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## SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY.

### THE SPIRITUAL and MUNDANE WORLDS COME TOGETHER.

These engraved and illustrated portraits may be recognized by many, but neither is as true to life as in the original photograph.

Both pictures, as represented in this grouping, were printed on the same plate at the same instant of time by Wm. M. Keeler, Photographer, at Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 21, 1884, at 10 A. M.

On Monday Morning, February 4, 1884, D. R. Lewis, a medium in Philadelphia, called at the residence of Solomon W. Jewett with a message from the spirit of George Washington, saying that "If said Solomon would give a sitting for his photograph, he would present him with a likeness of himself on the same plate with his own."

On February 20, 1884, Mr. Jewett was present at a circle composed of seven ladies and seven gents, at the house of Emily B. Ruggles, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to hear a discourse from Dr. J. Wm. Van Namee, under trance conditions, and all were entertained by the controlling spirit for a full hour.

Fourteen slips of paper and pencils were laid on the center table in the parlor—one in front of each sitter—after all present had joined hands, the lights were extinguished.

This medium first described the spirit of Fidelia Crites, a grandchild of Mr. Jewett's, who was thrown from a horse, in California, on Christmas day, and killed. She spoke and said: "I am happy and do not care to return to earth."

Soon the lights were turned up, but only two messages were written by automatic, independent writing. On the slip in front of Mr. Jewett, it read:—

"Solomon, I am here. George Washington."

As Mr. Jewett had not communicated his Philadelphia experience to

any one, he considered this as further encouragement, and an appointment was made for a sitting on February 22d, at 2 P. M., with the aforesaid Mr. Keeler, who was an entire stranger to Mr. Jewett, and could have known nothing of the message received in Philadelphia.

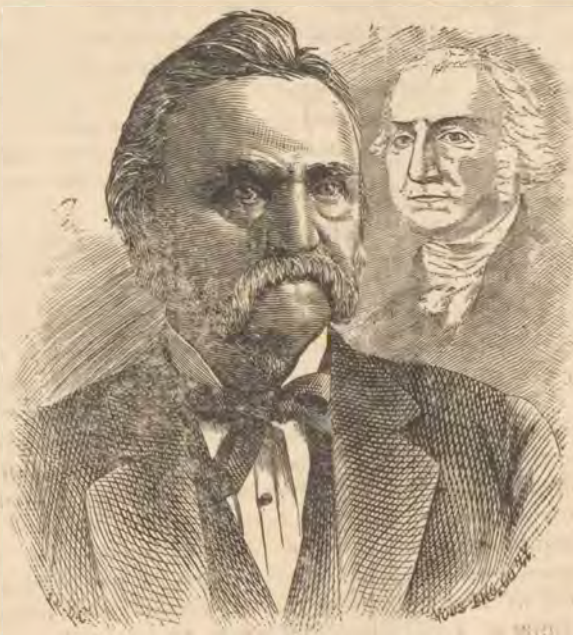
Three plates were placed in the camera in succession at one sitting; when laid away for development, Washington's name had not been mentioned in any form.

Mr. Jewett did not know that the said Keeler was a writing medium. Before he left the room, however, this Photographer was controlled and presented Mr. Jewett with another, the third message from Washington, written automatically with a pencil in hand. VIZ.:—

"Solomon, your father requests me to say to you that he is present, and would have presented his likeness also beside yours, but was not sufficiently strong now, but would give it at some future sitting. George Washington."

On returning to secure the results, Mr. Jewett was much pleased to be awarded with three portraits of Washington. The first sitting representing an unfinished, but as easily recognized likeness as the other two. The groupings were different in each, as also were the portraits.

An engraved copy of the second has appeared illustrated in print. And now this one—the following cut—is a copy of the fifth likeness, engraved from the result of the fifth sitting—May 21, 1884.



Now, these tests are held to be satisfactory of the result of the first message received from George Washington, and are pleasing to the recipient, who was thus chosen and honored by angels from beyond.

Previous to this, Mr. Jewett claims to have received spirit communications from George Washington, and from several who have been honored with the Presidency of this Republic.

SOLOMON W. JEWETT.

Shepherd's Home, Rutland, Vt.

Written for The Watchman.

## EXPERIENCES.

Dear Sister in the good Cause of Truth—I send you a part of my experience with Mrs. M. Eugenie Beste while I was at Onset.

I was standing in front of my store when Mrs. Beste came past; I spoke to her, telling her of Mrs. James A. Bliss' seance the Evening before. I said to her that Mrs. Bliss did a thing last Evening that I did not think was safe for any medium to do, or that there was a medium who would dare to do it—and that was, to go into her cabinet and let the spirits run the circle without an assistant as is usually the case.

Her reply was: "Why, I always do that; I have no one to attend to my seances, the spirits conduct them themselves."

My reply to her was this: "If that is so, do not ever do so again, for, if you do, you will come to grief, as some one will be mean enough to grab a spirit, and then the chances will be that you will be injured by it."

And I am sorry to hear that it has happened to her in Connecticut, where she had been invited under the garb of friendship, for the avowed purpose of making a sacrifice of her.

I say, "Bar," on such Spiritualists!

Now, where is there any one in this enlightened Country who is so low and degraded as to leave a lady, in the hours of childbirth, in the hands of fifteen or twenty tramps to deal with her in her critical moments!

The people would all cry out in horror at such a crime!

Still, we find people who claim to be ladies and gentlemen, springing a trap, after they have nicely set it, on the unsuspecting medium, who is twenty times more to be protected—for if, while the spirit is out of the cabinet, it is grabbed and held fast so that it cannot return to the medium, then the medium must be brought to its relief, or the medium will suffer in health. Several mediums have been nearly killed in that way.

The Law should protect the mediums, and make the grabbers suffer the same as if they went into a Church and pulled the Preacher from his Pulpit.

Now, mind you, I do not stand up for any fraud, for I dispise a fraud in a medium, and also in the audience.

I will now come to what, or a small part of what I saw when I attended one of Mrs. Beste's seances.

