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Mr. President-Ladies and Gentlemen: Planet?

A few Sundays ago, a demand was made upon this Society, by certain from a rational standpoint, and not But the question is: from any reference to the Bible.

It was my privilege, on that occasion, to deliver those arguments, and His existence? the close of the meeting, I was more than compensated by the hearty ex- no God; that all Nature is simply Therefore, Oh, ye Scientists! give If you want evidence of Intellifor whom the arguments were intend- itation. ed.

"There is no God."

being, have never beheld, with my dainty little Protoplasm. natural eyes, the Supreme Being; But, these Scientists, who are, genand, altho, no human eye may have ever beheld him—yet, I have no child of Nature must have had a child of Nature must ha

The Personal Existence of a Supreme Being, of spirit or Space, a Divine Order, or, first came from. of the Universe.

Thus, the existence of God, in my but only grew. to all intelligent observers.

The question, however, is not: -

Where is God?

sentative Deities there may be in the Or, if Evolution be true, how great body of light, itself.

Liberty Hall, 213 West Madison, St., desses or female Divinities there may the lower to the higher form of life, take that fractional or minor Force, be in our Solar System?

The question, too, is not: -

Who is God-whether Buddha.

Is there a God?

What rational proof have we for having, generally, the fewest facts.

arguments in proof of the personal Principles, in the formation of Na- Protoplasm.

Altho' there is no Science known among men, under heaven, whereby, earliest type of physical life, in a to disprove the existence of a Sufficiently-vital, minute substance, called present the preme Boing and the substance of th

ture, I argue that there must exist, fail to inform us as to where the ele-tracing the thought of God-giving somewhere, in the boundless realms mentary activity in the Protoplasm intelligent expression to all Nature.

ural, Intelligent Beings, Who is the Tom's Cabin," the first Protoplasm the servant, and ignore the great Infinite and Eternal Deity-the Lord never had a mother, never had a fa- Master.

> true, how strange it is that Proto- who did not have a father. plasms do not, nowadays, as formerly, cut such figures as prime factors in shines into your eyes, do not mistake

till merging into man!

Or, How many Subordinate Gods, I wish that Scientists would give Force, itself. theories or hypotheses.

Theories, remember, are only opin- Law. well-meaning Atheists and Material- Brahma, Christ, or Jehovah, the In- ions, and opinions are not authenticat- The Power or Intelligence that ists, for arguments in proof of the dians' "Great Spirit," or the Chrised facts, nor are they to be regarded governs anything, is always superior personal existence of Soul, in man, tians' "Our Father"?

theories for facts.

The greatest Theorists are men

There is a great deal of theory in I am happy to inform you, that, at Is God a Person, or, a Principle? the world which is nothing more than would be no Law, nor Law-making

that the people want; then, we shall Order of Nature. But, Atheists fail to inform us, know who is master of the situation, Therefore, do not mistake the Now another demand is made for where the ingredients or Elementary in man's creation—whether God, or agencies of Deity, for the Deity, Him-

existence of the Supreme Being, from a rational standpoint, and without any reference to the Bible.

It is my good pleasure to try and or, Who first originated Life, and confine their written thought to reason with him, on the principle of the suprementation of the personal trucpies, in the formation of two personal trucpies are two personal trucpies, in the formation of two personal trucpies are two personal trucpies.

I wish, too, that these Scientific But to the point. Were an Atheist two come to me for arguments in proof calculation.

Or, Who first originated Life, and confine their written thought to come to me for arguments in proof calculation.

Or, Who first originated Life, and confine their written thought to come to me for arguments in proof calculation. supply that demand, on this occasion, Light, and Intelligence. what they know, and not what they Cause and Effect-showing that, for

preme Being: yet, there are Scientists, and others, who, in the face of Reason, and of Universal Sense, declare:

Write and say that there is no God, to the stupendous mechanism of the but they do not tell us how they Universe, the grandeur of this subludere:

Or in a God, to the stupendous mechanism of the but they do not tell us how they Universe, the grandeur of this subludere:

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Or in a God, to the stupendous mechanism of the but they do not tell us how they Universe, the grandeur of this subludered. "There is no God." structure; and, that man and all Order heaven, known among men, Or, in other words, I would refer whereby, to disprove the existence of him to the wonders of the natural

As Force, then, is simply the ser-One of a Divine Order of Super-nat- But, perhaps, like Topsy, in "Uncle vant of Deity, do not concede all to

ther, nor nothing, never was born- For, remember, there never was a stream which did not have a founopinion, is self-evident, and apparent If the doctrine of Evolution be tain: and there never was a child

Or, How many Deities, or, Repre-creating men, or peopling the Globe! that light of the Sun's rays, for the

strange it is that we do not witness Or, when you have discovered Ele-Or, How many Gods, and God- the necessary transformations from mental Force in Nature, do not misfor the Great Basic or Fundamental

or, Provincial Deities there may be as facts, in this direction, instead of Remember, also, that there is a in the Divine Administration of this theories; for, one fact well demonstrated Law—an established Law—which strated, would be worth ten thousand governs that Force; and there is also an Intelligence which governs that

Law governs Force. Law implies a Law-giver. Law is evidence of Intelligence. Were there no Intelligence, there

pressions of approval of those persons the result of chance, or, Law of Grav- us facts in this direction. It is facts gence in Law, behold the Law and

world-the existence and motion of

doubt, whatever, of his existence.

