

Modern Day Delusions

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"Monistic Church movement" - "Philosophical implications of Monism" - "Denial of dualistic beliefs" - heading: "V" points: - "The impact of modern science on religion" - "The call for a new reformation" - "The future of monistic beliefs" faq: - q: "What is the main concern regarding Christian Science?" a: "The rapid growth of Christian Science is alarming as it spreads false teachings about salvation and the afterlife." - q: "How does Spiritualism relate to modern delusions?" a: "Spiritualism, often disguised as Psychical Research, promotes communication with the dead, which is a significant delusion leading people away from the truth." - q: "What is Monism?" a: "Monism is a philosophical movement that denies dualistic beliefs about God and humanity, promoting a singular understanding of existence." - q: "Why is the communication with spirits considered dangerous?" a: "Such communications are believed to be influenced by demons, leading individuals away from the truth of God's Word." quotes: - "The strong delusion that they should believe a lie is fast approaching." - "These letters were directed to me in person by my own name by such persons as Franklin, Swedenborg, John Bunyan." - "Monism is the only religion that can ever hope to destroy human selfishness." applicationPoints: - "Be vigilant against teachings that contradict Scripture, as they may lead to spiritual deception." - "Engage in discernment when exploring spiritual matters, ensuring they align with biblical truth." - "Educate others about the dangers of modern spiritual movements to protect them from falling into delusions." keywords: - "Christian Science" - "Spiritualism" - "Psychical Research" - "Monism" - "Deception" - "Demons" - "False teachings" - "Modern delusions" ---

Growth of Christian Science. We call attention to the rapid growth of the Science cult on the Pacific Coast. It is equally marked in other parts of the country and throughout the civilized world. Recently the "mother church" held its annual meeting in Boston:

The announcement of the formation of 102 new churches and the unexampled growth of membership during the last year were features of the annual business meeting of the Christian Science Mother Church.

Several thousand persons attended the meeting, at the church on Falmouth Street, including members from several foreign countries. Frederick Dixon of London was announced as president of the church for the coming year.

Reports indicated that the Christian Science movement has spread through the civilized world. The list of new churches formed includes several in Germany, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand and Porto Rico.

An interesting report was that covering New York City, where now reading rooms have been established, including one in the financial district. The report of the board of lectureship showed that over 850,000 persons attended lectures given under the auspices of the board last year, an increase of 100,000 over the preceding year.

From Sweden came the report of the official recognition of the church by the government; from England word of the church's growth there; and from Germany and other countries the news of lectures in foreign languages.

From Ohio thanks were returned for the financial aid rendered to the sufferers from the recent floods.

Another World Bureau. We have repeatedly called in public attention to the rapid progress spiritualism is making under the disguised name of "Psychical Research." In England and in America some of the best known men, like Sir Oliver Lodge and many university professors, have united with this movement and expressed a strong belief that asking of the dead is a possibility. They were led to this belief by

experiments through mediums which produced manifestations unexplainable by natural causes. We are convinced that this movement will grow and that their godless research will be rewarded by communications from unseen and intelligent beings, the host of demons, whose existence is so clearly taught in God's Word. Intercourse with them is a possibility. Matters are rapidly advancing in this direction. There is an activity and eagerness to intrude into these things which is astonishing, no doubt the reflex action of the wicked spirits who are eager to possess men and women and drag them down to ruin and perdition.

W. T. Stead of the Review of Reviews has lately come out for this evil thing and has made a remarkable suggestion. He has announced that he intends to open a bureau for communication with the other world. He expects to carry out this enterprise with the help of a friend, who died years ago and with whom he has had spirit intercourse. Mr. Stead speaks of all this in the Fortnightly Review, The friend, he says, is a Miss Ames who was formerly one of the editors of the Union Signal of Chicago, the organ of the W. C. T. U. He claims that this lady sent him a long appeal from the "other world."

Following is the text of the proposal which his dead friend is supposed to have sent to him:

"I wanted to ask you if you can help me at all in a matter in which I am much interested. I have long wanted to establish a place where those who have passed over could communicate with the loved ones behind. At present the world is full of spirits longing to speak to those from whom they have been parted. It is a strange spectacle. On your side, souls full of anguish for bereavement; on this side, souls full of sadness because they can not communicate with those whom they love. What can be done to bring these somber, sorrow-laden souls together?

"What is wanted is a Bureau of Communication between the two sides. Could you not establish some such sort of office with one or more trustworthy mediums.? If only it were to enable the sorrowing on the earth to know, if only for once, that their so-called dead live nearer than ever before, it would help to dry many a tear and soothe many a sorrow. I think you could count upon the eager co-operation of all on this side.

"We on this side are full of joy at the hope of this coming to pass. Imagine how grieved we must be to see so many whom we love, sorrowing without hope, when those for whom they sorrow are trying in vain every means to make them conscious of their presence. And many also are racked with agony, imagining that their loved ones are lost in hell, when, in reality, they have been found in the all-embracing arms of the love of God. See what can be done. It is the most important thing there is to do. For it brings with it the trump of the Archangel, when those that were in their graves shall awake and walk forth once more among men."

Mr. Stead gives much evidence which satisfies him that this communication is genuine and came from Miss Ames. To us it is equally evident that the communication is genuine, but that it emanates from a demon. That demons love to personify departed men and women and play the parts of deceivers has often been proven. The above words Mr. Stead claims to have received from the unseen world are words of deception. They show the cunning of a wicked spirit. Taking on a pious garb this demon talks very piously, but the demon reveals his identity in the closing sentences. He wants to prove that the loved ones, who some imagine are in hell, are "in the all embracing arms of the love of God." This demon like other demons, who have produced all kinds of theories, tries to deceive people about the great Scripture revelation, the eternal and conscious punishment of the wicked. This is invariably the tenor of these "spirit

communications" that the state of all the departed is one of bliss and happiness. Christian Science, Millennial Dawnism and other "isms" which deny future and eternal punishment for those who reject Christ are the movements of the latter times, the theories of seducing spirits, the doctrines of demons (1 Tim. iv:1). A Millennial Dawnist told us some time ago when we asked him "Are you saved?" "No," was his answer and "that is why I am a believer in Mr. Russell's teaching for I can live as I please and have another chance." They say sometimes that the everlasting punishment of the wicked is a horrible, God dishonoring doctrine. Then it must be an invention of the devil. How is it then that these demons are so anxious to impress upon those to whom they give communications, that there is nothing but bliss and joy in the other world? But we read in the Word of God that the demons cried out saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time (Matt, viii: 29)? Mr. Stead then speaks of the problem itself:

"The problem is a serious one. The proposal to construct a bridge across the abyss will stagger most people by its audacity. Some will regard it as profane. But all those who have taken any intelligent interest in the progress of psychical research will admit that the time is at hand when such an enterprise ought to be taken in hand by serious investigators, and resolutely prosecuted to its final conclusion.