Just before she left Onset, she was visiting one of the cottages, and we concluded to get up a seance there for the Evening. I think there were seven of us present. It was a cold Evening, and Mrs. Beste went into the cabinet with a cloak on on account of the cold.

The cabinet used, was not Mrs. Beste's cabinet, but one that belonged to the cottage where she was visiting—therefore, she had no chance to practice deception there.

After she had been in the cabinet a few minutes, the forms began to come out—some all illuminated, others in the dark.

One spirit came and sat down at the Organ and played while another spirit sang.

Then two spirits, all illuminated, came at once, and



gave their names, and were recognized as a man and his wife.

Then another came and was recognized as a son of a lady present.

Then three spirits, illuminated, came all at one time.

Then my Brother Joseph came and gave his name, and talked with me and gave me good advice.

Then my Brother Charles came, all illuminated, and asked us to sing, and he sang with us.

Then a lady came to the lady who sat at my right, and gave the name of her Aunt, and talked with her and kissed her, and then came to me and kissed me, and bade us "good-night."

I was some ten feet from the cabinet, when just before me, on the carpet, I saw a small white cloud arising, and it continued to rise until it came to a full-formed lady, and she burst out singing—then she de-materialized in the same way, and on the same spot—then the control in the cabinet asked us where we got that spirit from, as it did not come from the cabinet.

Others came and sang in male and female voices.

Now, these are facts—and I could give the names of those present, but I have no authority to do so; for I did not think of writing this at that time, if I had, I should have asked permission to use their names.

Now, Mrs. Beste cannot personate two and three at the same time; nor can she play the Organ in one place and sing in another place at the same time. Therefore, I have seen enough to convince me that Mrs. Beste is no fraud, but is a genuine medium—let others say what they may.

GEORGE Y. NICKERSON.

New Bedford, Mass.

Written for The Watchman.

Does

## EVOLUTION

### ACCOUNT for the EXISTENCE of MAN?

Since the Bible account of the Creation has been exploded by the advance Thought of the Age; and as Thought is ever reaching higher and higher, nearer to the goal and Fount of its inner being, it must know whence and how that being came.

The world's unadvanced Thought, of course, still clings to the story of a man made from dust, and a woman made from one of his ribs, and will cling to it as long as the people are dupes to the belief that it was inspired by God, and has a place in "God's Holy Word."

In this we can see the unrelenting, slavish, and deteriorating power of a belief in that which is received as being the Word of God.

Science, the real Word of God, may demonstrate a Truth, a Law, or a Principle by facts in Nature—but the belief that God has written his Law, and the whole Truth, between the two lids of a Book called the Bible, has the mind fixed against accepting any such Truth or Principle.

Whether true or false, the Theory of Evolution is, to-day, being widely accepted as the *modus operandi* of man's coming forth.

The Theory makes Life to start in

the Mineral, taking one step upward in the Vegetable, one in the Fish, one in the Insect, one in the Bird, another in the Animal, and in Man reaching its culminating point—the production of the Human Immortal Soul.

And this Soul now produced or Evolved, is the same that commenced being as the Life of the Vegetable, became the Life of the Fish, the Insect, the Bird, and the Animal; it having occupied all the grades and Species of Life from the very lowest up to Man.

To this Theory, with me, there are very serious objections.

I do not believe that Man is a progressed Animal. The fact of its almost universal acceptance by Spiritualists, has not the least bearing upon my mind, to produce conviction of its truth. My mind fails to see the requisite evidence.

The Theory lacks demonstrable evidence, as well as a rational evidence. Hence, it is an open question, and being one of those questions that material Science cannot handle—the Soul being a spiritual entity, and the things of the Soul being spiritually discerned, spiritual or intuitive thought is quite as well adapted to discover its origin as material Scientific thought.

Material Science may have demonstrated the Principles of Evolution to be the true method that Nature takes in the production of all the Species of Organic Life; that 100,000 years or more were passed in this process—a higher grade succeeding a lower, before Man, the apex, was reached; and that Man, physically, is the crowning work of the Master Hand, Law, or God underlying the whole: still, this does not prove that Man's Soul is the product of the process. This would be stepping from the realm of the Material to the realm of the Spiritual, and make the Soul the effect of *Material Causes*.

The Soul *is*, and it is the only thing there *is* possessing the quality of self-consciousness being. To it belong the attributes of Will, Reason, Conscience, and Love, none of which are properties of, or derivable from Matter, or found in Animal Life—and it is the height of absurdity to presume that the Soul itself could be derived from that source, or that it is a *thing* produced.

It is said that the Soul needs the experience of all grades of Life as stepping rungs in the Ladder of Progression.

So it would if it was derived from the Mineral, and got its existence from Organic Life. It, however, has an existence previous to, and independent of Organic Life.

We know that experience unfolds the Soul; and to be worth anything to the Soul, it must make an impression upon the Soul's consciousness.

If the Soul is in a condition of Life where it does not possess self-consciousness, as it would not in Animal Life, no possible advantage could come to it from the experiences of such a Life.

When Life's experiences, as in the human, are tabulated upon the Soul's consciousness, they are an enduring treasure, and a mighty educator.

The Soul, in earth life, seems to be in the state and condition that an Acorn is in when planted in the ground—passing thro' a germinal

unfoldment preparatory to a higher growth and life in God's eternal sunlight.

Is it possible that previous to this life, the Soul has passed a pilgrimage on earth of thousands of years under the scales of a Fish, the feathers of a Bird, and the hair of an Animal?

I had rather think of it as an Acorn—a Soul-germ—dropping direct from the Great Soul-Tree of Life to the form of Man—the soil it must have, and in which it commences an unfoldment of its latent and most wonderful faculties.

The faculties that are unfolded in Human Life, all belong to rational beings.

If there are other faculties previously unfolded, they are Animal faculties alone, for Instinct Life can unfold no higher faculties than those belonging and necessary to Animal Life.

There is really no high or low grade in Animal Life, except in Organic Structure.

The Law of Instinct holds positive sway over all the varying Species—it holds them to Instinct Life.