For, judging from Reason and Na- and every parent, an ancestor, they of Deity or agencies of the Divine,

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can doubt that there is a God?

does, upon its axis, and traveling in is without a Founder, a Designer, a telligent Being. by sweeping around the Sun at the prior to, and out of itself. rate of 68,000 miles an hour.

forgetting to impress upon his mind, is proof of the Divine. for the use and benefit of earth's children: for, without the use and benefit of the earth's products, earth's children: Or, in other words, Cause, in all Force must propel Matter: then, and Providence. dren could not exist.

Referring to the wonders of Creation in this relation, is it not strange, Nature; and Nature is the exponent lions of shining Stars or ponderable that, notwithstanding, man has effect- of God. ed wouders in the Arts, Sciences, and Now, as to the origin of Deity, you ing in the boundless Ethereal Ex-Industries; and is, every day, ad-ask, who existed before God, if God panse. vancing in knowledge and power- existed before Nature?

to compare with the works of Crea-came God into existence?

her humblest efforts.

Man cannot put life into any of his better able to inform you.

Works. He cannot so much as make Of course, like certain Scientists, or Behold, also, the boundless treas-

Next in order, I would refer the rize on the origin of God. Atheist to the immutable Laws of the But, as theories are only conject-Universe and Forces of Nature which ures, I prefer to wait for facts. govern and control and sustain all Those facts, however, I fear, we

subject and must obey. mind, I would next refer him to the the origin of God. Manifestations, such as the re-appearance of the dead, giving unmistakable prehend the origin of God? or the kingdom of the Gods.

Besides, I have seen celestial be- Book of Nature. in behalf of my patients-and their God. direction and advice have always proved infallible.

what is so very axiomatic or reasona- sions. ble, namely: that there is a God.

every man's sense and understanding, things around him. that there must be some First Cause, nothing could ever have been.

proves the existence of God.

come to pass without a Cause?

If not, then we are led up thro' a ber part of Mankind. chain of subordinate Causes, to One A belief in the existence of God is all spirits-namely, personality. Great First Cause.

No Chance could, possibly, have Order.

combinations of alphabetical chance, been found destitute of a belief in a for no Organic body could be on would produce a volume of Poems, a Supreme Being. Webster's Dictionary, or a daily Even savage Nations sunk in the Universe, at one and the same time. Newspaper.

for the credulous; all the Fables of Atheists may say, the necessary con- are not, to represent Him.

Space at the rate of 1,000 miles an Master Mind, an Architect, a Builder. Therefore, O, ye Atheists! look

I would next refer him to the mar- Camera, the Electric Telegraph, the ministers to the comfort and happi- latent conviction, that He exists. velous growth of the Vegetable world, Steam Engine, or the Electric Light ness of the natural world. and to the still more wonderful devel- are proof of human divice and human Think, too, of the great, invisible, controlling action of His Laws, is not opment of the Animal creation-not existence: so the Universe of Nature propelling Power which propels the malevolent-but Benevolent in all

that the endless variety of earth's As the inventor must, in all cases, wonderful Intelligent Power which Or, in other words, we know that products were, seemingly, designed precede the invention: so God, the must control the propelling power, so God is a Being of Infinite perfections.

cases, must exist before Effect.

one single blade of grass. Nor, does wiseacres who theorize on the origin ures of this green earth, and the gorhe even know how grass germinates of Nature from what they term the geous flowers which decorate it. "Atomic Theory": so I might theo-

things: and to which all things are shall never know, till permitted to originated all this truly grand and learn them from Deity, Himself, and, beautiful Nature? If all these arguments were not till then, it will, in my opinion, be sufficient to convince the Atheistic presumptuous for man to speculate on Divine, who governs all things, from

wonderful Phenomena of Spiritual For, if man cannot comprehend myriads of Solar Systems?

ture, and, otherwise, demonstrating, deep and too vastly incomprehensible of the human body, promptly declared beyond a doubt, the home of angels, for any human intelligence to grasp. in favor of a Deity

All these, including conscious life his right mind, in search after God, both within and without us, are too in man, and human intelligence, are, can fail to behold him in the glory of real and too convincing to deny. to me, evidences of God, as plain as his handwriting, which may be seen Design must have had a designer; upon every page of the Universal that designer must have been a per-

ings, and have heard their voices In that Divine indellible hand- Some people have an idea that God many times. For, frequently, they writing, too, are mirrored the wonder- is not a person, but a PRINCIPLE; have come to me in answer to prayer, ful thought and matchless Wisdom of or, an inorganic something-

The meanest insect we can see, or the most contemptible weed we can apart from Intelligence. And you But, to my mind, it is not necessa- tread upon, is sufficient to confound cannot conceive of Intelligence apart ry to employ arguments to establish Atheism, and to baffle all its preten- from Organic structure.