"The only question is, what are the facts? Can we or can we not organize such a service of trustworthy persons whose eyes have been opened, to undertake the guidance of the pioneers who are endeavoring to build the bridge between the living and the dead?

"I think that with patience and perseverance it can be done. Julia, who fifteen years ago first insisted upon the duty of opening such a bureau of intercommunication, has now undertaken to direct its operations from day to day.

"It may amaze some people that I should thus gravely write of the possibility of opening an office in the heart of a great capital which can only succeed -- if it succeed -- by the constant, conscious direction of the invisible intelligence of a human being who died and was buried seventeen years ago. But if there be any truth in the fundamental doctrine of modern spiritualism, there is nothing incredible in this. Certainly I should not dream of undertaking a duty so onerous, entailing such certainty of ridicule and abuse, were I not firmly convinced that we can confidently depend upon the business-like co-operation of those on the other side?"

Then follows a suggestion how this bureau is to be managed:

"A directory of competent sensitives, a muster-roll of those whose eyes are opened, will be compiled after careful and continued investigation, test, and experiment. When any one who has lost a beloved friend or relative wishes to ascertain whether or not he can communicate with him, and applies to the bureau, he will be informed of the conditions under which alone such an attempt can be made. Should he assent, the sanction of the director must then be obtained. It will be refused to all who do not seek to hear from those whom they have loved and lost, etc."

One is amazed indeed to read such things coming from the pen of an intelligent person of literary attainment. The end is not yet. Success will come; their efforts to communicate with evil spirits will be successful and through it the great master mind of the Devil will work out his own purposes. God permits all this because men have not received the love of the truth that they might be saved. The strong delusion that they should believe a lie is fast approaching and this "psychical research," spiritualism, the plain wicked necromancy bids fair to play a leading part in it.

More Psychical Research Discoveries. Ever since the modern wave of Spiritualism, or as it should be called Demonism, was started by the Fox sisters over fifty years ago, increasing evidences have been furnished that there is a connection possible between the world and the wicked spirits, the fallen angels and demons. A belief in this is biblical. Why should God have forbidden the intercourse with the dead, the asking of those who have familiar spirits, if all this were not reality? Why should God have announced the death penalty upon those who practice the consultation of evil spirits if such a consultation were impossible? But Spiritualism with its evil practices has appeared under a more polite name. It goes now by the name "Psychical Research." It attracts the cultured, the educated and permeates the so-called "better classes" of society, professors, teachers, physicians, literary men, lawyers and not a few preachers have gone upon the forbidden, yet fascinating territory. It was shown in our last issue how Spiritualism in this garb has joined hands with science and what an evil work the demon powers are accomplishing. All this goes on secretly. No one knows what goes on in the dark and the poor victims of one of the devil's most subtle delusions do not know themselves how Satan will lead them on and use them in his own dreadful work.

Recently the following paragraph appeared in the Associated Press:

Edmund Scribner Stevens, who uses the stationery of the United States Senate, proclaims himself as "The Revealer of Secret Things" in communications received by the Metropolitan Psychical Research Society.

His connection with the national Legislature does not appear, and although Mr. Stevens has franked envelopes he does not avail himself of the privilege they convey, but pays postage.

"I have in my possession," he writes, "more than one hundred written communications signed by persons who have passed into the hereafter life. I have proved their signatures to be genuine in the Library of Congress and they are open to inspection to all who wish to know the truth.

"These letters were directed to me in person by my own name by such persons as Franklin, Swedenborg, John Bunyan, St. John the Evangelist, Dante, Luther, and the Rev. Dr. P. M. Griffin, of Perth Amboy, N. J.

"Also telegraphic messages are received in my own room between the hours of one and seven A. M. I am awakened from sound sleep and get up and write them from such men as Emerson, William Penn, Franklin, Morse, the telegraphic inventor and Galileo, the astronomer. Galileo, in a communication of five pages written in ink, tells me what the planets are made of and what they are."

Mr. Stevens asks that the society place \$5,000 in a Washington bank to his credit, to be claimed by him as soon as he gives one conclusive test of his ability as a Revealer of Secret Things.

We believe that these Psychical Researchers are going to discover new and startling things. This they claim is their object. But these startling discoveries will be nothing less than lying signs and wonders, with which Satan will completely blind the eyes of them that believe not.

The International Club for Psychical Research. The Society for Psychical Research has a rival organization in the International Club for Psychical Research, which has been founded by Mrs. Annie Besant. The headquarters of the new society are in Picadilly Circus, London.

Arrangements have been made for the development of promising mediums and there are appliances and apparatus "for the study of the physical effects of mediumship and other kindred subjects." Here also are

special rooms for rapping manifestations with tables so constructed that even the youngest and most inexperienced spook could rap lightly upon them with every prospect of receiving immediate attention.

The club membership represents almost all classes of advanced thought. Esoteric Buddhists, theosophists of both the Besant and the Tingley type, adherents of W. T. Stead and his schemes for the encouragement of bureaus of communication between the spirit world and London, A. D., 1911, people who believe that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in their philosophy and are willing to devote time and money to searching them out, and young men and women brought up in the faddist atmosphere which permeates London to-day, are all represented in the organization.

Mrs. Annie Besant is the head of the society and she opened the building dedicated to its use on Monday with a speech urging the necessity of avoiding superstition and narrowness in all intercourse with the unseen world. The research work begins next week.

Among the foundation members who have helped to set this organization on foot are: Robert Colgate of New York, Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury in Mr. McKinley's Cabinet; Col. Count Gleichen, D. S. O., a cousin of the late King Edward; Sir Francis Younghusband, British Resident in Kashmir, and Major-Gen. Sir Alfred Turner, K. C. B.-- N. Y. Sun.

The same story, "Turning their ears away from the Truth they are turned unto fables."