The so-called higher grades can no more pass beyond, into, and under the Law of Reason—the Law of Human Life—than the lower can.

There are three distinct Spheres or Kingdoms of Life on earth—the Vegetable, the Animal, and the Human—and each is controlled by its own Law, and neither one can pass into the Sphere and under the Law of another.

The Vegetable cannot become the Animal, nor the Animal the Human; for, were the Vegetable to become the Animal, the Vegetable would cease to be; and were the Animal to become the Man, the Animal would cease to be—both would be absorbed in Man. And the ultimate of this would be a complete absorption and annihilation of all Animal Life.

Nature is very persistent in preserving her types.

Preservation and Perfection is the Law of each Variety.

The union of the best Male and Female, perfects a Variety.

Man has discovered and applied this Law to the improvement of domesticated Animals; and by bringing together the Male and Female of two different Varieties, has forced Nature to produce a new Variety—a cross of the two.

But Nature stamps this new Variety with the command—*Thus far, and no farther shalt thou go!*

The New Variety cannot reproduce its kind—showing that Nature is very partial to her own Original Varieties, and she thus disapprovingly steps upon any attempts at amalgamation of them.

Why should Nature take the Life of one Species to produce the Life and Organic Form of another Species?

Cannot Nature produce the Life and Organic Form of one Species as well as that of another, and independent of all others, if she has the necessary conditions?

And does not Nature always take, or, in other words, make the conditions necessary for the results in prospect?

It may be said that the Mollusk must be produced before the Fish can be.

Is it thus, because it takes the Life that is in the Mollusk to make the Life of the Fish, and so on all along

the line up to Man—one derived from the Life of another?

This would be asserting that there is but one Life in being, and but one type of Life ultimately to be preserved—as I will presently show.

Was it not, rather, because, that the age of the world, the conditions of atmosphere, water, and earth at the time the Mollusk appeared, made its production only possible?

And at a later Period, conditions being favorable, the Fish was produced—and still higher types, as conditions favored, were produced.

Whence came all these almost innumerable Varieties of Fish, Reptile, Insect, Bird, and Animal Life?

Were they produced merely as Organic Forms, especially for the use and occupancy of this one Life in its Evolutionary march from the Granite Rock to Man, that in him it may become an Immortal Soul?

Then, in the distant Future, when the last pilgrim Soul is gathered into the Human, all these Forms, and all this Life, will have become extinct.

Nature will have lost them, for the Life that was in them belonged not to them as a distinctive Species, but to the transient occupant—the Soul.

Contrary to this, it is more rational for me to believe that each and all of these Varieties sprang from their own Soul-germs, and will always exist as distinct types or Varieties—each retaining its characteristics, as Man retains his characteristics.

The conclusion above deduced, seem to me to be legitimate and inevitable to the Evolutionary Theory of Man's existence.

If one Species of Organic Form is built from the preceding Species, and contains the *Re-incarnated Life* of that Species taking a step higher, and finally becomes the Human Soul, it means, as a finality, the utter annihilation of all Life below Man.

What, then, will the lovers of pets do, with all the pets gone, even from spirit life, as well as from earth life?

But when we think of the Soul taking a half-million *Re-incarnations* in as many *Forms of Life*, occupying all the *Varieties of Mollusk, Fish, Reptile, Insect, Bird, and Animal* that exist on earth, well may we inquire of what advantage can all this be to rational Beings?

If the Theory is true as to the Evolution of Organic Forms, the Human Form, if it is the highest, contains the aggregate Elements of all Forms below it, hence, is adequate to furnish the Soul with all the atoms for a Fish, Reptile, Insect, Bird, and Animal experience it requires.

In some cases it would seem that the experiences are extremely Fishy and Animal. So much so, that it is the work of a Life-time to overcome the Animal and bring the Spiritual Man to the front.

The most of us have enough of the Animal propensities which came to us from our parents, and if to them should be added the aggregate Animalism of all Animal Life, what would the sequel be?

Animal living seems to be opposite to Spiritual living—one wars against the other—and all the Hope of Humanity, and success of the Soul depends upon the triumph of Spiritual living—the unfoldment of the Spiritual Man.

The Spiritual Man being so much



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superior to the Animal Man, and Human Intelligence being so unlike Animal Intelligence, the former could not have been the product of the latter.

Human Intelligence is marked by many prominent features: for instance: The quality of Progression or Faculty of Knowing, that the Animal has not.

All of the Animal Species, from the lowest to the highest, remain where they were, relative to Progression, thousands of years ago. They know no more, to-day, than the first specimen of the Species knew—and never will.

But widely different is it with the various Human Species or Races.

They all take up the line of Progress, and altho' some of them proceed slowly, from the lack of educational advantages, they all have the capacity to learn, and to advance as Intellectual, Social, Moral, and Spiritual Beings.

The step between the Animal and the Human—the half Animal and half Human in the capacity to improve as an intelligent, Moral, and Spiritual Being, that must connect the two—the "Missing Link," has not been found.

Until it is found, there is no evidence whatever, that Man's Soul is Animal Life advanced.

The chasm between the two must be bridged, if Life is to pass it.

H. A. BRADBURY.

Lynn, Mass.

### HAS IT TAKEN ALL THE AGES BEHIND US TO REACH THE PRESENT CONDITION OF SPIRIT COMMUNION?

Mrs. H. A. Berry, Editress of *The Watchman*:—I was invited a few Evenings ago, to visit a friend's house for the purpose of allowing a Christian Minister and a few of his followers, the opportunity of picking me to pieces, on my Spiritual Belief and Knowledge.

Their plan was to admit of Spirit Communion, and then claim that the Christian Church had paved the way for this grand demonstration of God's power.

Has the Church of the Christian's God done thus?

I say, and I say it in an emphatic manner, NO. But instead of paving the way for Spirit Communion, that same old Church has stood between us and Spirit Life, and has fought, tooth and nail, against the first approach to Spirit Communion.