But the Atheist is more than con- outside of a living organism, or Or-For, it is plain and obvious to founded by the universal structure of ganic structure.

some Eternal Being, or, otherwise, or insane, or they must be depraved, motion, and would not possess one indeed, who can say that there is no single attribute of the Divine. The existence of things, universally God: for such a saying is contrary to Such a God would be inert, and natural light and Reason, and is in deaf, and dumb, and blind. For, how can anything exist, or direct opposition to the common sen- Therefore, what nonsense, O, man! timents of all the wiser and more so- to deny to God, the Great Spirit,

the basis of all Religions.

shaken Creation into its beautiful is as old as the beginning; and as Nature, and nowhere in particular. universal as the Race.

We might as well suppose that the No savage Nation has ever yet PRINCIPLE, this would be impossible,

greatest darkness imaginable, retain The agencies of God, however, can Milwaukee, Wis.

I had rather believe in all the most some sense and awe of a Deity.

I would next refer him to the revolutions of the earth, revolving, as it would believe that universal Nature nal, Self-existing, Spiritual, and Inthing, and the Personality of God is

hour, causing the changes of day and Contrivance, mechanical contrivagain, and consider; think deeply for me to add, that God lives and night, and the changes of the Seasons, ance incontestably proves a Contriver, and intensely of the glories of the moves and has a Being. Universe; look heavenward, and be- We know, by Reason and observa-Just as the Printing Press, the hold the majestic Orb of day which tion, by inward consciousness, and

Universe; and think of the still more His purposes toward Humanity.

Mind must govern Force.

Thus, Reason is the exponent of Behold, also, those countless milglobes sailing in silver Seas, or float-

Listen, too, to the sighing of the Yet, what has man created or made Or, in other words, you ask, how winds; the warbling of the birds; and the music of the rippling waters: I answer, that when I see God as and listen, also, to the awful crashing Why, he is surpassed by Nature in He is, or behold him with my eyes, as sound of Electric Light and Thunder, I do Nature, then, I shall, possibly, be caused by uncongenial Force seeking

And while you breathe the perfumed vital air, Gaze in wonder upon the landscape fair.

And ask yourself the question : -Who or what Inventive Genius

Who, but the Great Omnipotent the atom in the dewdrop, to countless

Galen, a celebrated ancient Physician, who was Scientific rather than evidence of the spiritual side of Na- The subject, I claim, is too vastly Religious, on viewing the mechanism

No student of Nature, however, in The marks of design in everything,

son; that person, God.

But, how can this be? For, you cannot conceive of God

There is no Intelligence whatever,

An inorganic structure would be They must be infatuated, imbicile, utterly devoid of life, and sense, and

what you claim for yourself, and for

There are others who have an idea But a belief in the existence of God, that God is located everywhere in

> But, if God is a Person, and not a every Planet, or, in all parts of the

be everywhere—and there is nowhere absurd tales of fiction ever invented On review of the whole, whatever in Nature, where the agencies of God

another.

In conclusion, it is only necessary

We also know that God, thro' the

Written for The Watchman.

SUPERSTITION

VERSUS

COMMON SENSE.

There is a legend: (so we read), Of how this world was made; And Superstition with its creed, Has little sense displayed.

This Superstition has a God Of auger, and of hate; He rules the world with iron rod-This God so good and great.

God had a Son, of woman born-No father-what a loss ! He was the object of much scorn-Was hung upon a cross.

Between two thieves. The story goes This Christ, our brother died To save Mankind from countless woes, Aud all their sins besides.

Now it is strange that one who knew From the beginning all Should make his plans, & they fall thro' Aud first was Adam's fall.

And so it happened that poor Eve Upset all of God's plan, If we the story must believe, 'Twas she who ruined man.

And ever since when man does wrong, A woman is to blame; That is the burden of their song-Me-thinks it is a shame,

That one who was so wondrous wise, Should sneak out in this way, And make Eve, father all the lies, That's told from day to day.

Grand! Thomas Paine led men to use A little "Common sense"; And bid them dare to disabuse Their minds of such pretence.

He stepped out nobly to the front, And dared express his view! And never faltered as was wont When death, its arrow threw.

Then tiny raps were heard one night Eight and thirty years ago; They brought the proof that brighter light,

Upon the world should glow.

To lift man up from the abyss Of Superstition's thrall, To save himself, and doing this, We find some good in all.

MARY E, VAN HORN.

Written for The Watchman.

IS THERE NO WORK TO DO?

Is there no work to do? Are there no stricken Souls in need, No suffering ones to cloth and feed, No places waiting for good seed

Your hand may kindly strew?

Is there no work to do? Are there no empty cups to fill With life divine that conquers ill And sends thro'out the Soul a thrill Of gladness sweet and new?

Is there no work to do? Are there no truths to be revealed, No founts of love to be unsealed, No harvests ready now to yield There precious wealth to you?

Is there no work to do? Is there no thought or deed or word There is-then work, gain good's reward reply.

And joy you never knew.

GENA F. SMITH. Rockland, Maine.

Written for The Watchman.

THE

SIXTH SENSE.

For thousands of years the Chris- himself a very superficial reader. tian Church has taught us that we When a child is born, it has a natwill exist, in a spirit life, beyond the ural birth-right to sunlight, air, water, portals of the tomb; and they have food, and parental care: and if its papersistently taught that we must be rents put it out of doors to freeze and

Yet, just as soon as a person accepted this teaching of theirs, and advanced one step farther, and beyond way robbers or murderers—and our Laws would treat them as such.