The Monistic Church. A Startling Movement. About two years ago Prof. Ernest Haeckel, the well-known naturalist and advocate of biological evolution, started the Monistic League of Germany. Monism is a system of thought which seeks to deduce all the varied phenomena of both the physical and spiritual worlds from a single principle. It is theory that there is but one substance, either mind or matter, or something which is neither. This philosophical movement, which of course denies all Revelation, has had a most rapid growth in Germany; many cities have organized branches of this infidel league. It has also spread to Switzerland, Holland and Austria. It has produced great uneasiness in Germany and the headquarters of this Monistic League or church movement, situated in Berlin, reports a constant growth in numbers, power and influence. Attempts are now being made to organize it in this country. An American sympathizer of this movement, who hopes for an early establishment of the Monistic League in this country and predicts for it great and widespread success, has made on it the following remarks:

Ex-President Eliot's recent pronouncement on "The Religion of the Future," which he says will be a Monistic religion, is only one of the signs of the times, showing the irresistible tendency in modern thought and life toward a monistic conception of the constitution and character of the universe and a monistic philosophy and religion of life. All this is the inevitable and natural outcome of the rapid and revolutionary progress of modern science and philosophy. Dualism and pluralism are dying at the very roots. A monistic and therefore a democratic conception of the constitution and character of the universe is rapidly taking the place of the old, orthodox, dualistic, monarchical and aristocratic one. Modern science and philosophy are revealing the world to us as a real democracy and commonwealth of all being as one. It is a spiritual commonwealth, a divine democracy, a real republic of all being as one; self-existent, self-governing and self-guiding from within; in which all conscious and rational beings, like man, are equal, sovereign, divine and spiritual citizens. Science and philosophy revealing man to us as the sovereign, spiritual citizen of a divine democracy and a spiritual republic, and not as the servile spiritual subject of an absolute spiritual monarchy, as orthodox dualistic religion does.

The mission of monism is to make war not only on the belief in a dualistic God but also and more on the belief in a pluralistic, egoistic and individualistic man; to purge and purify religion of every superstition and hypocrisy; to elevate man's conception of himself to the plane of a true and natural divinity and dignity; to arouse an enthusiasm of humanity, which is also at the same time an enthusiasm of divinity; to give man a vision of the world as a vast, living, striving, conscious and spiritual organism, of which he is one of the highest, noblest and most significant organs.

Monism is the only religion that can ever hope to destroy human selfishness. No dualistic or pluralistic religion can do this, for their appeal must always be to that petty, partial and fractional self, the belief in which is the root cause of all human selfishness, in so far as it is deliberate and intentional. It is the only religion that can ever hope to destroy the devil, for the real devil of this world is the devil of self. It is the only religion that can ever hope to realize the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and to inaugurate the reign of the true and living God.

Monism is the true religion of the future, and the movement which has taken firm root in the Fatherland of Martin Luther is the "New Reformation" and the "New Christianity." Monism is also the "Coming Catholicism," of which we have lately heard from Dr. Newman Smyth, for the only Catholicism that is possible for the future in this modern and scientific world is the Catholicism of science and reason and of the institutions that are founded upon science and reason. It knows nothing of nations, races and boundary lines. The sciences are the same the world over and they are the same for all intelligent and unbiased minds. They are universal and catholic in character. So it will eventually be with a truly scientific, philosophic and rational religion. Monism will be the religion of the world's democracies, the social religion of the world's true commonwealth, the scientific religion of a scientific age, and the unselfish, loving, brotherly and Godlike religion of the true and only living God.

Here is a bold and very significant language. This philosophical system denies everything. The Person of our blessed Lord is not even mentioned. It is heralded to be the "New Reformation," "the New Christianity," the "new religion." It is the religion which will destroy the devil and establish the kingdom of heaven on earth and inaugurate the reign of the free and living God. What awful blindness!

This monistic movement is no doubt the thing. Unitarianism will fall at once into line. Reformed Judaism and Christian Science as well as the masses of Protestant and Catholic Christians who are like so much driftwood, will side with it. It is the thing of the future. The mastermind of the devil is revealed in this scheme; he prepares the way for his final work. All seems to be waiting in the camp of apostasy for a leader. Such a one will soon appear. But it seems to us, if we have open eyes, that we can read in this monistic church movement, the initial history of the complete apostasy. All is ready for a great "world-church" which will unite all who have not received the love of the Truth. Oh Lord, keep us closer to Thyself in these perilous times!

Abdul Baha Branded a Deceiver. Abdul Baha, the leader of the new cult of Bahaism, idolized by thousands of cultured and intelligent (?) American women, has been branded as a deceiver by his own nephew. On this The Continent saith:

"Abdul Baha, or as he is also called, Abbas Effendi, is lecturing in different parts of the United States, informing people that Bahaism is the final perfected religion destined to comprehend and unify all the world's other forms of religious faith. But Bahaism seems not to have any more magic charm of unity about it than the faiths it proposes to consolidate; it is unable even to unify itself. Sectarianism is no more a

stranger under the Bahaist banner than under the symbols of either cross or crescent. There lives in Pasadena, California, a nephew of Abbas, son of his younger brother Mohammed, who avers that the Venerable prophet now touring America is totally recreant to the teachings of the father Baha Ullah -- 'The Manifestation of God' -- who is ostensibly revered as the founder of the whole cult. The Pasadena member of the family claims that Baha (his grandfather) wrote down in the 'Book of My Covenant' -- the Bahai Bible-- that after himself no new 'manifestation' would arise for a thousand years. Yet Abbas, the son, poses as a 'manifestation.' Baha is quoted: 'Whosoever claimeth a mission before the completion of a thousand years from this manifestation is a lying impostor' -- and that, according to Nephew Shua of Pasadena, is exactly what Uncle Abdul Baha is. The teachings of Abbas are pronounced his own only, and quite contrary to true Bahatism as the rest of the family claim to have preserved it pure from the father's lips and writings."

We caught a glimpse of this deceiver last fall in the Union Station of Denver. One look into the face of the fat old man ought to be enough to convince anyone that he is all and more, his own nephew charges him with.

A German Rebuke to Monism. We called attention to the great monistic movement which has had such a remarkable growth in the Fatherland. It is gratifying to report now that throughout Germany there has been an uprising from the side of German Evangelical Christians against this satanic cult. In Berlin alone 20,000 assembled to listen to leading men, who defended the faith, delivered unto the saints. As the building would hold scarcely half that number, there was a great overflow meeting in the square, where Luther's hymn was sung and addresses were delivered. The cathedral nearby was thrown open and was immediately crowded to the doors, many being turned away. Here again powerful addresses were delivered and the great audience repeated the Apostles' Creed in concert. Thus it seems that the skeptical attack has resulted in such an arousing of evangelical feeling as the German capital has not seen in a century. The Lokal Anzeiger, the great Berlin newspaper, spoke of the demonstration as "a milestone in the history of the intellectual and religious life of the city.