And the Catholic Church, while admitting of Spirit Communion, have always forbidden their Church-members, the right to commune themselves. And this Church has claimed that it was one of the rights of the Church, and not a right of the People—never have they or any other branch of this Church allowed or admitted any one to so commune.

And a few poor helpless mediums that did commune with Spirit Life, have been burned as witches and tortured as horribly as the Pagans that tortured them could invent the tortures.

A Christian Spiritualist—I know hundreds of them—but not one of them knows how this Christian Church, in years gone by, have hunted our mediums down to death, and to a martyr's grave.

Very few of the Christians of to-day, know of the danger that attended a spirit medium in years gone past.

They do not know how many mediums have communed in private and held communion sweet with their spirit friends, and not a Soul on earth knew of it but the spirit world and themselves.

But they do know that when a Priest wished to put a medium to death for interfering with rights of the Church, all he had to do was to turn to their God's Holy Book and find the words recorded: "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

Great and Glorious Church of an Almighty God! You would stoop to steal the very sod from the grave of Truth and Innocence.

You have stolen everything you could lay your hands on, and appropriated it to your own use. You have taken all within your reach—and after taking all else you could get, you are now claiming that you have brought Spirit Communion before the People.

Let me tell your History, it is short and ghastly—"Whatever you could not destroy by open fight, you have taken to your treacherous bosom and smothered and tortured it there."

Innocence and weakness and purity have been your victims; and thieves and murderers have been your best upholders.

You condemned Spirit Manifestations for 2000 years, and burned and tortured its adherents.

Now that you cannot crush it, you are preparing to cover it with dirty slime so that you may swallow it.

And dark will be the day when Spiritualists succumb to your fulsome flattery, and allow themselves to be swallowed up within the remorseless maw of the Church.

CURSES on an Establishment that will teach one Generation of Man of all the horrors that can be thought of in the name of Jesus and a God, and then, when that Generation will not be frightened into your Church, nor will they accept those Paganisms, you turn and revise hell out of your Holy Book, and expunge all you dare to from your Holy Bible, and then turn to us with your palaver, and then try to swallow us whole.

Your God has to trot along mighty fast to keep up with the People. You are behind the Times. Now trot along, or you won't catch up with the Grand Procession.

J. W. DENNIS.

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Yours respectfully,

THOMAS BURPEE.

Written for The Watchman.

### ALCOHOLISM. NO 3.

"A bird's eye view from Trinity spire, New York, would disclose, it is said, 16,000 saloons in sight—12,000 in New York and Brooklyn, and 4000 in Jersey City, Newark, and Paterson."

And the Goddess of Liberty (in brass) enlightening the world, stands in the harbor in which the shipping of three of these Cities is done.

What a burlesque on common sense!

Dr. Klein testifies that in 1000 parts of Claret and Burgundies, the mean amount of Albumen present was 1½ grains: while in the same quantity of raw Beef there were 207 grains.

Beefsteak is 156 times more nutritious than Wine. Malt Liquors will come under the same unfavorable contrast, tho' looked upon as harmless and nutritious, but the same drink craves is developed by them, and prepares the palate for the glass of Whisky.

The Salt put in the Beer to sharpen up the thirst, calls the drinker back repeatedly to his glass.

A given weight of Barley is of greater nutritious value, both as regards the production of muscles and fat, than the same weight converted into Malt, either for Man or Beast.

In fact, there is no food in Alcoholic drinks, whether Malted or Spirituous.

The fat of the Beer-drinker, is composed of those albumenous residues that remain undecomposed, not reducible to a form in which they can be excreted, they have to be stored away so as to prevent obstruction to the circulation, and are, therefore, packed away under the skin.

Notwithstanding the apparent stoutness and strength of Beer-drinkers, they are by no means healthy.

I have never yet met the man or woman that used Alcoholic stimulants that could stand the fatigues, hardships, worry of mind, or lift as much, according to size, as myself, who only get my stimulants from books and deep thought—abandoning even the best cigars, which, for years, were company for me.

Injuries which to other people would be slight, are apt to prove serious to the dram-drinker, and when it is necessary to perform Surgical operations upon them, the risk of death is very much greater than in others.

What becomes of the Alcohol after entering the body, is a disputed point.

It remains unchanged, and is expelled as Alcohol thro' the Lungs, skin, and especially the Kidneys.

Alcohol is a baffling and mysterious thing.

Other poisons, Vegetable as well as Mineral, generally single out some especially vulnerable part in which to do their work; but Alcohol attacks the whole System (with some special preference for the Liver and Brain) and, hence, the tracing of its results in the System is more difficult.

A small part goes direct, out, as refuse; some is exhaled, judging from the fetid breath. It is easily detected in the perspiration. It has been found by the ounce in the substance of the Brain.

We all know what an affinity Alcohol has for the Brain. It deranges the Nervous System to the same extent that it does the digestive, it dulls and stupefies the perceptions—the power and the Will to perform.

Possibly you have noticed a crust on the inside of Wine bottles—the Wine-drinker's blood gets in precisely this same condition. The result is, the tissues grow weak and brittle, and break down, and we have Apoplexy, Paralysis, Rheumatism, and Gout.

One thing is very clear to my mind, namely, that the highest possible perfection of the Nervous System is only possible with strict total abstinence.

Alcohol clearly has no right to be called a stimulant, but a narcotic.

Prof. John Fiske, says:—

"The perpetual craving of the drinker, in all probability, is due to the gradual alteration in the molecular structure of the Nervous System, caused by frequently repeated narcosis."

Recent years have furnished the strongest proofs and testimony, that the notion of Alcohol as an auxiliary in Brain work, is fallacious.

The working classes do mostly believe that Alcohol increases their capacity for labor.

On the contrary they are far less efficient workmen. Of course they are deceived by the general sensations and appearances—but practical tests have proved the falseness of their belief.

Alcohol is no savings bank for muscular strength, as in time it utterly destroys it.

It has been estimated that the heart, in a normal condition, lifts daily, 122 tons one foot high, that eight ounces of Alcohol daily, will increase its work 24 tons, or from 100,000 beats daily, to 125,000.