When the child becomes old that idea, and expressed the opinion enough to act for himself, he has the that he did exist beyond the grave, same birthright to land enough to and that he could return to earth raise his food on, that he has to the again, he was a lunatic, and, as such, other elements; and the Government was condemned by the Church, as a is established to take the place of the fool.

his five material senses, but when he the use of it. took a step farther, and developed a But, instead of doing that, our latent sixth sense or Soul sight, and a Government has robbed every young In steady sightless ceaseless tidal waves all persons, male and female, and is es-Soul hearing, and Soul touch, then, man of his birthright to land, turned he must be burned at the stake as a them into the highway, and taxed witch or a wizard, or condemned as a their heads: and has been selling this lunatic.

Such is Christianity!

disputed proof of spirit presence, you drones.

must not accept it, for it comes from It was man's birthright to land, our devil.

(What a handy devil that is!) this development of a sixth sense.

the darkness of doubt and bigotry the fact was, I did not mention what forever, but, never, no, never under- men inherit from parents, but confined take to develop a higher sense than my remarks wholly to his birthright

sixth sense, can never undo the devel-opment that we have gone thro' with, and we can never take a step backward toward the darkness from which of what I said. we have emerged.

Let the Christian close his eyes and point, and goes blundering and stum- Of all the countless elements of worth, Spiritual Knowledge, and our Spirit- without seeing one of them.

glories and development of this our tations, I will answer him. highest of all senses—the sixth sense, or the unfolding of the beauties of Berlin, N. J. Soul sight, and Soul hearing, for it is a higher and a nobler sense than all the material senses combined,

Give me the Soul sight that can discern the spirit forms of beauty in spirit life; and ears that can hear the sweet echoing voices from spirit land, The elements may melt with fervent and, then, if need be, close my material eyes and shut my material ears to this material world forever.

J. W. DENNIS.

Buffalo, N. Y.

LAND REFORM.

Editress of The Watchman: -

Some months ago you published an Article of mine on "Land Reform," That you can spread like light abroad? to which S. Blodgett undertook to

> But, instead of replying to what I wrote, he entirely misunderstood and misrepresented me, and then replied, not to what I wrote, but to his own misrepresentations.

If you can allow me a little space, I will try to correct some of his errors, tho' it may be a hard job to make him How long along the silent winding understand me, for, altho' he appears to be honest, he has, evidently, never learned to think much, and has proved

damned forever unless we believe this, starve, they are no better than high-

parent, and see that he has that natur-The Church allowed him to enjoy al right to land, and to protect him in

stolen land, from 5,000 to 50,000 acres in a lot, not only to the Shy- And so we mark the changes brief, Believe what we give you, and no locks of our own Country, but to the matter what evidence you have or ig-Noblemen of England and Ireland, may get of anything higher than that, who are establishing here, the same don't you dare to accept it, even if it system that has pauperized Ireland, does come direct from that spirit life and made it necessary for England to of which we teach you so much.

Then, again, if a medium gives unport her Royal Family, and other

said that man's birthright was what No, the world does not allow of he inherited from parents; and accused me of saying that the Govern-The Christian says to wallow in ment had robbed men of that: when any of our five material senses are. to the natural elements—to land as Yet, we, who have developed this well as to sunlight, air, and water—so

He has misrepresented me in every

shut his ears to the beauties of our bling over every truth I wrote about,

When he will reply to what I But let us enjoy with rapture, the wrote, instead of his own misrepresen-

J. HACKER.

Written for The Watchman.

THE ELEMENTS.

heat

In deep mid-summer skies, Unseen unknown around us fleet With Nature's best supplies; May in our very thoughts conceal A mystic strength of Soul, Which Time's unerring modes reveal

In love's divine control. When sunrise flings her morn-flushed erator of great power.

softening rays Like wandering Seraph bands, With light and life and song & praise, Charm-filling all the lands, The glow is felt, the strains are heard,

But never may we know How many loosened flood-gates stirred This sweet hour's overflow.

Of Time's refining sway, The fine spun threads in looms of glass, Warped on the beams at play, And Summer Suns and Winter snows The high-wrought filling plied, Whose million-tinted shades compose This day of fleeting pride.

Yet on its golden hinges firmly hang What destinies untold; What tuneful airs yet never sang And graces manifold; What thoughts & deeds of enterprise, What brilliant brains unborn, What Truths to banish mysteries, What loves to Spheres adorn.

The nameless powers flow on, Scarce felt ere they are gone: And find each morrow's gleams, So dark to us of joy or grief, Realities or dreams.

All springing to the ever restless whang Between Van Buren and Harrison Sts. Of Time's inclosing woof, But toss us from their muffled clang This simple tested proofthat I wrote about, but Mr. Blodgett That all we see and hear and know, Or sense in any form-E'en mortal clay seems but the glow Of bubbles after storm.

No breakers ever press'd the flinty rocks Without a purpose felt-The hurricane may boast his shocks With flower-germs in each pelt; For hardly cooled his fiery wrath Before with laughing eyes Bloom gilds his desolated path

In winsome love-lit dyes,

Most irresistible,

Whose Soul-beams warm all heaven and earth,

And fills all spaces full, 'Tis that of life whose generous breath Swells human heart and vein With Love so deep it windows death, And tells us "See again."

