith, which, with those of Crishna, another Indian Savior, and were piled upon a mythical Cudwo character whom they located in Palestine,

existed for centuries, and, probably, millen-WHAT DID CHRISTIANITY BORROW niums, before that fabled event.

Every variety of religious thought was ing nation was particularly prosperous, that prosperity was ascribed to the superior so he was immediately incorporated into their own theogony, as illustrated in the and at case of Serapis, of whom further on. And one remarkable fact, not peculiar to Egypt, which the good Mosheim bears evidence: The variety of religions and gods in the heathen world, neither produced wars nor dissensions among the different nations."

to make Christianity what it is, no person ducer of all things in heaven and earth, many conversant with recent revealments, true, living God, self-originated," "who begin to question if the whole system is not all things, but has not himself been made." history. Her monuments give ample proof been represented by any material, or even ing with them classic fable current in of the advancement of her people in every-symbolic form. He had no name, or if he Greece.

It is fortunate, in this age of critical rethis great truth understood clearly that the just as it is now worn by faithful Catholics. search, that the teachings of the great many gods of the popular mythology were empires from which modern civilization was mere names, personified attributes of the one

ordinated to them. It is therein shown that some superiority on the part of good, but then President of the College of New Jersey, the whole 127 provinces conquered by Per- no complete victory, not even a very decided on "The Last Judgment," which is pre-

525, and that B. C. 521 the teachings of tianity, with its Devil ever warring upon from page 99 of the Columbian Orator, Zoroaster became the state religion of all virtue, the latter identical with Set, other-published in Boston in 1832:

ing throughout India, Persia, Assyria, sun from the time he sinks below the and Egypt. A familiar acquaintance with reappears above the horizon in the morning.

eign rule, of course there were slight diverhymns, in which prayer and praise were there the trunk with an ocean rolling be-Palestine and Egypt, lying contiguous to blended. Ceremony followed ceremony. tween. each other, probably descendants of the The calendar was crowded with festivals, same ethnic family, and tributary to a com- and a week rarely passed without the per- they shall all be collected, wherever they mon master, more or less connected by comformance of some special rite, some annual are scattered; all properly sorted and mercial relations, the people of the former observance, having its own peculiar at united, however they were confused; atom country frequently fleeing to the latter for traction. Foreigners beheld with astonish to its fellow atom, bone to its fellow bone. protection from the cupidity and aggressions ment the almost perpetual round of religious Now methinks you may see the air darkened of more powerful neighbors, very naturally services, which engaged, or at any rate with fragments of bodies, flying from ranks of people."-Ibid., p. 24.

Horus, the Son, the Redeemer, the Savior, that the whole system of Christianity was was born of Osiris and Isis. To avoid the devised at Alexandria; that there her gospers was sold of Osiris and Iss. to avoid the persecution of Typhon, the wicked brother pels were originally written in impure Greek; of Osiris, Isis fled with her holy child to the that there the most prominent "Fathers of floating island of Chemmis, where he the Church" lived, and wrote, and taught; remained in concealment, and grew to that there histories were forged, and others manhood. His father having been slain in interpolated to make evidence favorable to the interim the son became his avenger and Deserted members, and complete the frame. its interests; that there the great Library, made war on Typhon, coming off victorious. containing the history and literature of all He killed the serpent by crushing its head. nations, was destroyed by Christian hands, Horus is represented as a fair-haired youth, to efface the evidences of her own early be- of light complexion, and is usually pictured obey the signal, wafted in the wind ginnings; that there her system of Church on the monuments as a child sitting on his And not one sleeping atom lag behind." government was formed, with models then mother's knee, drawing nutriment from her in being; and that there were found her breast. He was a model for princes, and a symbols, her dogmas, the originals of her type of the virtues, hence a subject for rites and ceremonials. Not these only, but speculation among the later philosophers. there, at Alexandria, an attempt was made With Isis, his worship reached Rome. He

That high churchman Geo. Rawlinson, through several changes in name finally be-Professor of Ancient History in Oxford came known as Christian, the origin of University, and Canon of Canterbury, in his which is traced; and that in furtherance of Religions of the Ancients, p. 12, says:

Cudworth, a learned Christian author, around and through whom they wove their upwards of two hundred years ago, showed have their counterparts in Egyptian story. at the dedication of churches and temples, was a great favorite. Tacitus' History, by Dr. Lardner: tangled thread of falsehood, forgery, fear and force. In support of positions there taken, and additional thereto, the candid taken, and additional thereto, the candid taken, and additional thereto, the candid taken and through whom they wove their taken and temples, was a great favorite. Factors first and the dedication of churches and temples, was a great favorite. Factors first and the dedication of churches and temples, was a great favorite. Factors first and the dedication of churches and temples, was a great favorite. Factors first and the dedication of churches and temples, was a great favorite. Factors first and the dedication of churches and temples, book 4, chap. 81, says many miracles were manifested by him. The historian tells of anus, wisheth health: I have found Egypt, with life, and finally assumed his throne in Egypt and among the Jews. The evidence are person who was cured of a disease of the my dear Servianus, which you commended the Invisible World as Judge of the Dead. that Jesus was of divine origin is based on eyes by the emperor sprinkling the invalid's to me, all over fickle and inconstant, and

p. 60, confirms Cudworth, by saying:

"The Christian doctrine of the Trinity found its counterpart in the Egyptian re- the place of good works." ligion from the dawn of the historical

Spirit, the Holy Ghost, if the reader prefers, scattering his warmth, and light, and generous benefactions over the earth.

Not the Trinity only, the Father, Son, and holy Mother, with her infant sculptured on the monuments, faithfully representing the Christian system, the names only varying. She is represented as the Virgin Mother, Our Lady, Mother of God, Intercessor, Immaculate Virgin, etc. Temples and statues were erected to Isis in Rome and throughout Italy, and she was worshiped as Queen of Heaven not only in Eygpt but freely tolerated in Egypt. If a neighbor- throughout Europe for centuries before and after the Christian era.

The Serpent, too, was as prominent in qualities of the god that nation worshiped, Egyptian mythology as in Christian Scrip-Whether he could talk, and was se ductive in his methods we are without information, but he is represented on the monuments in genuine serpent form, with but common to all heathen countries, to Horus, "the seed of the woman, bruising the serpent's head," in which it seems he succeeded.

TYPHON, the Greek name for the Egyptian Set, who slew his brother Osiris, paralleled At the very base of Egyptian thought by the Christian Devil, was finally overwas the idea of one God, "the sole pro- powered, after a protracted war, during which, in his supernatural rage, he broke in well read in ancient history will deny; while himself not produced of any," "the only pieces and hurled mountains at his op by translations of monumental inscriptions, exists from the beginning," "who has made thunderbolts thrown by the victors, and was "cast down to Tartarus, and confined an offshoot of that land where religion was These quotations are from Lenormant's in chains of darkness." It is evident the such an important factor in national life. Manuel of Ancient History. Wilkinson, in imaginative Milton, in his Paradise Lost, The valley of the Nile was densely populais Ancient Egyptians, vol. 4, pp. 99, 100, drew largely from Egytian mythology for

And then the Cross, the emblem of The BOOK OF THE DEAD, found it. He was a pure spirit, perfect in every Eternal Life. This Christian symbol is upon the remains of those saved from de- respect, all-wise, almighty, supremely, per- shown in the hands of the priests, in Egypcay by the embalmer's art, gives a very good feetly good." Rawlinson, p. 31, of his tian sculpture, is carried by the gods, and is Ancient Religions: "Those who grasped worn suspended on the breast as an amulet,

"Belief in a FUTURE Life," says Rawlinson's Religion of the Ancients, p. 24, "was No educated Egyptian a main principle of the Egyptian religion. imquestioned as to their authenticity, and priest certainly, probably no educated lay- It is believed this idea did not originally lenged as to the character of their reman, conceived of the popular gods as really prevail in Egypt, as on the older monuvealments. The translators of the monu-separate and distinct beings. All knew there ments there are no inscriptions to that mental records are men of scientific attain- was but one God, and understood that when effect, just as it is also apparent the Jews ments, who have no motive to falsify, and worship was offered to Khem, or Phthah, or had no such conception until their pretended are too honorable to conceal those genuine Maut, or Thoth, or Ammon, the one God return from Babylon.