Mormonism's Pernicious Work. Throughout this country they are sneaking, generally in pairs, the messengers of the so-called "Latter Day Saints." What this system is and what it stands for is well known. Underneath its claims of a new revelation, its satanic perversions of the truth of God are covered up the most abominable things, the leader of it polygamy. These false teachers and lying ministers claim that polygamy has been abandoned, but their statements are false. Polygamy is so closely interwoven with this Satan cult that it cannot be given up. Thousands of converts are yearly gained over this land, but the chief recruiting places are the foreign countries.

Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Germany have all furnished young women for the "Mormon Faith." But the discovery has been made of late that from Great Britain hundreds of girls disappear yearly, and are months later heard from, after they joined the Mormons. Startling things have been brought to light.

The citizens of Liverpool, the port from which hundreds of girls are sent every year to swell the Mormon colonies of Utah and other polygamous colonies in America, have arisen in vehement protest against the alarming growth of Mormonism in England and especially in Liverpool. After a series of special meetings, resolutions have been adopted by the townspeople appealing to the Home Secretary and demanding immediate restrictive legislation,

This move to stay the trafficking in young girls has the sanction of the bishop of Liverpool, who, it is understood, is the instigator of the open crusade against the Mormons. England has for some time been the chosen field of the activities of the missionaries and Mormonism here finds many converts who have left their homes lured away by the mysterious attractions of polygamy. Although the movement is directed from headquarters in a little building near Hyde Park, missionary work is done in province and small towns where "canvassers" go from house to house delivering tracts and teaching the doctrines of Joseph Smith.

But Liverpool is the Mormon stronghold, for there they must unite their forces to secure the unmolested transportation of the newly made converts. To do this they have hit upon an ingenious scheme. Elder Charles W. Penrose, who fathers the movement in Liverpool, secured an accredited position in the immigration bureau of the White Star Line. By acting as agent for that company he has been able to secure transportation for hundreds of girls to America on the pretext of their becoming servants and filling other minor positions. The passage money was paid by generous contributions from friends of the movement here and the loyal supporters in the United States.

It has just been discovered that the Mormons have rented a home in Liverpool, where the girls are kept until the sailings. The Mormons have also an elaborate printing plant at Bootle, near Liverpool, where all their religious literature is printed and where a weekly paper is published. The work of the sect is carried on with such secrecy that it is almost impossible for the authorities to obtain tangible evidence against them.

Young girls and many married women simply disappear from their homes and are not heard of for months, until a letter or perhaps a post card bearing an American stamp notifies friends and relatives that they have embraced the Mormon faith. All religious bodies have now combined to stamp out Mormonism, and it is known that the Home Secretary who has been investigating the conditions on his own account, is heartily in accord with the crusade. Several members of Parliament who are interested are now preparing a bill to present at the next session excluding Mormons from the United Kingdom.

God grant that our English brethren may be successful in stopping this wicked system.

A Mosque for London. The "London Globe" reports the following:

It is proposed to erect a mosque in the capital of Great Britain, and the only surprising feature of the project is that it has not been executed before. The building is to cost £100,000, to which the Aga Kahn has already contributed £5,000. The committee in control of the scheme is presided over by Amir Ali and includes the Turkish and Persian Ministers, as well as three members of the Council of India.

Buddhism's Progress in Europe. Buddhism has been making great strides in Europe of late. The membership of the Buddhist Society of Great Britain and Ireland is now counted by hundreds and branches have been established in Liverpool and Edinburgh. Prof. Rhys Davit, the writer on Pali and Buddhist literature, is its president and among the vice-presidents is the Earl of Mexborough. A Scottish convert to Buddhism who is now a monk in Burma is shortly coming to England as first resident missionary.

Great progress has also been made by the German Buddhist Society, which has two important press organs, in Leipzig and Breslau. Buddhist propagandists have been especially active in Hungary, where five editions of Subhadra Bhikku's Buddhistic Catechism have been exhausted.

For the first time in Europe an attempt has been made there to get Buddhism officially recognized by the State, so that it could be taught in the schools. The plan was not successful owing to the opposition of the Roman Catholics.

In Switzerland and Italy the number of adherents of the ancient Oriental faith is also growing steadily. At Lugano appears the Coenobium^ one of the most important Buddhist publications in Europe. New Buddhistic colonies, it is announced, will shortly be formed near Lausanne and also in the Italian province of Umbria.

What else does all this mean, but back to Heathendom! The great Buddhistic world is hopeful. And Islam is rapidly spreading throughout Africa. Indeed the spread of the Gospel stands no comparison with that of Mohammedanism.

Back to the Ethical Systems of Heathendom. A few weeks ago when the Editor was in Boston a well known lecturer spoke in the Lowell Institute of that city on "the Philosophy, Metaphysics and Ethics of the Ancient Greeks." The learned lecturer bewailed modern life and praised Greek culture. Among other things said was the statement, that when the time comes when men will be no longer led by revelation and will reject miracle and prophecy and determine to be led by mere light of reason, if such an age lays aside the Christian faith, there still remain the ethical principles of Zeno and Epicureus. In other words revelation as contained in God's Holy Word when given up may be substituted by the ethical systems of Zeno and Epicureus. The time, however, is already here. Much of the preaching in Boston and New England is nothing less than a reproduction of the principles of Zeno and Epicureus. The Word of God has predicted for almost 2,000 years that this very thing should happen. Sound doctrines given up, revelation and prophecy no longer believed, must result in turning to fables (2 Tim. iv:1-4).

The "Soul" Hospital in London. Our friend, Mr. Philip Mauro, sent us recently an interesting communication to our "Current Events" on the Soul Hospital in London. Mr. Mauro writes:

Among the significant events of the day a prominent place must be assigned to a group of movements whereof the so-called "Emmanuel Movement" is the best known. The words "Psychic" and "Psycho" -- are becoming very common in current literature and conversation. The expression also occurs in the Bible, but is disguised in our common versions because it is there generally rendered "natural." It is particularly pertinent in these days to notice the unqualified statement of 1 Cor. ii:14. "The psychical man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." But this psychical man is now being specially stimulated, encouraged, and trained to get into communication with the world of spirits, that is of demons who arc in the service of "the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience" (Eph. ii:2).

To this end two great objects are being presented in the most attractive way, first, communication with the departed, second, physical healing. And from two directions is this terrible danger advancing upon ignorant, credulous and superstitious humanity, from the churches, and from "Science." Who can be surprised if millions are deceived and swept headlong into the delusions fostered by "seducing spirits"?