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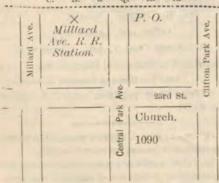
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EDITORIAL.

"The Personal Existence of a Supreme Being," (See first page), has sought, by his arguments, to prove the existence of a Personal, Supreme Ruter or Law-giver.

ings of Nature's Laws, we must, in all Reason, believe in Chemicals of that form of Life. and accept the same as proofs of an Individual, Personal Also, A Mouth-piece of the American and God or Law-maker, is no proof at all to our mind.

> Yet, surely, each individual has a right to his or her and Creation. way of thinking: and, as the good Doctor has personally expressed to us, his desire to be fairly criticised, we take Gravitation." this opportunity to weigh a few of our own opinions along side of his, on the above Subject.

"Personal, Supreme Being," he or she concedes that this like other Powers of Life and Nature. Being has Omnipotent Power; that this Law-maker, if possesing an individuality, must also belong to either the and if he should answer, the First Law-giver, God, we male or female gender of Being.

the earthly Lords and Law-givers have laid down for us, of Sulphuric essence which had risen and collected tonamely: that this All-powerful Law-maker is of the gether in the Ethereal Sea, and when coming into Fricmale gender: hence, we are to address this August Roy-tional contact with each other, discharged its natural alty, as the masculine, "He."

Having reached that point, we are enabled to rest upon \$0.50 that one conclusion which was established by the masculine Rulers of Centuries past.

As there were no female Rulers in those days, therefore, man had no conception of a Female Deity.

Supreme Being, Ruler, and Law-maker"; and that this theory)-VIZ.:-Ruler is a He Ruler, as Theology declares; and that He doeth all things well; and, that without Him nothing was ever made: then, we will begin to examine some of His productions.

As we look over Creation, we, certainly, do find many very lovely works, many inspiring beauties; but we also before there is any manifestation of Intelligence. find many obnoxious and dangerous reptiles, fierce beasts, and poisonous creeping things.

We will also find sufficient to support all physical Life; also, sufficient to kill and destroy every living Being.

propensity to devour and to destroy, or else to torture all ity, which is all the Intelligence there is in the Worm. other forms of Life that fall within their reach.

wolves and vampires, mentally, as well as physically.

We also find that the less men believe in the existence construction of each species. and Power of this Superior Being, the more apt they are When this Intelligence has once become Individual-Paper; otherwise the Publisher Is authorized to to study into Cause and Effect; and that having entered ized Intelligence, thro' the human species, it forever retains der of Creation, and develop new mental faculties and new gence. is Made, Governed, and Sustained by the Force of Gravi- Intelligence. tation, and by the Power of CHEMICAL Co-adhesion.

each Cause is illumined by the next associated Cause.

The student finds that the Stars glow because they are composed of affinitizing CHEMICALS, and because the Life that will govern that especial Organic body. CHEMICAL Ether around them is illumed by this same The Doctor speaks as the he doubted the facts of Evo-CHEMICAL Effect.

The student also finds that each Star is held in place by the Law of Gravitation: and that as soon as each Star opment or Evolution of the Tadpole into the Frog? loses its affinitizing compounds, it ceases to hold its Balancing Force in the Atmospheric Sea or Firmament.

all Vegetable and Animal forms of Life, with the same all forms of Organic Life are Evolved. studying the Solar System-finding, for a surety, that all him that he has missed a rich experience, and, in our

Vegetable and Animal forms of Life are the Effects of CHEMICAL Co-adhesion, uniting in various and beautiful Our Correspondent, Dr. Robert Greer, in his Article, forms of Order which are the Evolved Effects of the assimilated CHEMICALS.

The student also finds that disease, death, and the dissolution of these various forms of Vegetable and Animal His Hypothesis, that, because we mortals see the work- Life, are caused by the disintegration of the component

> This is what the careful, unbiased-minded student of Nature finds in searching into the labyrinth of Nature

> The Doctor wants to know "who invented the Law of

We can only answer him from our standpoint, and sav that we do not believe that it was ever invented by any First; We are to infer that when one uses the term, one-we feel sure that it grew from the Law of Necessity,

We might ask the Doctor, who invented Lightning. should say that our view of it was, that it was Created by Very well; if we accept this, we must also accept what the Frictional Effects of two or more over-charged bodies result, that of combustive CHEMICALS—thus producing one grade of Electricity.

The Doctor also asks "who first originated Life, Light, and Intelligence."

If we might presume to give our views in answer thereto, we should say that we can rest our belief on the Now, if we are to accept the theory, that there is a following theory-(for, with the wisest of us, it is only a

That Life is the outgrowth of CHEMICAL affinity.

Also, that Light is the result of CHEMICAL friction. And, also, that Intelligence is the outcome of sensation in Organic bodies.