Until within the last fifty years, since which modern science has shown the fallacy The same author, p. 32, says:
"We should gather that the Egyptian recations of the East, following the waves of ligion was dualistic, and comprised the idea body was almost universal among Christians. emigration Westward, finally embraced all of a constant and interminable struggle be- To impress more firmly on the mind this inpeoples who trace their ancestry to the tween the powers of light and darkness, of culcation of only a few years ago, we quote abandon these festivals, because of their times with a whip or scourge. This crook, s, as also to such others as were sub- good and evil; a struggle in which there was from a sermon by Rev. Samuel Davis, D.D.

served in one of the school-books of two-Is not this exactly the teachings of Christhirds of a century ago. The extract is

"Now methinks I see, I hear the earth pretation of the different religious ideas and known to us under the name of Osiris. bursting, graves opening. There is a noise, gods, disguised under various names, exist- "He was the Light of the Lower World, the and a shaking among dry bones. The dust is all alive and in motion, and the globe Babylonia, Lydia, Greece, Rome, Palestine horizon in the west, to the hour when he breaks and trembles, as with an earthquake, the religion of either of those countries five He was represented as the "God of the through, and bursting into life. The ruins while this vast army is working its way handred years before our era, is, practically, Dead." Rawlinson's Religion of the Anand have passed through many and surpris-The worship of Osiris was conducted in ing transformations. A limb in one country,

"And now, at the sound of the trumpet, imbibed the religious views of their less- seemed to engage, the main attention of all country to country, to meet and join their proper parts.

> " 'Scattered limbs, and all The various bones obsequious to the call, Self-mov'd, advance; the neck perhaps to meet The distant head, the distant legs, the feet. Fragments of bodies in confusion fly, To distant regions journeying, there to claim The sever'd head and trunk shall join once more. Though realms now rise between, and oceans roar.

ment, with Christ as Judge, was borrowed from Egyptian mythology, the difference: ing friends. In Egypt the bodies must be saved from their purpose the teachings and person of Baddha, an Indian Avatar, were mingled KNEPH and the third person of the Holy rection; while large numbers of saints were KNEPH and the third person of the Holy rection; while large numbers of saints were The pouring of libations, and to have been seen alive in Jerusalem.

his Ancient Empires, p. 79, says: "Justification by faith in Osiris, took

Paul says, Rom. 4:5: "Faith is counted for righteousness," and Rom. 5:1: "Being Heroditous: "In Egypt no woman was in-justified by faith we have peace with God." invested with a sacerdotal office." Paul: altar, their distempered imaginings were KNEPH was the noonday sun, the Divine justified by faith we have peace with God. Temples were erected in Egypt to the honor of their gods, and the most secret recesses were claimed as their dwelling places. Philæ, a small island in the Upper Nile, Holy Ghost, but we find the MADONNA, the just above Syene, is covered with the ruins was dedicated to the worship of Osiris, whose remains were said to be buried there. The adventures and history of this Lord of Vol. 2, p. 27. the Invisible World, are revealed in sculptures, which everywhere grace the walls constantly furnished that sacrifices of animal the Redeemer of the world. At noon, as of the secret chambers of this partly-life were required by God of his people, in already stated, the Sun became Kneph, the fallen temple, just as the passion of atonement for sin. Ordinarily the blood of Divine Spirit, scattering his beneficent rays our Savior," and other incidents in bullocks, of rams, and doves, satisfied the over the earth. At the close of day the Sun his life are pictured on the walls of the divine will; but on extreme occasions hu- became Osiris again, and reigned in the Ingreat cathedrals of medieval ages. In one man life was required. Christians assure visible World as the Judge of the Dead. of these recesses Osiris is represented resting us that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came Thus new names were borne by this god, the on a Milometer, which, to the Egyptian down from heaven, and offered himself a Sun, as the day advanced and declined; but student, it is not necessary to add, is in final sacrifice, for the sins of the whole without regard to the name he bore, he was

two female figures appear as saddened lookers on. In a third compartment are seen whom were men skilled in Greek literature. The reader will make his own inference.

lated at the very beginning of authentic and at the very beginning of authentic and at the very beginning of authentic and at the nomes of Egypt. Wersally observed in all the nomes of Egypt. This Being seems never to have his principal facts regarding Satan, blend.

The Window of Salam and the providing in Facts and which one are the providing in Facts and which it is the providing in Facts and which verdure begin to reappear; at the summer inquiry. through the entire calendar, not forgetting from the sea, he was sacrificed to the reign- destruction. Candlemas day, Feb. 2, when, says Kenrick, ing god as an expiatory offering for un-Christians during the middle ages, had its ment, but modern research seems to sustain counterpart in Egypt, in which imitative Plutarch. representations of the sufferings of Osiris

> licentious and degrading character. similar days in the Christian calendar, becomes the crozier of the Archbishop, and made. Ken. Vol. 1, p. 411.

In place of the crucifix, which only came cessions. into use among Catholics in the 6th century, on the better class of all Egyptian | well known fact is stated: mummies, small images of Osiris, in blue Kenrick, Vol. I, p. 415.

As those now buried in "consecrated ground" are supposed to be in fellowship with certainty the pretended prophecies of rection and happy immortality with Christ, dicted occurred; the a pocryphal Wisdom which Philo, and those who had traveled in so every worshiper of Osiris, when he was of Solomon, and probably large numbers of Egypt, understood it, a concession that embalmed and placed in an Egyptian tomb, other productions now passing as "Sacred Osiris, Serapis, Kneph, all the Gods in fact, was presumed to have been approved by Scriptures," which were collected and trans-this "God of the Under World"; and, lated into Greek, forming the Septuagint. were but one God. strange indeed, the cross, with its attached The latter, translated into the modern Dr. Clarke, quoting with approbation ring, is always found stamped on the tongues of Europe are now known as the from a work by Jacob Bryant, reviewing mummy case. - Ken. Vol. I. p. 408, 409. Old Testament.

The monogram on the standard of Con-Jesus Hominum Salvator, was but the mon- "It is highly probable these ancient com- in existence until many years after Philo ogram of Osiris. This monogram, really mentaries are the very gospels and writings wrote, and the pretended apostles, accordcut, is found on the coins of the Ptolmies, tions of the ancient prophets, such as are fishermen of Galilee at that time. But the and its use antedates Christianity several contained in the epistle to the Hebrews and able Doctor, very much in the language ascenturies, and relates to the worship of many others of St. Paul's epistles." See cribed to others in our day: The priests of Egypt, who were as numer-

white, as did the Jewish priests. Prayers This whole teaching of a general resur- and propitiatory ceremonies accompanied

The Censer, with burning incense, comdecay, to make the event possible; and mon to the Catholic, and occasionally in mythology, adopted by Christians, Enoch claimed to have been borrowed from Jewish possible to make the subject intelligible. was translated to heaven without death, custom, was in use in ancient Egpyt many Elijah went up in a chariot of fire, and centuries, and, probably, many thousand "Curious analogies are traced between Jesus did similarly after his alleged resur- years, before a Jew or Christian was heard Serapis succeeds him in popular esteem.

subject, in his Ancient Empires of the East, have been an Egyptian doctrine. Sayce, in of his mother. Dreams are the principal Serapis. And again a paralyzed hand,-

married one wife only, while polygamy was temple of Serapis, so great was the reputaallowed to the rest of the population." And tion of this god for curing disease, where, "The bishop must be blameless, the hus- healed. band of one wife." 1 Tim. 3:2; and "Let the women learn in silence, with all sub-clothed with the exact attributes of Osiris. jection; but I suffer not a woman to teach.' 2 Tim. 2:11, 12.

identical with the custom of Catholics in making saints, prevailed in Egypt. Ken.