Of all the healing systems which have been brought forward as substitutes for simple faith in God, that known as "Psychotherapy" (hideous name!) is perhaps the most dangerous, for the reason that it is accredited both by clergy and by doctors. The inadequacy of medical treatment on the one hand, and the decadence of the churches on the other, create a situation wherein the latter are ready to seize upon anything which promises to aid them in regaining their lost ground. The spread of this movement is indicated by the establishment of a "soul hospital" in London, where patients are treated by

pyscho-therapeutic" methods. Among those who administer the treatment is a lady whose name is in the peerage. The diseases are diagnosed by a physician who goes into a sort of trance, during which, by the aid of "spirit guides" he is able to see what is the matter with the patient.

Here is a new and most serious danger, to which people untaught in the word of truth, are now exposed in these increasingly "perilous times." Who would have dreamed, a few years ago, of this ominous alliance of medical science, clerisy and spiritism? But there has been recently consummated a yet more ominous alliance of spiritism with physical science in the attempt to communicate with the human spirits of the dead. Of this we will speak at another time "if God permit."

The Dream of the World. The world dreams on of progress, advance, conquest and prosperity. Universal peace, they tell us, is in sight. The world is about to enter upon its greatest epoch. God and His Christ are forgotten. Many preachers advocate a great Peace parliament for 1913. A New York newspaper wants the great congress held in that city.

This city alone is able to offer ample and elegant accommodations to the 2,500 distinguished men who make up the parliaments of the world. It is one of the great cities of the world. It is the metropolis and representative city of a Nation consecrated to peace. If the representative bodies of New York, its great organizations, its statesmen, its publicists, its newspapers, and its people would ask Congress to extend the invitation for 1913, Congress would not fail to do so. The invitation would, in all human probability, be accepted in full and hearty spirit by the parliaments of the world. The cost of a single battleship would pay ten times over the entire cost of the vast occasion. America's greatest city would play the host to the greatest and noblest assembly ever gathered in the history of the human race. And the cause of universal peace would be advanced from a beautiful promise of the century to a glowing realization of the decade in which we live.

Will it come to this? No doubt it will. But listen, child of God! What does the Word say? "For when they shall say, Peace and Safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon woman with child, and they shall not escape." (1 Thessal. v:3.) That time cannot be far away.

The "New Thought Movement." -- For some years the New Thought movement has been rapidly coming to the front. Its advertisements are seen everywhere and "new thought" literature is circulated far and wide. Mr. Frank S. Weston, of Toronto, who has thoroughly locked into this movement, has sent us the following interesting communication on the "new thought" delusion:

A religious movement has sprung up in the United States which bids fair to make such a sweep of thought as has never been witnessed on this continent. Of recent origin it has made its way across the sea.

The leaders are educated men and women, including scientists, editors, physicians, lawyers and novelists.

Their headquarters are in New York, having recently been changed from Boston. A sympathetic writer in the "Review of Reviews" says: "This cult stands for practical every day working philosophy that takes the place of religion. The movement has for its basic purpose nothing less than a lively realization of the metaphysical truth at the base of all religion and philosophy, not as a mystical or intellectual abstraction merely, but as a working force in actual life, eligible to all men everywhere."

This movement began about twenty years ago, but it is only within five years that its power has been felt.

The periodical literature of this new thought has grown until now more than one hundred monthly and weekly publications exist in the United States alone.

I. Its Foundation Principles. One of Its writers says: "The reality in being of an Infinite, eternal and intelligent energy, principle or substance perceptible, active everywhere, and always in the phenomena we call life, is its basic premise. This energy. Intelligence, substance, law or principle, while itself the absolute and unmanifest, is the great first cause of all manifestation of every order in the phenomenal world. . . . Many call this immanent power God. Others are content with Spencer's phrase 'Infinite and Eternal Energy,' still others are partial to the term 'Being.' "

We quote as follows from the new thought creed as formulated at the last convention: "God universal spirit, mind, principle -- is omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent. Man is the individual expression of God, possessing inherently and capable of manifesting, all the aspects of God. Man unfolds to a continuously expanding consciousness and manifestation of these aspects through right thinking and right living."

What do these words mean? The language is nebulous and mystifying.

Terms contradictory and antagonistic are jumbled together.

I turn to Henry Wood for light on the first great question concerning any system, "What Is God.?"

In his book I read these words: "Nature has stored up in the universe an infinite amount of energy. The eternal recipient and transmitter of this energy is the ether. . . . Now call this energy God's mind and the ether God's body, then you have the secret of eternal life and the process of cosmic evolution. God in the ether is no more strange than a soul in a body." God is energy, a force by which things act. What does this language mean?

This man is giving us under new terms oriental pantheism. Such is the "new thought" on God presented to the 20th Century intelligence.

Mr. Tyner outlines new thought in the following words: "The absolute is the great first cause of all manifestations. If it is not as obvious in the little things of our personal life as in the cosmic process that this infinite intelligence is ever a power making for righteousness the fault is one's own consciousness, a lack of recognition of one's own oneness with the One Life." This system emphasizes the inter-dependence of mental and physical and the power of mind over body.

"The present movement is in a large degree the result of an attempt to account for mental healing and to give a lucid and rational interpretation as well as a scientific basis."

Philosophically it is the offspring of Kant's speculations modified by New England transcendentalism. In its development it has taken up into itself a number of contributory elements, viz.: popular science, evolutionism and Hinduism.

It recognizes the teaching of Christ in part, Emerson is, however, its Bible. He is its great prophet. A subtle pantheism is its foundation. As one writer says it is "the recognition, realization and manifestation of the God in me." Although new thought teachers often use Christian terminology, one has but to read carefully to see new meanings are put into the old terms.

II. What is the system in morals? -- It is a scheme of selfpreservation and salvation through the power of will. The leaders of this faith have a firm belief in the all-saving power of healthy mind attitudes. Mind is the all-conquering power.

There is a recognition of man's bondage but freedom is man's accomplishment, not Christ's. "The first step after discovering that we are enslaved, is the conviction that we are of worth to the universe, the ideal of gradual attainment of freedom through the strengthening of individuality." Salvation by human will, this is the gist of it. On the title page of one of their books are these words: "Within yourself lies the cause of whatever enters into your life. To come into the full realization of your awakened interior powers is to be able to condition your life in exact accord with what you would have it." The general system of the book may be discovered by a quotation.

"The great central fact of the universe is that Spirit of Infinite Life and Power that is back of all, that animates all, that manifests itself in and through all; that self-existent principle of life from which all has come and from which all is continually coming."

"This Spirit of Infinite Life and Power that is back of all I call God . . . God then is this Infinite Spirit which fills all the universe with Himself alone, so that all is from Him and in Him and there is nothing that is outside."