What an extra work this is for the heart, day after day, and year after year!

There is no greater mistake than to imagine that a liberal allowance of Alcoholic stimulants fortifies the System against contagious disease, the heat of Summer, the cold of Winter, hunger, or thirst.

A bottle of Whisky is often at the bottom of a strike. Unfortunately, the blow seldom lights on the bottle until it is empty.

EMANUEL M. JONES.

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## EDITORIAL.

Our Correspondent, H. A. Bradbury, in his remarks on the second page—"DOES EVOLUTION ACCOUNT FOR THE EXISTENCE OF MAN?"—has, in our opinion, a confused idea of the Soul Forces of Nature.

According to his remarks, his convictions are, that each Species of Organic Life has, since the first hour of Creation, held a definite and specific Soul-germ; and that each Soul-germ, be it of the Bird, Fish, Animal, or Human Species, was "fore-ordained" and Created by an All-wise, Overruling Creator, God, or Master-Mind.

This Theory, to our mind, is a relic of Theology and the Bible teaching, wherein it says that in the beginning God created every living thing, etc.

H. A. Bradbury has, however, got one step in advance of the Bible writers, wherein he likens these creations unto Soul-germs existent in Spirit Space.

There are many other persons besides H. A. Bradbury who believe about the same sort of thing—persons who are not wholly weaned from the traditional idea of a Creator, as taught by the Church, the Bible and the old-timed belief in the Origin and Creation of Life—yet they are out from the Church sufficiently to conceive of a spirit entity, spirit world, and the Communion of spirit beings with earthly beings—but they hold fast to their Theory of a Creator, and cannot Reason without it.

We always endeavor to exercise an all-due consideration for the difference of opinion on the part of our Correspondents, because we desire that our readers may hear from a diversity of opinions, as expressed by different minds.

We hope that H. A. Bradbury will take kindly our criticism of his Article, as our aim is to elicit thought.

In his Article he says:—

"When we think of the Soul taking a half-million Re-incarnations in as many Forms of Life, occupying all the Varieties of Mollusk, Fish, Reptile, Insect, Bird, and Animal that exist on earth, well may we inquire of what advantage can all this be to rational Beings?"

"If the Theory is true as to the Evolution of Organic Forms, the Human Form, if it is the highest, contains the aggregate Elements of all Forms below it, hence, is adequate to furnish the Soul with all the atoms for a Fish, Reptile, Insect, Bird, and Animal experience it requires."

Allow us to show you, friend Bradbury, that in presenting such a view of the Subject, you show that you have got things decidedly confused. You therein refer to the Theory and Doctrine of Transmigration of Soul; and not Evolution and Progression of Soul.

Evolution of Soul-force does not admit of the Soul of the Human Species to degenerate and take on the Form of a Species lower in the scale of Organic Formation.

Furthermore, it has not become a Human Soul until it has taken on the Human Form. Hence, thro' the Varied Species Evolved from Matter, the Soul-force animating each individual Specimen is not the same grade as the Human Soul. It is, therefore, the height of unreasonableness to allude to the Human Soul as

"Taking a half-million Re-incarnations in as many Forms of Life, occupying all the Varieties of Mollusk, Fish, Reptile, Insect, Bird, and Animal that exist on earth."

We have been taught by Advanced Spirits in Spirit Life, that the Human Soul is of a distinct and more definite character than either of the Animal Species below it; and that the Evolution of Matter thro' countless Ages of Planetary changes has given to this Earth Planet, the Varied Species of Animals; and the different Races or grades of the Human Species.

Remember, these things have not been accomplished in ONE Generation, nor in ONE CYCLE OF TIME, but in COUNTLESS AGES OF TIME.

We have been furthermore informed by our Spirit Teachers, that Scientists of Earth, will, ere many years, discover Fossil Remains of an Ancient Species between the Gorilla and the Human. And that this Species of Fossil will explain one part of what is now termed the "Missing Link" between the Animal and the Human Species. And that in another Cycle of Time, the "Missing Link" will be discovered in living Species. This can

stand as a Prophecy, to be proven in its own good time.

In considering this Subject, let us not lose sight of the fact that there is a vast difference between Evolution, and Transmigration of Soul.

Personally, as a practical minded observer of the workings of Nature, we cannot accept the Theory of Transmigration of the Human Soul; but we are compelled to recognize the potent fact that Evolution does account for the Existence of different Species of Organic Life; and also for the Existence of the Human Species.

A close Scientific student of Life, and of the complicated workings of Nature, and her Laws, will find sufficient grounds for the conviction that Evolution does account for the Existence of Man, Mentally and Physically.

H. A. Bradbury says:—

"The Soul is, and it is the only thing there is possessing the quality of self-conscious being. To it belong the attributes of Will, Reason, Conscience, and Love, none of which are properties of, or derivable from Matter, or found in Animal Life—and it is the height of absurdity to presume that the Soul itself could be derived from that source, or that it is a thing produced."

Not found in Animal Life! We would ask Mr. Bradbury if he has had much experience with Horses, Dogs, or other Animals; if he has ever observed the expressions of Soul-Intelligence manifested in them; if he has marked the effect upon some Horses while marching in a gaily bedecked procession—if not, then he has lost a grand sight.

If he has never witnessed the expressions of pride, pleasure, and self-consciousness of the Horse undergoing parade and Public display: then, he cannot understand the noble Soul of the noble Horse.

For any person to say that the Horse, a creature of the Animal Kingdom, has no self-consciousness, no realization of its being, that to the Horse, or to the Animal Kingdom, the Attributes of Will, Reason, Conscience, and Love do not belong, shows a lack of knowledge concerning that which he or she is trying to talk about.

Would Mr. Bradbury infer that the Dog Species have no Love, no Will, no Self-consciousness—if he does, we would advise him to make these things a study from actual contact with the Animals.

Our convictions are that every Species of the Animal Kingdom have sufficient Intelligence to meet the requirements of their surroundings; and that this Intelligence is capable of development; and that it will develop itself in proportion to the demands made upon it.