Throughout Jewish history evidence is the form of a cross. In another sculpture world; and that God accepted the ransom, always one and the same god. conditioned the offender believed in the atoning blood, and in the efficacy of the the gods, all the various names, however the limbs of the dismembered god, upon divine mission. The sacrament of the diverse, being but personifications of the which a head is placed, seemingly to indi- eucharist is founded on this fundamental different attributes of the one Supreme God, ate that life still animated the body. doctrine of the Christian Church, and is one seems to have been common to all countries Have we here the original of the crucifixion of its most holy rites. It is found as a pre- which were peopled from Central Asia, or of a God on a cross, with the weeping vailing religious ceremony in Egypt from were dominated by them, as was the case Marys as spectators? See Kenrick, Vol. I, the earliest times, and was celebrated in with Egypt. Hence Pythagoras, Plato, and pp. 341, 348, 349, 25. The first Egyptian honor of the resurrected God, Osiris. The Zeno, in Greece, are each found discoursing onastery was established on this island of bread and wine became his veritable body on the unity of the gods, declaring the act Philae, B. C. 250, and was unquestionably and blood after consecration by the priests. of one to be the act of all. Philo, the occupied by Buddhistic monks, some of The custom was an annual one, and it ex- Judean, born at Alexandria, B. C. 20, whose tended to the Therapeutists of Alexandria. principal works were written as early as A. The whole system, probably, came from D. 30, discoursed about the Logos, or Word, The measure of time by weeks, each last Zoroastrianism, and was a survival of the as rendred in John, in precisely the same day, corresponding with our Saturday, Somo worship. Cicero, who was assas- strain as Plato had done three hundred was a holy day, as in Judea, and was uni- sinated forty-three years before the alleged years before, and was as common in Alexan-Their festal days were very numerous, their custom then prevailing in Egypt, and which our era. The Wisdom of Solomon, one of most important ones coinciding with the had extended to Rome, inquired: "How the apocryphal books, conceded by all winter solstice, when the sun commences can a man be so stupid as to imagine that scholars to have been written in the Egyphis return to northern skies; at the vernal which he eats to be a God?" But Cicero tian capital, at least a century before our equinox, when birds, and flowers, and was a heathen, hence his ignorance, and his era, has a very apt illustration of this Greek

trannal equinox, when the ripened grain, pease the anger of their gods. The Egypwinter use. One of these days denoted the Plutarch, for red-haired victims, so when a Wisdom of Solomon 18:15, and read: birthday of a god; another the period of his native of hyperborean skies, with fiery locks, of the resurrection, in great repute among that Heroditous made an opposite state- John.

In mural representations Osiris generally tians were compelled by legal enactments to hand, a cross and ring in his left; sometransferred to the Bishops in Catholic and is carried in front of him in religious pro- With Osiris in mind as the Supreme God,

"The Jews were very numerous in Egypt, porcelain, are found on the breast, between and many of the important writings, now Jews of Alexandria.

Among these writings may be reckoned Serapis was nothing made that was made. with the Church, and expectants of a resur- Daniel, written long after the events pre- telligible, and is substantially the sense in

Not the Old Testament only bears evistantine, which was placed on his ensign, dence of Egyptian handiwork, but Eusebius, and was borne in front of the imperial the first Church historian, writing A. D. Philo attributed to him in his divine characarmy, the characters of which he claimed to 324, referring to the writings in possession have seen in the sky, on the arms of the of the Therapeutse, a religious sect in excross, usually read: I. H. S., and interpreted, In Hoc Signo, and by others of Christianity, says of them:

Euseb. Ec. His., b. 2, chap. 16.

ous as in the most favored countries of New Testament Scriptures, including gospels, with the expressions and doctrines in the to-day, were not content with "white history, epistles and revelations, are the apostolic writings?" chokers," as now. They dressed wholly in productions of Egyptian Monks; and that Neither Dr. Clark Serapis, a reflection of the Persian savior Christian writers, stopped to think it possi-Mithra, was the original Egyptian hero, who ble the apostle borrowed the very language rection of the body, and of a final judg- burials, and offerings of flowers and odorous these versatile frauds and idlers exaggerated of Philo, who wrote fifty-six years before herbs were placed upon the tomb by weep into the character Jesus, and located in John, who gave it as original with himself; Palestine.

And now, that abstruse and, seemingly,

after the alleged assassination of Osiris, a later personification. The latter was an importation into Egypt, to disprove this statement; but Rev. Prof. | "Believe or be damned," which was suptreed to disprove this statement; but Rev. Prof. | "Believe or be damned," which was suptreed to disprove this statement; but Rev. Prof. | "Believe or be damned," which was suptreed to disprove this statement; but Rev. Prof. | "Believe or be damned," which was suptreed to disprove this statement; but Rev. Prof. | "Believe or be damned," which was suptreed to disprove this statement; but Rev. Prof. | "Believe or be damned," which was suptreed to disprove this statement; but Rev. Prof. | "Believe or be damned," which was suptreed to disprove this statement; but Rev. Prof. | "Cheeks and the balls of his eyes with the continually shaken by the slightest reports even corroborated by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth, "as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth, "as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth, "as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth, "as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth, "as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth, "as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth, "as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth, "as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth, "as directed by the simple statement secretions of his mouth," as directed by the simple statement secretion secret

says Suetonius a leg,—was immediately re-Diodorus says: "In Egypt the priests stored. The sick were conveyed to the Serapis is the identical personage, and is

So, too, was Mithra, the Savior of the Zoroastrians. Each was but a personification of Canonization and beatification, almost the Sun. In the older theogony Horus appears as the rising Sun, with Isis as the dawn. After the advent of Serapis into Egypt he seems to occupy the former place of Horus, and becomes himself the Savior,

This teaching in regard to the unity of Logos, rendered "word," which the transsolstice, when the promise of an abundant In Egyptian history it appears human lators in this case were exceedingly eareful harvest clothes the fields; and at the au-sacrifices were occasionally required to ap- not to capitalize, otherwise it would have spoiled the effect of the same "Word" in and the golden-rinded fruit are garnered for tian god had a special relish, according to the first chapter of John's gospel. Turn to

"Thine Almighty WORD leaped down conception; and another the time of his was driven by force of Northern winds, or from heaven out of the royal throne, as a transfiguration, and thus on until we pass voluntarily entered the land of the lotus fierce man of war in the midst of a land of

Here Word is personified as an emanation all Egypt was illuminated." The festival numbered national sins. It is just to state of the Almighty, quite as forcibly as in

Dr. Adam Clarke, in his Commentaries on John's Gospel, gives it as his opinion that John wrote about A. D. 86, fifty-six were given, known as the Mysteries. Chris- appears with a shepherd's crook in his right years after Philo had written about the

John 1:1: "In the beginning was the And fast days, and abstinence from all Episcopalian Churches, becomes the pastoral Word was God. The same was in the bepleasures and luxuries of every kind, in- staff; and by adding a floriated cross at the ginning with God. All things were made cluding animal food and wheaten bread, head, in place of the crook, sometimes with by him, [the Word] and without him, [the were religiously observed, coinciding with a victim on it in the shape of a crucifix, it Word, was not anything made that was

> and Serapis as the same God, bearing another In Clement's History of Egypt, p. 276, a name, each the Sun, please paraphrase the passage and read:

In the beginning was Serapis, and Serapis was with God, and Serapis was God. Serathe bandages which envelope the dead .- known as Jewish only, emanated from the pis was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Serapis, and without

This paraphrase makes the "Apostle" in-

the teachings of Philo, says:

"It is manifest the sacred writers have given Christ, in his mediatorial capacity what ter antecedent to creation.'