"We are partakers of the life of God and though we differ from Him in that we are individualized spirits while He is the Infinite Spirit, including us as well as all else beside, yet in essence the life of God and the life of man are identically the same and so are one. They differ not in essence; they differ in degree."

III. Its Relations to the Word of God. The leaders of this movement say; "It antagonizes no sect or denomination as such. It has no dogma to enforce -- recognizing good everywhere it seeks the co-operation of people of any or no religious forms. Embracing the good in every religion and philosophy it excludes none."

Yet the same writer says, "It takes the place of religion and is indeed to those people the only possible religion." This is the Devil's soft sly way to overthrow the truth of God. He means no harm and at the same time he is taking the foundation from under your house.

It is easily seen by this able explanation of the new thought movement that it belongs to the great antiChristian wave, which is sweeping over Christendom, constantly gaining in volume. Soon the person will appear who will unite them all, Higher Criticism, Spiritism, Christian Science, Theosophy, New Thought, etc. That person will be the final Anti-christ.

Krishnamurti the new Messiah. "The Order of the Star of the East" has spread all over Christendom. Even from small towns and villages we hear that this theosophical society is circulating its pamphlets and finds some adherents. Our readers will remember that this Order of the Star of the East announces the soon coming of a great world-teacher; the order was founded by Miss Besant, the high-priestess of Theosophy, to prepare the way and a welcome for this great coming leader. Not only Theosophists are asked to unite, but others as well. The whole thing is of satanic cunning as we have shown in our columns two years ago and Mr. Mauro's exposure published four months ago laid bare the scheme once more.

And now comes the news that the world teacher of that woman and her order of the Star of the East is about to be introduced to the world. He is coming to America. His name is Krishnamurti, a sixteen year old

Hindu boy with a most beautiful face. He is regarded by Theosophists as the new Messiah, a spiritual being, through whom Christ is to speak when He returns to this earth. Men and women are kneeling already before him. He is at present living in luxurious seclusion at the country home of Lady De la Warr in Sussex, England.

Though under the most aristocratic influences Krishnamurti is designed to be the Messiah of all, showing the way to perfect brotherhood. One may get the best idea of the remarkable hopes centred in Krishnamurti by quoting from the sworn statement in a suit now pending before a District Judge in Chingleput, Madras. A Hindu Government pensioner seeks to regain from Miss Annie Besant his two sons, Krishnamurti and Nitayanda. It was Miss Besant who discovered the lads and won the father's consent to take them to England. In a very singular legal document filed in court the father declares that last year the boys were making rapid spiritual progress, and were approaching "initiation by the masters." He also submits that Miss Besant "has been stating that the first boy, who is named Alcyone, is or is going to be Lord Christ, with the result that the boy is deified and that a number of respectable persons prostrate before him and show other signs of worship.

The following information is given by this woman, Annie Besant:

"Indeed there are more than 25,000 cultured men and women in the United States who wear a little silver star with five points. This is the emblem of the order of the Star in the East, originated by Krishnamurti as if in acceptance of the belief that he is to fulfill a high destiny. The members of the order are not necessarily theosophists, in fact many are not. But they are all eager for the time to come when Krishnamurti shall begin to execute what they believe to be his mission as the Messiah of the new cycle of the world's history. There are two theories as to his future. One is that the Christ will incarnate and come in person to found the great new religion. Another is that the Christ will select a disciple through whom he will manifest at the great hour.

"Krishnamurti may be the chosen one through his superior spirituality, or he may be the one to declare Christ to the world. At the least the Hindu boy will bear the relation of a John the Baptist to the expected revelation. It is from the mystic Himalayas that the masters of wisdom, who are in these days as the three wise kings," have proclaimed the coming forth again of the Christ to unify all people, and that the child is now on earth who is to be the instrument of this wondrous power as was the disciple Jesus for the great Christ in the past. That is the way we Theosophists explain it.

"What manner of boy is Krishnamurti? Early in his birthplace in Northern India he began to attract notice as a prodigy. It is declared that his history has been traced back for thousands of years. What are described as his marvellous purity of nature and character were responsible for the Theosophists believing that very early were manifested traits of the spiritual soul. And when he was twelve -- significant age -- the boy wrote a book in English after studying the language several months. It is called 'At the Feet of the Master.' Within a year after its first publication it was translated into fourteen different languages and read eagerly by thousands and thousands of people. It is declared that *no one, be he Christian, Buddhist, Jew or Mohammedan, can take up this small book without realizing that in extraordinarily simple and beautiful English is contained the essence of life, and vital truth, for attaining the facts of Initiation unto the Christ consciousness.' "

Horrible blasphemy;! Yet this boy Krishnamurti is the special care of a group of intellectual (!) society women of England, among whom are Viscountess Churchill and Lady Emily Lutgens. During the absence

of Miss Besant in India the guardian of the boy is Mrs. Jacob Bright, the widow of a noted English statesman. And these persons prostrate themselves before a Hindu boy! Thousands of women in this country are looking eagerly forward to the proposed visit of this boy!

Two years ago when it was announced that Abdul Baha, the Persian Anti-Christ and deceiver was to come to this country, we predicted for him a great success. How he was received with open arms throughout this country is well known to our readers. Now if this Hindu boy comes to our shores to lecture he will even receive a greater welcome. We expect that he too, like Abdul Baha, will address audiences in Baptist, Methodist, Congregational and Episcopal "church" buildings.

Reginald Campbell, the friend and admirer of Abdul Baha, came first to this country. Campbell, in spite of his denials of the Son of God, received an enthusiastic welcome and hundreds of preachers complimented the man and his message. Then Abdul Baha and now another one! How true the Word of God is! "Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned, who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. ii:10-12). Abdul Baha and Krishnamurti are forerunners of the Man of Sin. He will be, when he comes, received with open arms by apostate Christendom. We are privileged to see strange things. God's Word is being increasingly vindicated by the signs of the times.

Mrs. Besant Unmasked. The following is an extract from the "London Times" As Mrs. Annie Besant and her wicked cult, as well as "the Order of the Star of the East," have found a widespread acceptance, we print it as a whole, hoping that thereby some of the poor dupes of that woman may be delivered. Our readers will remember that this boy Krishnamurthi was announced by Mrs. Besant as "the great coming world-leader." What rottenness must be underneath the whole thing may be learned from the following:

In the Madras High Court Justice Bakewell delivered judgment in favor of Mr. G. Narayan Iyer In a suit which he brought against Mrs. Besant, president of the Theosophical Society, for the custody of his two sons, who are at present studying In this country. The suit was filed in October last, and has attracted much attention in India, where Mrs. Besant, the foundress of the Central Hindu College at Benares, has been working for some years to raise its status to that of a Hindu University for the whole country.