We may, if we choose, call it Instinct in the Animal and Insect, and Soul-force in the Human. But it serves its place and requirements, irregardless of what name we give it.

From Psychical discernment, practical observations, and the teachings of Advanced Spirits, we have become convinced that what we understand as the Soul of Man is an effect produced from the Evolution of Matter; that what the fragrance of the blossom and the virtue and quality of the fruit are to the plant and the Tree: so is the Soul-power to the creature and to the Human Being—giving expression and worth according to its degree of development.

There are some fine thoughts expressed by H. A. Bradbury, and also some ambiguous ones—for instance, he says:

"The Spiritual Man being so much superior to the Animal Man, and Human Intelligence being so unlike Animal Intelligence, the former could not have been the product of the latter."

Human Intelligence is marked by many prominent features: for instance; The quality of Progression or Faculty of Knowing, that the Animal has not."

We agree that the Spiritual Man is superior to the Animal Man. Yet it is only the exercise of the Spiritual faculty over the Animal faculties that makes the difference.

We have witnessed the actions and habits of some Human Beings, and they descend far below the habits of some dumb Animals.

Now, if the Animal has not the Faculty of knowing right from wrong, why is it that we may punish a dumb Animal for some act done, and that Animal will never forget the punishment: and because of the punishment administered for the act, the Animal knows that it has



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done wrong, and must not repeat the offense.

Horses, and Dogs, and many other Animals can be taught many things equal with the Human—yet they, as a Species, lack the power of Speech, and cannot express their understanding. But by an hundred ways do they prove that they understand the Language addressed to them, and in their way will give answer to what is said to and expected of them. Their equal with Man in the relation of trust, friendship, and gratitude, often puts to shame, Man's treachery and inhumanity to Man.

Again, Mr. Bradbury says:—

"All of the Animal Species, from the lowest to the highest, remain where they were, relative to Progression, thousands of years ago. They know no more, to-day, than the first specimen of the Species knew—and never will."

That is presuming considerable, friend Bradbury.

What authority have you for saying that "They know no more, to-day, than the first Specimens of the Species knew—and never will"?

We claim that the Animal Species of this Present Age, are finer and less brutal than in Ages past; and that as the Human Species advances, the Animal Species decreases in bulk of Form, and in ferocity of nature: and that as the Earth Planet becomes, thro' Evolution, Organically refined: in like proportion will every Species upon the earth become correspondingly refined.

Our authority for this conviction is the observance of Scientific proofs; and our careful thought and study upon the matter; including the instructions given from Spirit Beings, who also make these things a study.

And from what we have been enabled to learn of these things, we are inclined to believe that the different Species of Animal Life, are, of this Age, more Intelligent, because they are more refined: and as one advancement in Nature leads on to another, we, therefore, conclude as above.

Again, Mr. Bradbury says:—

"The step between the Animal and the Human—the half Animal and half Human in the capacity to improve as an Intelligent, Moral, and Spiritual Being, that must connect the two—the 'Missing Link,' has not been found."

"Until it is found, there is no evidence whatever, that Man's Soul is Animal Life advanced."

We would ask Mr. Bradbury if he has ever examined the anatomy of the Gorilla—if he has, he must have discovered that there was but a slight difference between the anatomy of the lower types of Human Beings, and that of the Gorilla Species. He will find as he investigates these things, that what is termed the "Missing Link," which is to prove the fact that the Human Animal is an Evolution from the Animal Kingdom, is so slight that the relation between the Human Species and the Animal Species, is, to the Scientific investigator and the Naturalist, an established fact, quite beyond the probability of refutation.

It was our privilege some few years ago to see, on exhibition, a Gorilla—it was called a Baby Gorilla—it was claimed to be the only Gorilla in this Country, at that time. The Climate here in the United States is said to be too severe for the Gorilla Species.

We were much interested in noting the evident manifestations of Intelligence that the little creature exhibited. He gave evidence of an affection for his Master, and a shyness towards strangers. He would scowl at strangers until his Master assured him that the strangers would not harm him. Yet, he was less than five years old, so we were informed. He was dressed in a suit of clothing, with stockings and shoes, and in appearance was fully as companionable, and more so than some Human Beings that we meet with in our travels.

Now, the point for Mr. Bradbury is this: If, as he affirms, the faculties of Reason, etc., are not of the Animal Kingdom, how is it that many Species of Animals give every evidence, except that of Speech, of the endowment of Will, Judgment or Reason, and Love? How is it, if these Animals have not the faculty of Reason, that they can understand what certain words signify?

For instance: We have a large Dog—one that we

have trained from a little Puppy—and that dog understands our lightly expressed words, not alone when addressed to him, but, as on several occasions, while we have been in conversation with other persons, and the Dog happened to be in the room, the Dog has given unmistakable evidence that he understood words that were said, (and for all we know, the entire conversation), so much so that we were all greatly astonished.

This same Dog is constantly giving evidence that he understands what is wished of him. For instance:—

We have a small Vegetable Garden, and the Dog is confined in the same yard and is obliged to remain on the plank walk when the Garden is planted. Now to show the case: When the Dog was a Puppy, and during the first Season that we planted the Garden, the Dog knew no difference between that which was planted and that which was not planted. So, in order to teach him the difference, we directed his attention to the Garden, and in the same manner that we would talk to a child, we told him that the Garden was planted, and that he must not step upon it while it was planted; but that when the Garden was done and the things done growing, he might have the whole yard.

Well, after a few times drilling him, he appeared to know that he must not step on the Garden. And when, on a few occasions, he, in his hurry to get from one side to another, would, as most any child is apt to do, seem to forget the Garden, and step on the beds—yet, the moment he had done so, he would show that he remembered he had done wrong, and feared a rebuke.