The learned writer "thinks" Philo de-PX, not well represented without a special of the apostles, and probably some exposi- ing to their own showing, were but humble

"Whence else could he have obtained so It is the opinion of many that all of the many terms which bear such an analogy

Neither Dr. Clark, nor have subsequent just as Philo had only repeated in substance the teachings of Plato, which the latter incomprehensible doctrine of the Trinity, as learned from the older Egyptian priests Osiris is the final judge. True, in Jewish Episcopal service, at mass and vespers, taught by John, in his gospel, briefly as several centuries earlier, while he was traveling among them, though relating to the In the more modern theogony of Egypt, older gods; Serapis, as we have seen, being

The emperor Hadrian, visiting Alexandria about A. D. 134, while interesting himself The pouring of libations, and the offer- under the older of the Ptolemies, from in viewing the city and its Museum, wrote who had left their graves. All these tales ings of corn, sometimes of fruits and cakes, Pontus, on the Black Sea, where this god his kinsman and Consul Servianus, quoted

"Hadrian Augustus to the Consul Servi-

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of fame. The scorshipers of SERAPIS are CHRISTIANS, and they are devoted to Scrapis who call themselves Christ's bishops. And then Socrates' Ecclesiastical History

book 5, chap. 16, written about A. D. 412: "In the temple of Serapis, now overthrown and rifled throughout, [destroyed 23 years before], there were found engraven in the stones certain letters which they call hieroglyphical; the manner of their engraving resembled the cross. The which, when both Christians and Ethnics beheld before which lined the way on either side. them, every one applied them to his own re-

Sozomenes, a still later church historian. writing about A. D. 443, of the temple of Serapis, said:

It is reported that when this temple was destroyed, there appeared some of those characters called hieroglyphics, surrounding the sign of the cross, in engraven stones; and that, by the skilful in these matters, these hieroglyphics were held to have signified THE LIFE TO COME! And this became a pretense for becoming Christians to many Grecians, because there were even other letters which signified this sacred end when this character appeared."

Now let us "suppose," as Bible commentators are in the habit of doing, that the Alexandrian, whom churchmen "presume" to be the apostle John, while giving his ideas of the Logos, of whom Philo, Plato, etc., had written so fully, and wishing to

make it apply to his Palestine hero, added: "The Word [Serapis] was made flesh and

dwelt among us, Then we have a very clear idea what the divine historian was telling. If it is not yet obvious that Serapis was the Word, pass to verse 29, and read: "The Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." This Lamb of God, Agnus Dei, was an emblem of Serapis. It was the image of a very gentle-appearing lamb, bearing the banner of the cross. It was seen on all altars of sacrifice dedicated to Serapis. This same figure is now used in the Catholic Church, and is stamped on the holy wafers, a thin round cake, consecrated by the Pope and swallowed by the kneeling communicant at the sacrament of the "Lord's Supper," having been converted into veritable flesh of the risen Lord, by the consecration.

Farther down the holy page, to verse 32, which relates to this Word, or Greek Logos, all of which Dr. Clarke thinks should not have been translated, but should have been retained in Greek, just as many other words were preserved without translation, and capitalized, thereby conveying a false meaning, and we read:

I saw the spirit descending from heaven like a dove and it abode upon him."

Says Rev. J. P. Lundy, in his Monu-mental Christianity, p. 293: "It is a re-narkable fact that this spirit [the Holy Spirit] has been symbolized among all religus and civilized nations by the Dove. This, too, was one of the symbols of Serapis. Tacitus, book 4, chaps. 83, 84, of his

History, gives an account of the removal of Serapis to Egypt, which may be interesting in this connection. He says when Ptolemy Sotor was consolidating the power of Egypt, a youth of surpassing grace, and in appear mee transcending human form, presented himself to the emperor in the night, commanding him to send trusty friends into Pontus, a province on the Black Sea, to it would be a source of prosperity to his kingdom, and great and glorious would be instant the youth was seen mounting to heaven events, and the opposition the removal of the image met with: but he continues: "The god, of his own motion, quitted the temple, third day. A temple was built at Rhacotis, [the early name of the site of Alexandria] dedicated to Serapis and Isis. The god himself, on account of his healing, is by many called Æsculapius, by others Osiris, the most ancient deity of the country.

When Osiris passed to the Under World, he still lived in his new character of Redeemer, Restorer, Preserver, as we have already seen, under the name of Serapis. Amer. Cyclo. 12: 720. Long before the conquest of Alexander there was a temple at Canopus, a few miles northeast of the more recent site of Alexandria, dedicated to do. 3: 720.

A magnificent temple, known as one of the Wonders of the World, was built at constant attendance, occupied apartments in Christianity? this gorgeous structure, and the learned of all nations flocked there to meet their fellows, and exchange ideas in regard to science and ture, nearly filled the sanctuary. The priests Monks lived in the precincts of the temple, beyond which they seldom removed, subsist-

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their asses and stored their grain precisely as their nineteenth century descendants swarmed of late with their poultry, and pigeons, and beasts of burden in the sacred chambers of Edfu and Luxor. The Idestructive] work begun by the Christian iconoclast was completed by the Mohammedan invader.

A colossal statue of Serapis thirteen and one-half feet high, made of emeralds, was found buried in the ruins of the Labyrinth, at Arsinoe, near Lake Morris. And a huge temple, near Memphis, the ruins of which were uncovered by M. Mariette, in 1850, was approached by a long avenue of sphinxes,

The ruins of a temple to Serapis were found at Pozzuoli, in Italy; and more recently one has been unearthed in the buried city of Pompeii. The worship of this god was observed in Pontus, Bithynia, and other provinces lying along the Black Sea, as in fact throughout Asia Minor. His worship was extended westward to Rome, where its further progress was arrested by the advancement of Christianity, which, as already shown, apropriated his emblems, his festivals, his rites, sacraments, and even worship, though applied to another. The civil power, under the name of Christian, recognized the worship of Serapis as a rival to the new religion, so it was suppressed by royal edicts; but this was not fully accomplished until after A. D. 389.

Those not disposed to take stock in dreams; who do not believe in virgins giving birth to men or Gods; who are incredulous when told of a person passing through all the changes common to life, such as growth, maturity, decay and death, exhibiting all the emotions and passions common to other men, and leaving behind no evidence of having possessed superior wisdom or virtue to those living in the same age with him, all his pretended revelations the property of the world for long ages before him, will be very likely to "presume the proofs conclusive that the whole New Testament Scriptures, with all its characters, incidents, and teachings, were written in Alexandrian Greek,—as the volume itself bears ample evidence,—at Alexandria, by every one of whom was a resident of that Egyptian city.

I am the Lord thy God, from the land of Egypt."-Hosea 12:9. "Out of Egypt

have I called my son."-Matt. 2:15. The student, only searching for TRUTH, after reading the foregoing facts, and these last-quoted passages of "Divine Revelation," who has found that Osiris was known to his people as the Father, the Supreme God, the Manifestor of Good, Lord of authority of Jesus Christ, then indeed it is Lords, King of the Gods, Lord of Innumerable Days, Ruler of Eternity; that SERAPIS was the Savior, the Redeemer, the Illuminator, the Restorer, the Preserver; that quoted the sermon of Vicar-General Byrne, KNEPH was the Divine Spirit, the Dispenser of Light and Warmth, the Benefactor of 16, 1890, explaining this encyclical, and Humanity; constituting the Sacred Trinity in Unity, all being the Sun; with Isis the Mother, the Queen of Heaven; and her child Horus, born in a cave, on her knee, how can he avoid the conviction that there of our religion. This only happens when was little left to be original in founding a new religion in Palestine?

When the ablest Christian writers admit that Philo, a contemporary of the period ascribed to Jesus, though writing voluminously of Jewish affairs, made no mention or indirect reference to him, or of events said to have attended his birth and death; when the learned DeQuincey, in the 9th volume of bring to Alexandria his effigy; adding that his works says: "The passage in Josephus in regard to Christ has long been given up as a forgery by all men not lunatic;" and the country that gave it reception. In that Justus of Tiberias, living at the same time with Josephus, who wrote a history of the in a column of fire. (Would it be sacrileg- Jews down to the destruction of Jerusalem the laws of Spain and the laws of Piedmont, drian romancer, 300 years afterwards, located to him, or of the wonderful works he did." in Palestine?) Tacitus narrates incidental as stated by Photius, who says he read the and of our common law. Shortly after the work, though now lost: and when it is al- present pontiff recovered from his illness in most demonstrated that the oft-quoted passage in Tacitus' Annals, claiming to have and immunities of the Jesuits, he issued a and embarked on board the fleet that lay at been written during the early part of the 2d papal decree in which occurred this sentence: the shore, and came to Alexandria on the century, is not only a forgery of itself, but the whole book is fraudulent, concocted by a Popish Secretary, in the 15th century; where in ancient times a temple had been that the passage in Pliny was doctored, probably originally relating to the licentious worshipers of Serapis, and by some forger and when every mention of Jesus prior to any judicial function?" the middle of the 2d century, outside of the New Testament-but little, of which, if any, geography of Palestine, its chronology, history, customs and laws, -how is it possible the god Serapis. It contained a shrine and that the whole were productions of designoracle of him, and was a great resort of for-ing Monks with which Egyptian cities and eigners, especially of Greeks. Amer. Cyown Neo-Platonic and Eclectic views, made within the province of the church, and that up from conflicting religions prevalent at Alexandria, and was consecrated to Serapis. that time, using such material as they found of faith. You say, 'I will receive my faith The Great Museum, Library, and College, all around them in great abundance, production is discontinuous. This assertion is discontinuous. This assertion is discontinuous.