In the Lower Order of Life, sensation is first aroused

Take, for instance, the lowest form of Creation, the Worm, it goes crawling blindly along in answer to the sensation of hunger, or the Law of Demand, to supply, and sustain its existence: touch it, and it instantly resists We also find that this Superior Being, this God, en- that touch by its own instinctive sense of touch. For, by dowed these creeping things, and wild beasts with the touching it, one has brought into action, sensational activ-

Next, we might take the different species of Insects, We also find that this Superior Being, has so created Animals, and so on, and we would find each species limhere; and will please NOTIFY us immediately Human Beings that they, too, prey upon each other like ited in Instinct, or, what, in the human, is developed into Intelligence. This Intelligence is in proportion to the

into that study, they gradually rise above the Lower Or- the power of expression, which is characteristic of Intelli-

powers; and these new powers establish within man, the We will find that in proportion to the development ability to see and to become convinced that all Created and classification of Nerve Cells or Sensation Cavities: things are the Effects of Natural Law; and that this Law so, in proportion thereto, will be manifested degrees of

The higher we search in the Order of Creative Beings, The practical student of Nature soon learns to look the more of these Sensation Cavities or Nerve Cells we thro' the labyrinth of Nature, with a clear, practical, nn- shall find: and, also, that in this proportion will we find biased mind-finding, in every Effect, a Cause; and that manifesting degrees of Instinctive Power-call it Intelligence or what you will.

It is, in our opinion and experience, the Well-spring of

lution.

We would ask him if he has ever witnessed the devel-

We would ask him if he has not, during his stay on earth, had sufficient proof, thro' experience, that Evolu-The student also learns to look upon the Laws creating tion is a fact : and, that from the Protoplasm of Matter,

4.24 and 7.08 p. m. Sunday at 9.35 cool, practical, common sense view, as that employed in If he has not had this experience, then, we will assure

opinion, is the loser.

Science has, most assuredly, demonstrated facts, but the result of a Belief in a Superior Being or Ruler. Theology, the mother inventor of this "Personal God" image of a Superior Being, that the eyes of Reason and mate to the Instincts of the Human Soul? Science might be blinded.

does or ever did exist, we would ask the Doctor who theory of a Personal, Supreme Being, a God, an

and ignorance?

Who gave Him the right to Create one Class of Creatures to become a terror to and to devour the next Order as we have been, by our Spirit Instructors or Guides. of Creatures?

Who gave Him the power and the right to Create beautiful children-beautiful, lovely Souls of Eternal Life-and, like an Autocratic Ruler, send devastation and death upon them?

Who gave Him the right to destroy Life, and entail misery upon millions, by what we call Accidents of Premium you desire. steamships, cars, etc., by cyclones, and floods, and by various other methods of torture?

According to the Doctor's theory, every Being must have had a Father and a Mother: then, we ask: -

Who was the FATHER and MOTHER of this GOD of his Belief?

If this God is an Individual, Personal Being, He MUST HAVE HAD PARENTS, if the Doctor's theory is worth any thing.

Well, to continue, What would you or I, reader, think of a man who spent his time and energy in the construction of a fine structure, a house, or a monument, and, then, after he had completed it, if he should destroy it, all for the sake of seeing it destroyed, or, because he was body?

he is insane."

Yet, how many there are who will accept the theory of a just God, of a Superior Being-One Who Creates All Things, One Who Controls All Things-and, yet, blindly close their eyes, and stifle their Reason, when called upon to explain, or even to consider some of the tremen- THE WATCHMAN (an 8-page Monthly, price \$1.00) and dous evils of to-day, some of the shocking and heart- Light in the West (a 16-page Semi-monthly, price \$1.00) rending experiences of Human Life.

Oh, but! says the Church-desciple, and the believers Papers at Club Rates .- ED. in a Personal God, one must not question the motives of God; one must not presume to judge why God visited such and such trials upon his children-He is an All- WATCHMAN (an 8-page monthly, price \$1.00) for one year. wise Father, and doeth all things well.

We say that such talk is not becoming one who has a spark of Humane Love and Independence developed within him or her.

It is only those who are slaves of Superstition and Ignorance, who, in their blindness, follow where Supersti- who are unable to pay for it. tion has led them, who believe and utter these excuses in letter, to the party sending it. answer to the questionings of Reason.

The good Doctor, in his remarks, has touched only upon the beauties of Nature—not having contrasted them with the devastations and imperfections of Life.

Who would be attribute these reverses, these blunders to? A Devil? Or, would be say, like many other persons, that they were only undeveloped good?

If so, would he call it undeveloped good, if a rabid dog were to lacerate the face of his dearly beloved, and that beloved one be stricken with Hydrophobia, and pass appear to the best advantage in our columns; and thus make it from his sight, in death, after suffering all the agonies attract the attention of each reader. that tender human flesh and the sensitive Soul are heir to-would this be undeveloped good, visited upon him by an All-wise, Superior Being?

Remember, if we are to grant the existence of an Allwise, Superior Being or Law-maker, we must give that Being, all the Rights belonging to such a Position-not

drawing from Him, His Responsibilities-this must be

Yet, who, but those who have failed to use their Reatheory, has given to the world nothing but double-dyed soning abilities, unbiased by Theological Dogmas, would, falsehood and Superstition-giving to the world a graven for one hour, hamper such illegitimate thoughts-illegiti-

Thanks to this Enlightened Age, and greater thanks to If this Personal Superior Being, this God of Wisdom the Spirits of Progression and Wisdom, that the Omnipotent Law-maker is now fast giving way to the Who gave Him the right to Create Beings in misery Facts of Science, and Practical Observation, and Experi-

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earth, for you have one father in the can use them to enlighten the dark, The constellation corresponds with way of righteousness. heavens.