Well, this kind of procedure went on one whole Season, and when the Garden was cleared, the whole yard was for the Dog to run in as he chose. But here the test of his memory comes in. When the next Spring came around and the Garden was dug afresh, the Dog showed that he remembered his former lesson, and was careful not to intrude upon the Garden, except at such times as when in high play, or very anxious to get across, then he would for a moment forget his lesson. Well, this same sort of affairs has been going on for three years. And this present Spring, when the Garden was dug, the Dog showed that he knew he must keep off of the Garden. He evinced this knowledge without our having to remind him of the new state of affairs at each Season. This shows that the Dog has Reason, Memory, and a Consciousness of what is expected of him. Yet, according to Mr. Bradbury's Theory, the Animals have no such faculties.

We claim that the Human Child, until he or she has been taught these things, has no more Wisdom concerning the Ways of Life, than the Dumb Animal has.

But one might say, "The Dog learns from force of habit."

Even so. And is it not from force of habit that the Human Being acquires Habits, Customs, Ideas, and even Memory? You will find that the force of association and habit is what unfolds and develops the Brain of the Human Child, and develops the Soul-force belonging to the Human Being, and also that of the Dumb Animal. And that all forms of association, all habits, all impressions upon the sight, the hearing, and the different Senses of the body, and all the acts of Life are mirrored on the Aura around the individual; and that there is left in this Aura, the Law of Reflex Action: and from this Action, there emanates a subtle influence that is constantly at work upon whatever is brought in contact therewith.

It is a common expression, that from certain persons, such and such motives are felt, and from other persons, different motives and feelings; from some persons, an influence for good, while from others, that of discord, from others, wrong doing, and so on.

Now, this is the consequence of the nature of the Aura around them; and this Aura is Magnetism and Soul-force, and determines the strength of the body, and the power of the Soul-force thro' that body.

We might give many interesting accounts of the sagacity of Dumb Animals, which would prove that they have

Reason, Love, and Understanding.

There is one more amusing feature in the actions of this Dog we referred to: We do not permit the Dog to run at large, but at times he will go away, and be gone all day. He will, at such times, stay until the last thing at night—it is, usually, about 9 o'clock before he will venture home, and then he will sneak in at the rear of the house, and get under the table, or in some corner, and when approached he will give every evidence that he knows he has done contrary to the Rules, even when we have not spoken a word to him: he will cower down and raise his eyes shyly, as much as to say, "Forgive me?"

If we simply say, "What did you run away for?", he will tremble, and cower all the more. But, if we address him in a more kindly manner, and say: "Well, Towser, (that is the Dog's name), did you have a good time?" or some such pleasing expression, the Dog is up, and shows by various signs that he feels grateful for the reception given him after he has broken the Rules laid down for him. He will press up closely to our side, and lick our hands and lay his head in our lap, and in every way he can he will show his feelings.

Now, some other Dogs are even more smart than this one; and other Animals will exhibit equal and, in some instances, greater faculties of understanding.

Now, if these things do not prove conclusively that the Dumb Animals have the faculties of Will, Sense, Understanding, Love, and even Conscience, then we, personally, are no judge of such things.

We most certainly recognize that different Animal Species are limited in the development of these faculties. But we also recognize that different Nationalities of Human Beings, and different individuals born under different conditions, are, likewise, limited in the ability to develop and express the different faculties which go to distinguish the Human Species, as a Species, from the Dumb or Animal Species.

Therefore, putting all and all together, from close observation and practical application, we are forced to declare that we are convinced that *Evolution does account for the Existence of Man, Mentally and Physically. And that the Spiritual Existence of Life is an Outgrowth of Physical Life.*

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ECONOMY.

We have been impressed with a desire to draw from our spiritual instructors, a few ideas on the subject of Economy.

We shall not depend upon our own judgment, but will let our spirit friends give us the truth.

Public funds should be used with the same careful attention, by good financiers, as they would use in managing for themselves—and they should see that the people's money, which is paid into the Treasury in Taxes, is used solely for the public benefit.

We do not consider that ornamental Public Buildings are necessary or commendable, when Taxes are burdensome, and farmers in debt—their farms mortgaged, with interest and Taxes to pay; and then have their labor and its results used, without their consent, to make a vain show, which is of no benefit to any one.

After we had written the above, a gentleman called on business. At its conclusion, he said:—

"What do you think this means?"

"When I lay down to rest, by closing and covering my eyes, I can see visions of people, and hear what they say."

"As I lay upon the lounge yesterday, thinking of Mr. Browning, I wondered what he thought of his place; and in a moment he was there (spiritually), and said: 'I will show you what I think.'"

"And, directly, a mound appeared, larger than a hay-stack, as white as salt."

We said: "He wants you to understand that it is of no more value to him than a pyramid of salt, or a whitened sepulchre."

O. H. Browning was a celebrated lawyer. He was Secretary of the Interior when Andrew Johnson was President.

Mr. Browning's mansion is only a few blocks from us, and we were acquainted with the family. And this medium who asked us the question, lives in the mansion, and has had many communications from the family.

It is a benefit to Mr. Browning to have had this opportunity to express his views on the intrinsic value of extravagance. He has planted a seed of truth that will grow and endure forever.

The spirit of Gen. Grant has expressed similar views, and said that it would be of more value to him and Humanity, if his friends, instead of piling a mass of stone on his grave, would build houses to shield the poor from the cold storms of adversity, and the chilling winds of despair.

These two Communications confirm our impression on Economy in the use of public money. It belongs to the laboring and producing people. They deposit it in the Treasury, and

send men to headquarters as their delegates, to make Laws for their benefit, and use their money for the improvement of the Country, and the elevation, education, and happiness of all people.

There are many grievances to complain of in the improper use of the public money. We will mention some of the prominent displays.

Public Funerals should be discontinued. The people of this enlightened Country, in this morning of progress, should not continue this old Pagan custom.

Every State must have a State-house. Those in Authority say that Illinois is a great and rich State, and must have a State-house to correspond.

This is an erroneous idea. All Public buildings should be plain, substantial, and fireproof, without unnecessary ornaments, that the people's papers could be preserved.

To our limited knowledge, it seems that \$1,000,000 might be sufficient to accommodate the State Officers—the remaining millions could and should be used in building roads and bridges so substantial that nothing short of an earthquake could shake them.