In conclusion, instead of the inquiry: What did Christianity borrow from Egypt? it is apparent the question should have been: religion. A colossal statue, in sitting pos- Is there anything in Christianity which was not derived from Egypt? The answer would connected his worship with the healing art. be pointed: They did not borrow their vandalism, their hatred of learning, their intolerance, their wars for the spread of their faith, their persecutions, their burning of first place to serve, as far as possible, the The most bitter feuds followed the de-heretics, their efforts to retard the progress struction of this great temple, in which the of knowledge, and particularly of science, Christian Monks, led by a Christian Bishop, their narrow and materialistic conceptions of and directed by a Christian Emperor were God, the deification of a Judean peasant, the actors. That worthy Egyptologist, Miss and a belief in the eternal damnation of the Amelia B. Edwards, in her Bubastis, published in the January, 1890, Century Magazine, referring to the ruins at Bubastis, and son can be the father of himself, and that knows to be hostile to it, who openly refuse the absence of any trace of its great temple, father the identical son of the same virgin to respect its rights, who seek to break the

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News comes from Boston that the committee of 100, which is a Protestant organization, with headquarters at Boston, for the protection of the public schools against the attacks of the Catholic clergy, has issued a review of the last encyclical letter of the pope, comparing it with other Catholic utterances upon the same subjectthe relation of Church and State. It makes many quotations from this letter, and establishes the point that the church of Rome demands the allegiance of its members above all civil authority. From that point it goes on to urge the requirement of a new test for citizenship, one which will debar every person who owes allegiance to any authority before that of the government the early Fathers of the Church, nearly of the country. Some of the points of the forthcoming pamphlet are as follows:

This last encyclical of Leo XIII. was issued in Rome Jan. 10 last, and treats of the civil duties of Catholics. One of the declarations of the pope is this: "But if the laws of the State are in open contradiction with the divine law, if they command anything prejudicial to the church, or are hostile to the duties imposed by religion, or violate in the person of the supreme pontiff the a duty to resist them, and a crime to obey them-a crime fraught with injury to the State itself. "As a commentary on this is of the Boston diocese, preached here March asserting that the Catholics are loyal to our government: "No doubt there are times when the state demands of us a line of conduct manifestly contrary to the dictates the civil rulers for the time being overstep their true sphere, or seek to make the sacred power of the church subservient to their own ends. The good citizen will refuse to obey the immoral command of the State, and peacefully accept the penalty:" The pamphlet then says: "Popes have declared the laws of nations null and void, and absolved Romanists from allegiance to such governments." Our readers can not have forgotten how the pontiff took upon himself in 1863 to declare null and void the laws of New Granada, in 1856 the law of Mexico, in 1855 the laws of Sardinia, in the same year essential parts of the American constitution 1886, after establishing all the privileges The judicial functionaries must refuse obedience to the state and the laws of the country which are in contradiction with Roman Catholic precepts.' What is this but preaching downright rebellion, not only in Italy, where it means civil war, but in made to tell another tale from that intended; every country where Roman Catholics hold

There is quoted the declaration by Vicar-General Preston in New York a letter over a was written at an earlier date-proves to be year ago, while on the witness-stand in fictitious; that the writers of the gospels court, when asked if the Roman Catholics everywhere display their ignorance of the must obey their bishops, right or wrong: "They must obey, right or wrong." same man, in a sermon in New York, Jan. to successfully controvert the conclusion 1, 1888, said: "Every word which Leo speaks from his high chair is the voice of time, whose object it was to propagate their obedience. It is said that politics is not the church has only jurisdiction in matters ing what is now substantially known as politics from him.' This assertion is disloyal and untruthful. You must not think as you choose, you must think as Catholics. The man who says, 'I will take my faith from Peter, but I will not take my politics from Peter,' is not a true Catholic.

The encyclical is further quoted to this effect: "In politics, which is inseparably bound up with the laws of morality and religious duties, men ought always and in the interests of Catholicism. As soon as they are seen to be in danger, all differences should cease between Catholics. Since the fate of States depends principally on the disposition of those who are at the head of the government, the Church cannot grant its patronage or favor to men whom it between religious interests and the interests of the civil order.'

Commenting on this and on similar quo-

cided renders those who take it incapable of naturalization. Here it is, as decided by the Romish council at Baltimore in 1885:

" I acknowledge the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Roman Church as the mother and mistress of all churches; and I pledge and swear true obedience to the Roman pontiff, vicar of Jesus Christ, and successor of the blessed Peter, prince of the apostles!'

"There is nothing reserved; no exception is made of allegiance to the government under which the person who has taken this oath may live, and in the wide field of conflicting sovereignty the duty to obey the oope is imperative and absolute over the duty to obey the laws. This doctrine of supreme jurisdiction over all earthly powers and laws is a doctrine the papal church in America has always taught, as it holds 'the State to be an inferior court, receiving its authority from the Church, and liable to have its decrees reversed on appeal,' and that 'in the case of conflicting laws between the two powers, the laws of the Church must prevail over the State. While the State has rights, she has them only in virtue and by permission of the superior authority, and that authority can only be expressed through the Church.

Cardinal Manning is quoted in Donahoe's Magazine for December, 1888, as saying: 'It is an obligation to obey the civil ruler, but if the civil ruler shall make a law hostile to faith, we must then be Catholics THE CALL FOR THE LIBERAL WOMAN'S CONfirst and citizens afterward." Following its declaration of the doctrine of the Catholic Church and its citations of authorities for its position, the pamphlet then goes on to take the radical ground of proposing disfranchisement of Catholics who acknowledge their first allegiance to be to their Church States have recently been admitted to the rather than to their country. This proposition is remarkable because in the committee without their careful consideration. The seeking Statehood, with a constitution pro-

pamphlet says: "We have no hesitation in affirming that the oath of allegiance to our government taken by Romanists and by which they have obtained the rights of the ballot, citizenship, and office amounts to nothing if they are good Romanists, and has no binding obliga- ulation. tion where the interests of the Church or the pontff require it to be disregarded. Peter having thus spoken and the position of Romanists in this country being clearly established, what is to be done? If the comers, and many of the old ones, fear to American people do not propose to surrender to the papal Church their sovereignty, their business or social policy, cater to their honor, and their rights, and undo what worst enemy, the church. We therefore their fathers secured through the sac- deem a broader platform necessary, in order Church. rifices of the Revolution, then something to reach the many-sided thought of the will have to be done and that speedily. ious to enquire, if this was the original of in the year 70, "made not the least mention in 1862 the laws of Austria; and in every for the nation's protection, that no man who mands; and to promote fearlessness in determined in the year 70, "made not the least mention in the year 70, "made not the least mention in the world, the proclaimed null are allowed to participate as a citizen in holding office or casting a ballot. The United States hand. The encroachments of "The Chris-Supreme court has decided that the law of tian Party in Politics," composed of both one of our States disfranchising Mormons is Catholics and Protestants-its aim a union constitutional on the theory that the man who of Church and State-were never as great as takes the oath the Mormons are required to at the present time. The decrees of the take can not be a good citizen. Why should Plenary Council, held in Baltimore, 1884. not this principle be applied to those who the speeches and resolutions of the recent confess allegiance to the papal hierarchy? Catholic Congress in the same city, the How much longer will this flagrant violation effort towards parochial schools, etc., show of citizenship be permitted in America? Is the drift of Catholic thought in this direcit not high time for the nation to decide ion; but to no greater extent than is which is supreme, the Church or the State, the like purpose of Protestant effort made to which authority citizens owe allegiance? known by the work of the National Reform How long would the nation allow one-eighth Association, the American Sabbath Union, of her population to enjoy all the rights and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, privileges of American citizenship while the discussions, canons, and resolutions of owning allegiance to any other foreign State and National ministerial bodies, topower, say Austria or Russia? Why permit gether with the various bills before Congress this to be done with those who own allegiance for religious education in schools, Sunday to the pontiff at Rome? Why should the rest, etc. privileges of citizenship be extended to men who not only not uphold American insti- franchisement-valueless without religious tutions, but who endeavor to drive those who liberty-but in order to help preserve the uphold them away from such allegiance very life of the Republic, it is imperative through fear of eternal damnation?