Life

but one God-one supreme, overflowing spiritual world of Souls that back to earth. fills all Space.

Jesus said : -

"I am the light of the world." pupils (Apostles), "Brethren."

He said to Mary : -

The publication of "A Fountain them, I ascend unto my father, and gether, and cried, "Oh dear, WATCHMAN, to contribute their in-

An Infidel may build his house words many times. Mrs. Minerva Merrick, Quincy, Ill., at the heavens, with his thoughts, and had done that troubled her. by clothing them with deeds of kindness to Humanity, and by being a good Citizen, a loving husband and good Citizen, a loving husband and easier." And then she left the medical easier. Souls, and will never be effaced. father-practicing the Golden Rule-um. without believing in a future state of Then another spirit, Clara's moth- and sympathy in it, that can ever die, ward, nor fearing punishment.

He will reap just what he sows; her, but she was so determined, I working for the elevation of Mankind, and will keep his own record: and could not prevail." when he reads his account, he will The next time that Clara came, she know just how much he is worth, came in great distress, and said that this New Era we have but lately en-

eternal Father, for our being and goats, shows how we are weighed in capacity to enjoy those heavenly bless- the balance, and judged, spiritually, the affair, and she would find it.

In demonstrating the true life, Je-plunged it into the water." We desire our angel friends to sus told those representing the She came once more, and seemed selves, should cast in their mite to meet with us, and impress on our sheep, to come into the fold, for they mind the truth and light of love and mind the truth and light of love and mercy, and touch our Souls with a him when hungry, clothed him in not to look for it in the Asylums any bring about Reform.

They were very much surprised,

as they had done it unto one of the who wished to have a sitting. least of his brethren, they had done it

A New Definition Wanted that will the goats, to depart, for he never table. knew them.

They asked him if they had not fed on the slate was written : him, clothed him, and visited him in prison

And he told them that he never

knew them. Both parties were surprised when on earth: and she answered, "no." they knew themselves.

have all been Infidels, as nothing was and, then, killed herself. They lived We cannot perceive, in this defini- said about what they were called—it in Louisiana, Mo. tion, any principle that is detrimental was what they did that proved their value.

thought that they had done a great opportunity to those who are willing Nazareth, let us turn our thoughts If a man cannot think for himself, deal—they had multiplied prayers, to devote their lives and energies for towards the great Fountain of Life other man can think for him.

A Skeptic, is one who doubts other world of Souls, and Skeptic, is one who doubts other world of Souls, and seek an interview with its purest men's opinions on all subjects, espec-lands to preach their creeds and

down among the lowly of earth; and angels to the lower members of the perfection, the deformities of our Some people have faith in the theo- thro' that avenue flows the pure great body of Mankind. ries and opinious of men concerning stream of love and mercy from the

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MEDIUMSHIP.

gence, that there is no other way to The Watchman, the impression did as directed, and came back rejoic- what manner of persons we are. think, but by inspiration-which is that fills our mind with sympathy for ing in their success.

Jesus said to call no man father, on mother loves her children, as they gifts.

medium said she smelt Chloroform, their woes and sufferings.

(we never had any in our house), and By this grand inter-communion, we in a few moments the spirit of a girl, can convert the world of Souls in this Jesus was a man, and called his Clara, took possession of the medium, Sphere of individual existence, to the and personated the agony she en- Truth, and mitigate the sorrows of dured.

"Go to my brethren, and say unto The medium slapped her hands tohow could I do it! Repeating the fluence and throw their two mites into

existence—neither anticipating re-er, took control of the medium, and or be fruitless. said: "I did all I could to prevent

spiritually; and so will his neighbor, she could not find her baby, and could tered upon; and there are neither The lesson of the sheep and the not tell what she had done with it.

She said, making a great effort: "I

more, for she had it in spirit life.

of others, and bring them into harmony with us, and the Great Spirit.

and asked when they had done these rience, Mrs. Phelps, an independent tinually flows outward, like a stream slate-writing medium, came to our from a fountain. And he told them that in as much place with a gentleman, a stranger

> and laid the slate, with a pencil and waters from the Fountain of Life Then, he told those representing bell on it, on the carpet under the and the world will be renewed and

"I can't write it. Clara. This was written several times.

was happier now, than she was when and attention.

hey knew themselves.

This person proved to be Clara's planted, to produce the very same father. She had murdered her child, fruits every year.

We have written this experience, to show the value and necessity of pro-Those representing the goats, tecting mediums, and giving every loving friend and brother, Jesus of

ordained when they were born, for, if our spiritual eyes may be opened, and The Great Spirit sends the angels not then, they cannot be ministering let us view, in the pure effulgence of

> The pupils of Jesus were mediums, By that view, may we clearly see they were ordained before they were the beam that is in our own eye, and born, and they fulfilled their mission. only the mote that is in our brothers They went about doing good, as Je- and sister's eyes. sus taught them to do.

lambs among wolves: he told them brothers, to meet with us now, and We hear, from an invisible intelli- We will now give the readers of how to conduct themselves: and they show us, in the mirror of our deeds,

We have heard that the spirits of stellation of stars around them, ac- also, those which we neglected to do, our forefathers love them more than a cording to their quality and their that we should have done; and lead

beclouded minds in this Mundane the faculties of man, and with the seven Jesus taught the Philosophy of Sphere: and, also, to give the spirits Planets in the Solar System—that ness, bigotry, and self-exaltation in the spirit world an opportunity to circle of intelligences is one degree that we may become as little children, The Scriptures teach that there is return and improve their condition. higher than the medium; and the that the light of love to our neighbors We know that the spirits do come medium unites the lower circle with may be portrayed in all our actions. the higher, and when they are in unifills the Universe with the light of About a year ago, as a medium and son, we can converse with the beings intelligence: as the air we breathe myself were sitting by our table, the in the spirit realm, and can alleviate

those in the spirit world.