The plaintiff, a Government pensioner residing in Triplicane, stated in his plaint that In 1909 he, being a member of the Theosophical Society, Adyar, was invited by Mrs. Besant to do the work of assistant correspondence secretary of the esoteric section, which office he accepted without remuneration. He took his two sons, J. Krishnamurthi, aged seventeen, and J. Milyananda, aged fourteen, and lived at the theosophical quarters in South Adyar. Mr. W. L. Leadbeater, of the Theosophical Society, undertook the education of the boys. Soon after, the plaintiff became dissatisfied with the moral and intellectual education they were receiving and with Mr. Leadbeater's influence upon them. In her written reply Mrs. Besant denied the allegations made against Mr. Leadbeater and submitted that the suit has been undertaken from political motives and personal malice, because she had sought to inspire the student population with loyalty to the Empire.

In his evidence the plaintiff" alleged misconduct by Mr. Leadbeater towards his sons, and as the charges were too indecent to be given orally the witness wrote out a portion of his evidence and handed it to the Court. The witness complained to Mrs. Besant on several occasions without success, but in March, 1911, she took the boys to Benares and thence to London, but returned in the autumn. Between October and

December, 1911, Mrs. Besant told the witness that his boys were making rapid progress spiritually, and that for their advancement in that direction she proposed to keep them with Mr. Leadbeater in a cool place like Ootacamund. On his remonstrating against the boys being kept with Mr. Leadbeater, Mrs. Besant told him not to be silly. Mr. Leadbeater and the boys went to Benares, whither the witness followed them, and where he heard further allegations of Mr. Leadbeater's conduct toward his boys. On December 31, 1911, he demanded that the boys should be completely separated from Mr. Leadbeater. Mrs. Besant refused, saying that they had been together in their past lives, that he was taking an interest in the boys, that he was Anarhat and should not be talked about lightly.

Mr. Leadbeater described the allegations against him by the plaintiff as an atrocious falsehood. He said that he treated Krishnamurthi, who was being trained as a Sanyasi, with great respect and reverence. In cross-examination, the witness said that he had been conducting certain clairvoyant experiments with Mrs. Besant; he had heard her call him "a man on the threshold of divinity." He had seen things in Mars and Mercury. It was true he had stood face to face with "the Supreme Director of Evolution." In order to escape the effect of thoughts, forms and certain astral aspects, in the case of two or three boys, the advice he was alleged by witnesses for the plaintiff to have given. When he gave the advice he treated the problem as physiological rather than moral. He still held the same views, but in deference to Mrs. Besant's wishes he had promised not to give this advice any longer. He still adhered to what he had said, that he did not care for the pruderies of convention but only took into account the realities of life. He had been entrusted with the work of training theosophical aspirants by the super-human beings who were the real leaders of the theosophists.

Mrs. Besant's Arguments.

Mrs. Besant conducted her own case, and in giving evidence said she took Krishnamurthi to England to train him for the spiritual leadership of the world. He was to be devoted to the religious life, and the reason for separating him from others was that he might not be suddenly roused from his trance, which would endanger his life. She intended both the boys to go to Oxford, and they had been accepted from October, 1912. They were both to lead celibate lives. Subsequently addressing the Court she argued that the welfare of the boys was sure to be better looked after by her than by the plaintiff. She would admit the absolute control of a father over his boys only up to the fourteenth year. She urged that a letter written by the plaintiff in March, 1910, was a complete waiver of his rights over his boys. The elder boy would be of age in a few weeks and would then be free to return to his father if he chose. The younger boy was a brilliant youth with high ambitions, and it would be a piece of cruelty to stop him from prosecuting his studies in England.

The Judgment.

Mr. Justice Bakewell, in delivering judgment, held that the evidence against Mr. Leadbeater in respect to the boy Krishnamurthi was unsatisfactory. But, while concluding that the serious charges against Mr. Leadbeater had not been established, his Lordship held that from the evidence he had given, Mr. Leadbeater was certainly an immoral person and was highly unfit to be in charge of the boys. The plaintiff was right in saying that his sons should not be allowed to associate with him. His Lordship also came to the conclusion that the plaintiff had every right to take back his sons, notwithstanding the deed which he had executed transferring their guardianship to Mrs. Besant. For the welfare of the boys they must be placed under their father's protection, and must be declared wards of the Court. He accordingly directed Mrs. Besant to hand over the boys to the plaintiff on or before May 26.

American Shrine of Bahaim. Everything seems to be found on the Pacific Coast -- Christian Scientists, Theosophists, Spiritualists, and a dozen other cults flourish there. The financial sects and parties of deluded people can hardly be counted. Los Angeles has now also a "sacred shrine" of Bahaim. The first convert to that Oriental delusion was a man by name of Thornton Chase. The wicked leader of Bahaim has designated his grave a sacred shrine. The Persian prime minister to the United States and other adherents to Bahaim are now preparing to rear a memorial and a chapel at the grave of this man Chase, with the intention that it be an international meeting place for centuries to come. Charles M. Remy, of Washington, son of Rear-Admiral Remy, has charge of the erection of the memorial. He is one of the prominent leaders of Bahaim and is devoting his wealth and energy to advance Bahaim. The converts to Bahaim include men and women of national and international reputation.

Bhaim is one of the predicted Satan-cults of the end time. It is a way preparer for Anti-christ. Its American supporters are those who never knew Christ as their Saviour. It is a striking fulfillment of 2 Tim. iv:4: "And they shall turn away their ears from the Truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

He Has Come. He has come -- the counterfeit messenger of Peace, Abdul Baha, head of the Bahaistic cult. Most of his followers believe him to be a reincarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ and worship him as such. His success in England has been tremendous. It will be greater in this country. This Oriental travels with a private physician to watch over his health. His first public appearance in America was made in an aristocratic Episcopal church in New York.

Garbed in the white robe and tarboosh or Oriental priesthood, Abdul Baha, son of the founder of the Bahai cult, preached a message of religious unity and universal peace from the pulpit of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, at Fifth Avenue and Tenth Street, yesterday morning. Following his sermon he stood at the altar and facing the East after the manner of sun worshippers offered a prayer in Persian.