of the United States be required not only to ever most unscrupulous enemy of freedom allegiance to the pope of Rome. This is not a question of religious intolerance, nor is it one of antagonism to foreigners who are willing to homologate with us in accord with the spirit of our institutions. We would not cut down by a single span the splendid proportions of national freedom; we would not abridge the liberty of party, sect, or individual. But this is a question of selfprotection and self-preservation, and the law of self-preservation is supreme in all social and political organizations. We would guard and preserve our liberty from the hands of hate and the assaults of foes.

"Romanism is a political system. It is a political power. As a political power it must be met, as a political force it must be treated when viewed in its relations to our institutions. It does not make any difference whether the political power that assails our alliance established by the nature of things institutions is on the shores of the Baltic, on the shores of the British channel, or on the shores of the Tiber. It must be met. We can have no divided citizenship. No man

A DANGER SIGNAL SOUNDS. WOMAN'S NATIONAL LIBERAL

UNION.

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The Woman's National Liberal Union hood. Convention for organization was held in Washington, D. C., at Willard's Hall, Feb. of the Government of the United States of 24 and 25, 1890. At the request of Mr. J. G. Jackson, who was an active participant be forever kept separate. The State should in the proceedings of the Convention, we govern its civil affairs, give its protection to

ORGANIZATION AND PLAN OF WORK. SEC. 1. The management of the business therefore any amendment to the Constitu-affairs and plans of the Woman's National tion proposed by the so-called Christian party Liberal Union shall be vested in an Execu- in politics is destructive of existing civil libtive Council consisting of nine persons.

Sec. 2. The following officers shall be elected from among and by the Executive Christian party in politics is to establish a elected.

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VENTION. For several reasons the woman suffrage reform advances slowly. Men trained from infancy by the church, to a belief in woman's inferiority, are loath to concede her capable of self-government. Four new Union, neither one possessing a Republican form of government, as required by the of 100 are some of the leading citizens of Federal Constitution; neither one recogniz-Boston, and it cannot be presumed that ing the right of self-government as inhering they would permit this document to go out in its women citizens. Of Wyoming, now viding for woman suffrage, the press declares that an applicant for admission, coming with this condition, may not find its entrance into Statehood thereby facilitated. but because of it, it "may be discovered by wary Congressmen to have insufficient pop-

Such lessons as these should not be lost upon woman.

Existing woman suffrage societies have also ceased to be progressive. The newtake an advance step, and from motives of country; to more clearly show the cause of

Again: A crisis in the nation's life is at

Therefore, not alone to aid her own enthat women should unite upon a platform of Let Romanists who would become citizens opposition to the teaching and aim of that

of Church and State through a proposed amendment to the Constitution, the object of which is to recognize the Christian religion as the foundation of our Government, and the true basis of our laws.

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of the Church is the doctrine of woman's inferiority, by reason of her original sin-a doctrine which we denounce as false in science, and its foundation a theological myth.

circulation, for which they have ample has not grown out of the Church, but should outgrow the need of any Church, and be henceforth and forever independent of the Church.

Resolved. That the efforts now made by the Christian party to bring religion into politics in order to place a religious amendment in the Constitution of the United States, must be resisted, because the success of such efforts would make the Church the arbiter of the legislative functions of the Government, and place dangerous, irresponsible power in the hands of the priest-

Resolved, That according to the principles America, the Church and State are and must publish the following with reference to or-ganization, etc.:

every form of religious belief, and secure freedom from molestation to every sect in the exercise of its religious sentiments, and erty, and should be energetically opposed.

Resolved, That the real endeavor of the Council: A President, a Vice-President, a papacy in place of the present secular form Secretary and a Treasurer, to hold office for of government of the United States; that a one year, or until their successors are papacy does not alone mean a pope's oneman power in the Church, nor a claim of SEC. 3. The Executive Council shall have papal infallibility; nor an immoral pretense the power to fill all vacancies, and to create of power to bind or loose sins, nor the celesuch additional offices as may be deemed bration of mass, nor use of holy water, nor necessary to fully carry out the objects of the making of marriage a sacrament, nor the doctrine of extreme unction, nor consecrated ground for burial, nor the claim of any number of sacraments, nor the establishment of parochial schools to teach children what they cannot understand, nor a celibate priesthood, nor any form of theological doctrine regarding heaven, hell or purgaing Secretary, 1726 N street, Washington tory; but that a papacy is any church asserting divine authority for its teachings, and therefore claiming the right to exercise civil power, -whether that church call itself Roman, Greek, Anglican or Protestant.

Resolved, That the centralization of power, whether in the Church or in the State, is dangerous to civil liberty and to individual rights, and therefore all attempts towards such centralization, either in Church or State, must be constantly and firmly op-

Resolved, That as our nation is composed of people holding various and conflicting religious views, Roman Catholics disagreeing with Protestant forms, both disagreeing with Jewish rites, and the Agnostic holding to no defined system, therefore it is wrong and unjust to impose religious instruction of any kind upon the pupils of our common schools, and in simple justice to all people, we denounce and oppose every kind of religious instruction in our public schools.

Resolved, That the great principle of the Protestant Reformation, namely, the right of individual conscience and judgment heretofore claimed and exercised by man alone, should also be claimed and exercised by woman, who in her interpretation of the Scriptures should be guided by her own reason, and not by the authority of any Church or creed.

Resolved, That as the first duty of every individual is self-development, the lessons of self-sacrifice and obedience taught woman by the Christian Church, have been fatal not only to her own vital interests, but through her, to the vital interests of the

Resolved, That every Church is the enemy of liberty and progress, and the chief means of enslaving woman's conscience and reason, and, therefore, of the first and most necessary step towards her emancipation, we should free her from the bondage of the

Resolved, That the Christian Church, of whatever name, is based on the theory that thus necessitating the sacrifice of a Savior. That Christianity is false, and its foundation a myth, which every discovery in science shows to be as baseless as its former belief that the earth was flat.

Resolved, That morality is not theology, but has a basis independent of "Thou shalt," and "Thou shalt not"; that right is right and wrong is wrong, not because any being in the universe so declares, but in the nature of things, the origin of right being in truth, and not in authority.

Resolved, That we seek the truth, come whence it may, and lead where it will; with the Greek Plato we deem nothing so beautiful as truth; with Hindu Mahrajah we believe no religion can excel the truth; and with the American Lucretia Mott, we accept truth for authority, and not authority for truth.

STUDIES IN THE OUTLYING FIELDS

PSYCHIC -:- SCIENCE.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

ever most unscrupulous enemy of freedom—the Church.

Signed by Representatives from Twenty-Seven States.

Objects.

First. To assert woman's natural rights to self-government, to show cause of delay in the recognition of her demands, and to promote fearlessness in the denunciation of such cause.

Second. To preserve the secular nature of our Government, and principles of civil and religious liberty now incorporated in the Federal Constitution, and to arouse public thought to the imminent danger of a union of Church and State through a proposed amendment to the Constitution, the object of Its in the control of the world and the doctrine of evolution; Scientific methods of the study of man and its results; What is the sensitive state! Mesmerism, hypnotism, somnambulism; Clairvoyance; Sensitiveness proved by psychometry; Sensitiveness during sleep; Dreams; Sensitiveness induced by disease; Thought transference; Intimidations of an intelligent force superior to the settor; Effect of physical conditions on the sensitive; Unconscious sensitives; Prayer, in the light of sensitiveness and thought transferences; Immortality—What the future life must be, granting the preceding facts and conclusions; Mind cure; Christian science, metaphysics—their psychic and psychical relations; Personal experience and intelligence from the sphere of light.