A bridge is a beautiful object when it spans a narrow stream in the landscape. But an ornamental State-house corresponds with an overdressed lady—one that looks like a walking dry goods establishment.

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To Be Continued.

ONE LAW.

We understand that there is but one Law of limitless variations, and one Executive (Intelligence) that fills all Space.

When this is understood by others, they will perceive that the invisible elements are the propagators of all things.

We will try to illustrate the idea in harmony with the Supreme Law, and show to the mind that all was in the beginning of Life on this Planet. Every plant and herb of the field was before it grew. The germs were also in existence.

When the Sphere of Atoms was, by integration and disintegration, brought into a proper condition, the earth brought forth fruits all drawn from the invisible elements. And the same Law is in progress now.

Dr. Adam Miller, in his lecture published in the *Religio-Philosophical Journal*, in speaking of the interruption of Natural Law, said that the old sour-apple tree sent its roots down deep into the ground, and sent the sap up to where the sweet-apple bud was inserted, and there it had to stop and make a change in the Natural Law.

We think that the Doctor was mistaken. The sap of a tree is produced from the atmosphere, and if there is a free passage to the earth, the sweet-apple bud will, in three years, produce a root of its kind, and bear sweet apples.

The circulation of the blood in all animal organisms, corresponds with the circulation of the sap in a tree. The sap does not affect the quality of the fruit, the germ decides its quality, Class, and Order—and all things grow from an outside influence.

The trunk of a tree is a medium for a continual flow of Positive force to enter the soil or Magnet, earth.

There is not a material thing that can move itself.

Man corresponds beautifully with the trees of the Forest—his thoughts are as the blossoms, and his deeds are the fruit, and the quality of the fruit decides the Class and Order of his character.

Every living thing on earth is produced from above the surface.

Recently we read an Article containing the following idea:—

A person in Kentucky dug a drain near an ice-house, and threw out clear blue clay, and, in due time, it produced a strong growth of a plant called Stromonium.

Those who observed the phenomenon, did not express an idea in relation to the cause.

Our impression is, that the clay being thrown out to the light and warmth provided a proper condition for the germ of that plant to be drawn into the soil, and, like all other plants, it materialized its kind.

In the Spring, the buds that have lain dormant all Winter, begin to swell on the trees, and, thro' the leaves—the lungs of the trees—they draw from the elements, the force that sends the sap down.

Altho' the ground is frozen and covered with snow, Electric force will penetrate to the center of the Planet.

We would feel thankful to any person who would criticise this Article, that we may learn the truth.

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PUNISHMENT.

The principle of punishment, as cultivated by laws in all civilized and Christian Countries, is an infernal one.

Blood for blood; an eye for an eye; and a tooth for a tooth are relics of barbarism flourishing in the 19th Century, in what are called Christian Countries.

The State of New York has legally murdered a woman.

What good has been accomplished by this cruel execution of a barbaric Law?

Has the man, or the woman, or Society, or the most degraded member of the human family been benefited?

There is no proof that it ever benefited either the living or the dead.

The more of this grain that is planted, the more you will have to reap.

The Bible declares, as recorded in the fable of Cain and Abel, that if any man killed Cain, vengeance would be meted out to him seven-fold.

Vengeance is being meted out all over the land for the transgression of Nature's Law—the Law of Retribution must be fulfilled, it is inevitable.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters,  
Ye who have abundant store;  
It may float on many billows,  
It may strand on far off shore.

"You may think it lost forever,  
But as sure as God is true—  
In this life or in the other,  
It will yet return to you."

—Herbert Leslie.

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THE EXPOSE.

We have heard of another expose of what is called a fraudulent medium. The Agnostics and Skeptics are led to believe that the medium has been discovered in producing counterfeit demonstrations of spirit entities.

We are disgusted with this last tirade against the medium who has been thoroly tested by competent people who have, by their experience, become as well informed on the subject as those fraud hunters.

There was not a disinterested witness present to prove that the man drawn out of the cabinet, was a man clothed in flesh.

The lady is, we have no doubt, a genuine medium; and those intruders were entirely mistaken.

They were hallucinated—they were all obsessed with evil. They went there with an evil intention, and a legion of evil influences or spirits went with them.

All robbers, murderers, and evil disposed people draw inspiration from the Sphere of their development.

When the aspirations and desires are from a low, evil circle, their prayers are answered from a corresponding one.

Another accusation against the medium, was, that they saw the boots and pants of a man below the dress of a pretended woman.

When there is a good Materializing medium in a cabinet, and the sitters all in harmony, the spiritual friends present can produce various kinds of material fabrics in the presence of the sitters—this has been demonstrated to the minds of hundreds of investigators. We have seen similar phenomena take place in our house.

This being a fact we are impressed to declare the exposed medium to be a first-class Materializing medium.

And that the apparent fraudulent demonstrations were produced by those who sat in the circle, and their spirit friends taking possession of the medium and conducting the demonstrations in accord with their desire.

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## There's Something Wrong.

There's something wrong—Philosophers  
Are bowed in reverie,  
To fathom well the subtle cause  
Of earth's deep misery.  
There's something wrong—yes, well they know  
There's something, something wrong  
While those unwhispered throbs of woe  
Upon the Soul are borne.  
There's something wrong—the Great  
Good calls;  
Calls for the good, the true;  
Clear visaged men and women all,  
Those dark wrongs to undo.  
May tongues be loosed as ne'er before,  
Till Justice leads the throng;  
Till unborn Generations ne'er  
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Nay, speak no ill; a kindly word  
Can leave no sting behind;  
And Oh! to breathe each tale we've  
heard,  
Is 'neath a noble mind.  
Full oft a better seed is sown,  
By choosing kinder plan;  
For if but little good be known,  
Still speak the best we can.  
Give me the heart that fain would  
hide,  
And others' faults efface;  
How can it pleasure human pride,  
To prove us all so base?  
No; let us reach a higher mood  
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Be earnest in the search for good,  
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