

OBJECTS, AXIOMS, LAWS, &c.

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THE UNIVERSAL PHILOSOPHIC SOCIETY.

TO PHILOSOPHERS, SCIENTISTS, AND LOVERS OF
REASON.

It will, we trust be understood from the following Objects & Axioms of this Society (pages 4 & 5) that it is founded on *Truth, Science, and Common sense*, and calculated to replace the ignorance, superstition, bondage and misery, which have hitherto saddened and degraded humanity.

The Philosophy of the Society is *Non Atheistic, Non Dogmatic and Non Aggressive*.

NON ATHEISTIC because it believes that, there is that, which apart from matter, perpetually transforms it, and from which all that is everlasting evolves.

NON DOGMATIC because it appeals by reason to reason in its search for truth.

NON AGGRESSIVE because its tendency is not to destroy but to create.

To create or form a TEMPLE OF TRUTH in which Science as the High Priest shall offer to humanity the three-fold gifts of Happiness, Holiness and Freedom.

Far therefore from any phase of human thought whether of the present time or preserved and brought down to us in the records of the past. We



reverence in them (as in all things) every vestige of truth which, like matter is eternal.

Our philosophy is one of profound peace.

Reverence for truth.

Good will to man.

We live in an age of evolvment and transition. Over the Earth a light pure and beautiful (the light of science and of truth) is dawning, a light that heralds in the day in which the chains of superstition, fear and ignorance, which have hitherto fettered humanity, shall fall to the ground, and Man shall know that he is divine and free.

Come therefore in your loyalty and strength, Heroes in the cause of humanity, and Gods Incarnate amongst men. Arm yourselves with the sword of justice, which is the higher part of charity, and with the impregnable armour of science, which alone can reveal Truth in the fulness of holiness, purity and beauty, and we shall prevail.

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OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

FIRSTLY.

Liberty of thought by the consideration and discussion of all subjects worthy of man's reason.

SECONDLY.

Annihilation of slavish fear, ignorance and superstition.

THIRDLY

To evolve to the uttermost, the highest specimens of the noblest earthly being (Man) intellectually, morally and socially.

LAWS

1. The Lecturer or speaker must not be interrupted.
2. Each speaker is allowed ten minutes during the discussion following the lecture.
3. A speaker (*The Lecturer excepted*) can address the meeting but once during the evening.
4. When the Chairman rises, discussion must cease.
5. Party political questions will not be allowed.
6. The decision of the Chairman is final.
7. All creeds are eligible for member, or fellowship.

THE NINE PRIMARY AXIOMS.

I

That there is no Isolated God, but that Deity (four-fold in its attributes, viz as life, intelligence, power, utility) pervades all things and, that the highest attribute of Deity is love.

II

That (on the Earth) Man is the highest being and that all revelation of Deity has been made to, and by, Deity Incarnate.

III

That the supernatural has no existence, since *man cannot conceive that which is beyond the limit of his conception.*

IV

That all things (save form) are eternal, having had no beginning they will have no end, but that eternity of Being (by which we understand individual existence) altho' possible is not universal.

V

That perfection of Being is of three-fold nature: Unial: Dual or Communistic.

VI

That love, or charity, is the Alpha, and Omega of

all virtue and that its violation is the only evil.

VII

That Man is ever evolving and that the comprehension of electricity and its great collaborateur magnetism marks a most important epoch in his evolution.

VIII

That electricity and magnetism are the duplex envelopement of psychic force, which is life, and that by its means Physical life may (apart from violence) be indefinitely prolonged: the planets of our Solar system brought into general communication, unknown power and attributes latent in man developed.

All that is worthy of continuity immortalised.

IX

That as Lord of the Earth it is not only man's right but his duty to obtain and exercise dominion over all the forces of nature, and that science is the natural and legitimate means for the accomplishment of this end.

FELLOWS, MEMBERS, LECTURES &c

FELLOWS.

The fellows must be a student of one or more of the sciences, or of philosophy, and no one who has not attained approved proficiency in one or more of these subjects will be eligible.

MEMBERS.

Those interested in, or desirous of understanding science or philosophy will be eligible as members.

SUBSCRIPTION.

The subscription for fellows and members will be 10 shillings per ann, which subscription will admit to all lectures &c free. The payment of ten guineas constitutes a life member.

It is proposed as soon as practicable, to institute branches of this society in all the leading towns of the United Kingdom, for the purpose of bringing forward papers on new inventions discoveries theories &c.

Science and Philosophic classes will be instituted by request.

The general public will be admitted to the lectures on payment at the doors, in order to defray the expenses of the Society.

The Society having a printing office exclusively for its own use, hand bills &c will be issued from its office. The price of programmes will be used to defray the expenses of printing.

Lectures will be printed (by the Lecturer's permission) at the request and cost of the Society, and will be published at their halls and office. Two thirds of such sale will belong to the Society, and the remainder to the Lecturer.

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