Third. To show that the real foundation of the Church is the doctrine of woman's inferiority, by reason of her original sin_s

LIBERAL LECTURES.

THE HOME CIRCLE FRATERNITY

The Evolution of a New Religion.

DISOWNED ON EARTH.

sepulchral, as if hope had vanished and those who bitterly condemned you and denothing remained within the heart but a siring to improve, you can rapidly advance." some trivial offense he had committed. The and down. father disowns his daughter because she disowned, and are regarded as outcasts of society. There was Rachel—bright, vivacious and pretty—her soul radiant with ex-hilarating sunshine, and her heart buoyant with innocent merriment. Her father was a prominent citizen of ———. His daughter Rachel married a man, who, at an early day went west during the gold excitement. When he returned he found that his wife had departed from the beautiful paths of virtue, and finally he disowned her and procured a divorce. Poor Rachel, meeting nothing but scorn and vituperations and abuse, went from bad to worse, and disowned by her rich and influential relatives, her last earthly resort was the dingy, tear-stained walls of the poor-house. She met no encouragement home, -a refuge of despair, an asylum where one in the third sphere. hope never sends forth a radiant smile, and Last evening I left you after describing

Finally death will come to this poor heartbroken woman; this outcast; this wretched child of God; this poor disowned creature. or physical body. The cold clods of the valley will not disown her; the rough boards that will enclose the remains of the once lovely Rachel will on her grave-perchance a flower that some as that of the millionaire, or any of the favored sons or daughters of earth. Disowned, The doors of her rich relatives were closed

who had made a misstep in life. to reform? What hope for the pining, re- emaciated and diseased for want of food. forms on credulity, and known as imagina- sphere of life. pentant creature? This poor woman, re- The things needful for the support of human tion.

but the angels, ever kind and indulgent, the threshold of their homes! and they never permanently desert them.

to Rachel; yes, death, that peaceful messen- of harmony.

world and the squalor and wretchedness of earth interblended. There a disowned child of earth was being released from a life of Encouraged and Assisted in Spirit Life. misery and wretchedness, -saved from cruel [The object to be attained under the heading, "The Home Circle Fraternity, the Evolution of a New Religion," is to bring out more prominently the only currency that gives prominence to an individual in Spirit-life, viz., Be Good and Do Good. Hence a new conception of Delty will be formulated, and a constant Incentive given to live a life unspotted before all the world.]

There stands a radiant sister,—angelic sweether. "Sister, I don't disown you. I greethy one of heaven's own waywardness!"

There stands a radiant sister,—angelic sweether. "Sister, I don't disown you. I greethy one of heaven's own waywardness!" relatives—by one of heaven's own divine messengers, Death! The spirit finally mur-murs, "Heaven forgive my waywardness!" liberated you from your material body, you are now where no one-not even the most There is something very solemn connected wretched of earth-are disowned. Now, with the word disowned. It sounds ghastly, away from the finger of scorn, away from

skeleton. Friends suddenly angered disown each other with curses on their lips. The I am among friends; I always desired to parishioners disown the pastor on account of be good, but circumstances forced me down

Thus it was, disowned on earth-by rich does not marry to suit his capricious whims. and influential parents, insane and wretched The licentious—the fallen women—those —but carefully cared for and and encourwho sell themselves for a price, in dens of iniquity where no pure thought finds en hearts are full of love and charity, and who trance—they, poor and forlorn, have been disown not the humblest of God's creatures.

John Mrancis

THE GRAND REALITY!

brated Dramatist.

[Continued from last week.]

LECTURE XIV.

I shall not proceed with a long lecture tofrom any source. There this woman, once night, as I am going to draw your attention so fascinating and beloved by all, found a to what might be termed the last grade but

where the disowned are placed to eke out a the grades where some crowned heads were miserable existence. There this once lovely tarrying or staying. To-night it is my increature was confined in a cell-insane- tention to give you a description of the driven to insanity through remorse oc- spirits, who, when upon earth, were deeply casioned by being disowned by her rich and depressed from a sense of those harms and influential relatives, and with no helping wrongs which too often cling around the hand extended in any direction. The word human family, I mean those who have been chilled her soul as an icicle chills the hands, left without father or mother or anyone else it sent forth its dismal, heart-rending notes to protect them. Their minds become of agonizing despair, until the once petted crushed, and tottering under such a load of child of fond parents, lost her reason—her misery, the proper and healthy development often predominate. of these dejected spirits is stayed, and the consequences are that it takes some time to been so cast down, for, to a great extent, it has lost its power through the oppression it underwent while it was inhabiting the shell

seemed to be a village, which I was to understand had been founded by one of the not disown her; the green grass that grows noblest of women who had lived upon your earth. She was of an exceedingly benevoloving hand deposited there will not disown lent nature, and her inclinations were her. The birds will light upon the head-naturally the same here, and so this little board of her grave and warble their notes as town was founded, and became inhabited

fresh and as sweet as if from an angel's lips.
The atmosphere scented with the flowers of sympathies would be attracted, and who summer will clasp her grave as affectionately were existing under her guidance. These spirits, with whom I wish to bring you in contact, had, in the earth-life, labored under charity, love and kindness on the part of parents and friends, and another world full of delusions, fantasies or weird scenes discloses itself to the sorrow-stricken vision. Sometimes, Insanity, blessed art thou! Welcome, thrice welcome to the said discloses, drives off the darts of pain, and makes the disowned forget their condition.

The so-called modern Spiritualist has the distance as down the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the mind, or nerve speakable sorrow when thinking of her negative, on which the side to bring to his aid at least the sense of say to have some person to set with who can three negative, on which the side to bring to his aid at least the sense of say to have some person to set with who can there nothing). The socialled modern Spiritualist has the data to distinct the social development of the sorrow-stricken vision. The social development of a plant the reduling of the social development of the social development of the sorrow-stricken vision. The social development of the sorrow-stricken vision. The social development of the

one, nor does God and the angels. The pens that these professors turn away; germ of thought or mind understanding. they mother may disown the new-born babe, and though they were reared to worship God. The principle known and taught as Faith, to be. deposit it on the steps for others to succor, yet they allow God's children to perish at in all its ramifications (which has drenched Individuality of fraud, as connected with MRS. CORA L. V. RICHMOND.

ger, whose smiles are always radiant with I have seen the spirit-mother return to dogmatized creeds upon traditional or love, and whose eyes are illuminated with earth with love in every portion of her be-hearsay testimony, that so easily controverts of this disowned child of God, and her wild but He who rules o'er all, to guide them-

messengers constantly bringing intelligence to her concerning them.

We will now enter the village I spoke of, where I noticed that all the houses were of limited dimensions, and everything connected with them was of a plain character—nothing elegant to be seen. Here the spirit is brought and put into a magnetic sleep under the power and direction of those who are deputed or empowered to act such a part. This restores a tone to the deadened faculties, and makes the spirit in time glorious to look upon, because it is the pure influence of angelic spirits. Here, even the power and direction of spirit communication.

The following is translated from the French by Z. T. Griffen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Owen, at a sitting with the celebrated shate-writing medium. Fred Evans, in San Francisco, obtained on a double slate twelve communications in as in being, possessed with what we term a natural body, and a spiritual body?

Every people have culminated to themselves a record of guidance and a rule of a faculties, and makes the spirit in time glorious to look upon, because it is the pure influence of angelic spirits. Here, every have a spirit communication. a part. This restores a tone to the deadened faculties, and makes the spirit in time glorious to look upon, because it is the pure influence of angelic spirits. Here, even in the spirit-world, each one leans upon the other. I afterwards saw another class, viz., those who had been killed in the bloody and fiery battles for their countries' sake. I would like to say something concerning these spirits. I have often heard the question asked in circles, "How does a spirit fare whose body has been blown to pieces in the expense of hastless?" It linears with the second of traditional story—fare whose body has been blown to pieces in the expense of hastless?" It linears with the expense of the spirit and the pure imagination are based upon some claimed advent of spirit communication.