Is it possible! A sun worshipper, for such he is, in a "Christian Church" offering a prayer in Persian! What will hundreds of true Christians say to this who are members of this denomination? No doubt this poor, blinded, lost soul will be welcomed by other Evangelical "churches" to offer a prayer in Persian and to give his message of a false peace, a false, satanic unity. There is no question the apostasy is on and develops rapidly. The eyes of the millions of church members, without Christ and without the Gospel are being fast blinded by the god of this age, through his chosen instruments, R. J. Campbell, Abdul Baha and others. Peace and safety, all is well! This is their message. It precedes the sudden judgment of God. How long will God permit the obnoxious thing to go on? How long will He hold back His wrath? Surely it must soon come.

All who love the Lord Jesus Christ and stand for the faith have but one way before them in these dark days. They must separate themselves from the apostate thing and refuse fellowship to that which dishonors Christ and His work. This is the only way.

The Spread of Mormonism. In 1890 there were 144,352 Mormons in the United States, now there are said to be 400,000 in the United States, and 20,000 in other lands. In 1910 over 16,000 new members were gained by birth, more than half of the total, and by proselyting. Two thousand Mormon missionaries are at work (about 800 in the United States), who visit about 2,000,000 homes annually and distribute their literature, and hold some 50,000 meetings. Mormonism is paganism veneered with Christian terminology. It teaches that there are many gods, who were formerly men and women, have flesh and bones, are sinners, and often live in polygamy; that there is no Trinity, but that Christ is a polygamist and the Holy

Spirit is a fluid; that Adam is the god of this world and each world has its own god; that sin is a necessity for all; that there is a ^priesthood," which constitutes "the only right government" and receives continuous revelation which supersedes all, if desired; that there are four Bibles; and so on.

No reader of these tenets of Mormonism can fail to see the necessity of preaching the Gospel to its adherents, even if he is not conscious of the evil and moral degradation which follow in the train of Mormonism.

Another Warning on Bahaim. The wicked Abdul Baha with his smooth message of unity and peace is making through his increasing followers a rapid progress with the spread of his delusive system. We have sounded the warning for several years. We saw recently a very strong exposure of Bahaim by a Persian missionary of excellent standing. Mr. Peter F. Easton, of Tabriz, has the following to say on this delusion:

"I am firmly convinced that strong utterances should be made to awaken American Christians to the truth of Abdul Baha's propaganda. Bahaim is not Christian, it is not Mohammedan, on the contrary it is essentially anti-Christian and anti-Mohammedan and the manner in which men like Dr. Campbell and Archdeacon Wilberforce in England have taken up Abdul Baha simply proves them to be as credulous as the lawyer in a pending case who sent five-pound notes to spirits. I greatly fear that this cult of Bahaim may find fruitful ground in the United States and I am anxious to raise my voice and urge Christians to crush it in its infancy.

"Last September I called on Abdul Baha, the head of the Bahaistic sect in London, to tell me what v/as the creed, a new gospel or what. I found him a man of great affability and courtesy. He was glad to meet with an Occidental who could talk with him in Tatar Turkish, the language of Azerbaijan, Persia, in which and in the adjoining Caucasus I have been laboring as a missionary since 1873.

"After some introductory conversation I asked him what this message was, had he anything to add to the New Testament teaching of repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.?

"Instead of answering my question he turned the conversation into another channel. Several times I endeavored to bring it back to the original topic, but beyond certain general statements as to his belief in all the prophets I could get no definite reply. So far, therefore, as an answer to my question was concerned my visit was a failure.

"It is a pantheistic, not a Christian, not even a Mohammedan movement; one of the long series of such movements beginning with the very beginning of Persian history and continuing to the present day, a movement likewise akin to the pantheistic sects of other lands such as Mormons, Spiritists, Theosophists, Christian Scientists, etc. What then is the essential characteristic of Pantheism.? It is the doctrine that there is no personal God who creates, governs and controls all things, but only a divine essence out of which all things are evolved, the various orders of the word marking the stages of evolution -- first mineral, then plant, animal and finally man.

"Who then in this Behai movement is this head? Is it Abbas Effendi Abdul Baha, the present leader? No, for Abdul Baha means the servant of Baha, the father of the present leader, who died at Acre, Syria, in 1892. The movement is also called, from him, the Bahal movement.

"What sort of man was this Baha? His first prominent role was that of an Absalom. After the death of the Bab, the founder of the movement, in 1850 Baha's half-brother, Suth-i-Ezel, became the head of the sect,

holding undisputed and absolute sway over the Babis Church. Baha, joining him after his flight to Bagdad in 1852 was entrusted by Suth-i-Ezel with the practical direction of affairs, a position which Baha used to steal the hearts of his brother's followers.

"When banished to Acre along with some of the followers of Suth-i-Ezel, who were sent there by the Turkish Government to watch his movements, every one of these men was assassinated by the followers of Baha. The same is true of almost all the prominent leaders of Ezel's movement, who one by one disappeared by foul play on the part of too zealous Behais.

"His next role, that in which he was above all pre-eminent, was that of a blasphemer. These are some of the titles that were applied to him-- *Our God El Abha,' *The Everlasting Father,' The Lord of the Vineyard.' One of hi followers was allowed to address him with the saying that it was a shame to compare God to him. In short he was a moral and spiritual monster who exalted himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped. To become a Bahal means to put this antichrist in the place of God and Father of Our Lord. That is what the people of Great Britain and the United States are invited to do.

"I hope I have said enough to rouse the Christians of America to a sense of danger in encouraging or tolerating Abdul Baha's propaganda. It strikes at the basis of Christianity."

Expansion and Increase of "Christian Science." A few years ago when Mrs. Eddy died the prediction was made by many that the Christian Science cult would soon die out. The opposite has come to pass. It is expanding and increasing constantly It must be so, for this Science, falsely so called (1 Tim. vi:20) has in it all the elements of anti-Christianity and is a masterpiece of Satan. We were astonished at the strength this cult has attained on the Pacific Coast. It is increasing more rapidly in the Pacific States than perhaps anywhere else. During our visit to the Coast we gave a testimony against it and showed the true character of this movement. Each time we did "Christian Science" leaders attacked us in the public press, charging us with misrepresentations and claiming that "Christian Science" does not deny the Deity of Christ, etc. Some of these newspaper attacks were very bitter.

One of these was answered by a brother in North Yakima. We quote part of his reply:

What Mr. Gaebelein did in his lecture on "Modern Day Delusions" was to lay down the foundations of Christian faith. These in brief were four: 1st, "That the Bible is God's Word and all of God's Word to us; that it is true and inerrant." 2nd, That Jesus Christ was the eternal Son of God in the bosom of the Father before the worl

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