We solicit the readers of THE the treasury of love and sympathy We pressed her to tell what she toward the undeveloped children of the spirit world.

There is not an idea that has love

Laborers in the field of progression

The world needs to be educated in schools nor presses supported by Gov-We persuaded her to tell all about ernment, that can teach Mankind to govern themselves, or a Country judiciously-therefore, all who love their neighbor and their Country, as them-

The world is a unit-we all live A few weeks previous to this expe- from a center, from spirit, which con-

We need centers of knowledge established and supported, from which We sat around a curtained table, the light of Truth may freely flow, like invigorated; and the waste places of In a few minutes the bell rang, and injustice, cruelty, and oppression will bring forth fruits of loving kindness, and peace and harmony will prevail.

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We desire our friends and loved He also sent out seventy others, as ones, our fathers, mothers, sisters, and

Show us the many deeds we have Mediums are stars, and have a con-done, which we should not have done; us by your heavenly influences, in the

Assist us in casting out all selfish-

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"I lay me down to sleep with little care Whether waking finds me here or

its flight,

Whether I be born again at midnight's silent hour,

Or "Slip my cable," when evening's shadows lower.

takes place,

No matter when I shall meet face to even Arctic Regions.

With spirit friends who gone before With open arms meet me on farther

No matter when I drop this strife and toil,

turmoil,

No matter whether 'tis on the rolling deep,

Or on life's battle-field I fall asleep. fold me round,

Or on earth's cold bed upon the ground, I yield up my life, and from this of it.

earth birth.

No matter whether kiss of love falls

on lifeless clay, No matter whether loving hearts

For go I must at Nature's earnest call roo, Wombat, Opossum, etc.—are Australian and South American. For Nature's God, is God of all.

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WHERE DID LIFE COMMENCE ?

den Eastward in Eden; and there he had been driven Southward. put the man whom he had formed."-Genesis II, 8.

have been located near the head waters where they are represented by the Clasped by unyielding ignorance, of the River Euphrates, in Asia Minor, as the Bible mentions that River, also, three others, tho' it says that the second River-Gihon-encompassed the appeared in Patagonia, in the Miocene whole land of Ethiopia-Africa.

made, that Human and Animal Life South America. began somewhere in the neighborhood of the fortieth degree of North Lati- Ant-eater, and the Pangolin or Scaly

endeavor to make our proposition Southward, with the ancient Antarctic plain, and that is, that Life com- Continent. menced at the Poles.

Northern Hemisphere lend support to numerous, can be distinguished from For angel hands just out of sight, this theory; and the Southern Hem- the Southern, but, in other cases, we isphere has, recently, added new facts cannot distinguish them, since, on the which tell in the same direction.

Hemisphere are still almost identical of resemblances in structure, may, THE NEW YORK BEACON LIGHT. thro'out the world's circuit.

World and of the New.

To give a few examples : -

The Elk or Moose, the Reindeer, extremeties of the Continents.

Brown Bear of Europe, to our own Animals. Grizzly; the Stag, to the Wapiti, or Elk, and so on.

garded as Tropical-such as the Ele-Science and Common Sense No matter when the glorious change phant, Hippopotamus, Rhinoceros, Cold, blind, dumb, belief, cannot Hyena, Lion, &c.—are common in stand the pressure of Fact and the Tertiary Strata of Temperate, and Knowledge.

tion when Climate changed.

the Poles ultimetely became unfitted credulity. course of Ages, and ultimately giving of Reason's light. rise to a Fauna which, over most of Too long have the minds of mor-Northern and Southern forms.

Forms of the Pampas are there, tho' older.

America, New Zealand, and Tasmania. a Guide and Rule of Life.

ner loving hearts A small Family of Fishes—Galax-would bid me stay ida—and the Marsupialia—Kanga-

A sort of submarine Plateau connects Staten Island (part of the Terra del Fuego Archipelago) with South Georgia and other Antarctic lands, and it seems not unlikely that a great Antarctic Continent once existed, the remains of which, are Australia, New Zealand, etc., on one hand, and Patagonia on the other.

In Australia, the Marsupialia multiplied, and spreading Northward, "And the Lord God planted a Gar- mingled with the Boreal Fauna that

In South America, the Marsupialia did not greatly multiply, tho' they spread, after the upheval of the Isth-This Garden of Eden is supposed to mus of Panama, into North America,

Period, and, spreading Northward, Immortal Truth in all its strength, Be that as it may, the assertion is became the characteristic Animals of

Edentates—the Aard-vark or Cape Ant-eater-occur also in Africa, But we think differently, and will which was, probably, once connected,

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