Now, the claim must be either true as a principle, or not true as a claim. If true as a principle, it would establish the fact that man has a spiritual being in his existence, to be reached by a spiritual essence beyond or external to his own individuality. If not true in its claim, then every lesson, of whatever name or nature—spirits are unaccustomed to control.

Rom SOUL TO SOUL.

This volume is a selection of sporms two dollows:

"Mr. and Mrs. Owen: I perceive with much pleasure the object of your investigations is to demonstrate the reality and truth of the spiritual phenomena. I heartily second your efforts in this regard, and to satisfy you, I have determined that twelve spirits shall write you a communication in their conceptive imagination are based upon some claimed advent of spirit communication.

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instant death in war brought on by the cruel of reason, then we are content. selfishness and ambition of others. There

Great Ruler of the universe deals impartially is "dual," and has a spiritual "entity will not go unavenged.

[To be continued.]

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Imagination?

against her; their hearts, like stone, like the ing circumstances had been so powerful as through one or more of the five channels of ganism. unyielding granite, had no love, no sympathy, no compassion for this poor wayward life, a state or tendency to continued dejection of surrounding nature over the vibratory matter on the one hand and the continuous

in that condition where the mind ceases to dwell on the misery within. It shuts out dwell on the misery within. It shuts out (I have seen the poor, innocent things appeal) from the soul the thought of the want of with all their childish eagerness to their already before the tribunal of the mind, and

outcast, or fruit to ripen for one who had teach, and thus confer an undying benefit manifest over or through some agency of cannot be ignored, involving as it does, the made a misstep in life? Nature with her upon yourself, as well as upon the object of matter to become cognizant to our physical whole relations of life to material organgrand and magnanimous soul disowns no your charity!" But it too frequently hap- senses, in order to be impressed on our own isms; but must be met on its, merits, be

children a wreck—insane, disowned, languishing in a cell waiting for death to come.

Death will come to all, and it finally came

if so, the spirits of the miserable outcasts suffer. In time, and time only, can the instruments be returned and brought to a state our conclusion, we would learn to be more waterly, N. Y. cautious of our well being, than to adopt

ladder to earth as often as she could wish, prehension, but which phenomena, acting cannot forget the loved sufferers she has upon the marvelous credulity of our being

source. If true, it would further establish this medium, and thus the task will be very when its parts leave, and with great rapidity the law or principle that spirit communion is a part of the economy of nature, and perfect. (Such a spirit requires careful at therefore necessarily and unavoidably coexany part of which should cease to be, would disrupt the whole, and Deity himself would become undeified and metamorphic.

When we consider the vastness of an illimitable universe, the power that controls gazes about in amazement! There is no its universal order, the wisdom that directs pain attendant on a sudden death; the spirit its blendings into one grand harmony, the subsequently suffers, but the body does not omniscient care that causes all to contribute suffer pain at the time of dissolution. I to the glory of the whole, we are last to have seen every nerve and sinew, every vein conclude the purpose, that the apparent and fibre of the new-born spirit quivering insignificance of man's individuality in the like electricity when the light of the spirit- scale of being should have a continuity of world was dawning pon it. I have seen identity. For as the countless numbers of them vibrate in somewhat a similar manner all the races and types of mankind, which to the northern and southern lights which have been ushered into life's arena and you term "Auroras." I have seen the form, drifted across its theater, with the exception as it began to work and sustain the spiritual of but a very minute percentage, have never existence, gradually cast away that aura shown any intelligence only to pick and eat, are just." ing at the first dawn of the spirit-life, be- in the blendings of harmony here, and we cause the spirit naturally thinks he is awaken are at a loss to conceive the object of per-

But if the doctrine, as offered to the I wish here to speak of those who suffer world of intelligence, answers the demands

the way in which they enter the battle-field come strictly within philosophical law, and Adieu. is wrong, for there reckless thoughts too are easily understood. If we admit the premises of every claimed spiritual teach-Justice being the grand law by which the ing, either orthodox or heterodox, that man retone in these minds the spirit that has with all—punishing only those who deserve that perpetuates his individuality, then slate: it-it is they who have needlessly plunged necessarily all his powers, with their functheir country into the horrors of war, who tions, would certainly follow, in his continhave to fear its Divine Equity, for the beau- ued individuality of being. On the other tiful structure that was rent in pieces like hand, we certainly do prove by all the We traveled along, and came to what an earthen jar for the mere amusement and senses, separately or combined, that the law gratification of some proudly-crowned head of communication universally permeates matter in all its forms, organic or inorganic, sentient or dormant; still it is a medium under proper conditions of demand to communicate sustenance of support, or intelligence of design throughout the universal scale of material "being." This would As a Potency-Is it Real or Deceptive positively have to continue through an eternity, or order would cease to be. follows to a seeming certainty that if this law of matter is eternal, and life lives on The metaphysician learns that the prin- with all its powers, its functions would conhowever, will be written on Rachel's grave. however, will be written on Rachel's grave. The decreased the relatives were closed all the trials and difficulties attendant upon ciple of our being, recognized as mind tinue to apply to a law apparently created our being. extreme poverty, and the effect of their try- or spirit, takes cognizance of fact only, for its especial connection with material or-

morse so preyed upon her mind that she belife are wanting to this poor widow and lit. Now deceptive imagination is based mostly evidence of the five external senses, or a came insane; and that was to her a treasure.

Oh, in the are wanting to this poor who and the Now deceptive imagination is based mostly evidence of the live external senses, of a property of them, carry positive fact over Progressive Thinker, and the hearty good on one conceptive sense, and we think majority of them, carry positive fact over its natural state has ceased to be. Forgeting whilst there is plenty around her. This, perhaps, she could bear with some degree poor conscience-stricken, disowned daughter, of fortitude, but her children's state is an of the control of the contro

gardens of the lowliest of earth? Who ever you can; illustrate, by example, the pre-heard of the sun refusing to shine for the cepts which you profess to believe and every phenomena of matter must necessarily consideration of the intellectual mind it sengers of light. they whatever they may or may not prove

the world in blood and tears), has a basis any principle, will not disprove it. As an sympathize with the unfortunate, the way. In taking efficient steps to protect the rarely on more than one, and never on occult or latent potency, the claim is alward, those whose life is steeped in crime, bodies of their poor and wretched subjects more than two of the five channels of nerve ready proven to our senses beyond a doubt, Governments are also reprehensible, for it communication to the mental understanding whether prompted by spiritual source of in-It is a sad spectacle to see one of God's is a sacred duty that should not be neglected; or conclusion. Did we rightly consider that dividuality or by some sublimated force or agency of organic structure, is the great

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WRITING IN TWELVE LAN-GUAGES.

difficult; also that they have never before manifested themselves in this country. You will see that the writing covering the slates is in Chinese, Japanese, Egyptian, Old Asiatic, Hebrew, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Greek, Norwegian and English. Your Friend, John Gray."

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Italian: "I am happy that I can write a

few lines to aid you in proving the truth of

French: "Mr. Gray, I am heartily in accord with your work.

Greek: "I will say just this: Seek the est things, and think well of everybody." Spanish: "My dear friend Owen: Rich or wise men should never be blind or

bigoted. King Agesilaus gives us this maxim: We are only great according as we Norwegian: "I am here."

Chinese: "I will write you a few

words." Japanese: "How do you do?"

Hebrew: This is the name of a book describing the manner to slay animals according to the Jewish rites.

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Oh! insanity, a wild disordered brain! that satisfy the natural cravings of hunger. never on more than two, in making up new and through nerve vibration, to the brain will and enthusiasm with which it has been sometimes is heaven's panacea! Life then in The widow is like an outcast, she is stary-presentations or conclusions to the mind, or nerve centers, and gains an undoubted received, make it a fit receptacle for the position of unmistakable faith or knowledge, best thoughts, and an excellent agent for while the evidence of but one, or even the enlightenment of the world on subjects of paramount importance. It was inaugurated after several impres-

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