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SERMON ON INFIDELITY.
By Rev. A. E. Mahan.

Text, Psalm 115: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

I wish to discuss upon this occasion the subject of infidelity, pointing out its chief cause, and showing some of the false statements of its advocates.

The chief source of infidelity is undoubtedly a moral, and not an intellectual one. It is of the heart rather than of the head. "It is evident," remarks Pearson, "that unbelief, generally speaking, can originate in only one of two sources; either in a deficiency of evidence, or in a state of mind and heart on which the clearest and strongest evidence has no power."

This view is greatly strengthened by a critical inspection of infidel writings. "Nothing can be more contemptible," says Prof. Garbett, "than the argumentative resources of modern infidelity. It does not reason, it only postulates; it dreams and it dogmatizes. Nor can it claim invention."

Prof. Winchell, in his "Reconciliation of Science and Religion," enumerates as the first cause of skepticism, "the evil heart." He says, "It is the old clamor of the appetites and passions to be released from the restraints which all religions impose. It is, therefore, not peculiar to our times; but stands by perpetually to prompt and abet the questionings of the intellect."

The second cause that he enumerates, and I mention it here because to some minds it seems quite conclusive, is "the enforced abandonment of certain positions of traditional faith, necessitated by the progress of human knowledge." But it seems to me, that every right thinking mind must admit, that the fact that Christians have changed their interpretations of texts, no more proves Christianity a humbug, and the bible false, than the fact that geologists have changed their positions respecting the testimony of the rocks, proves science a humbug and the testimony of the rocks unreliable and false.

I wish, however, to speak at length only of the first cause here given, that of the evil heart; for I think we may easily gain sufficient testimony from infidel writers and speakers to show that infidelity is not of the head, but of the heart. The quotations I now offer in proof of this assertion are taken from an infidel paper, and from the lectures of Robert G. Ingersoll.

Some friend dropped an infidel paper into the post office for me, for which I am very thankful. I have selected from it a few choice gems, which I now present as proof of the fact that the badness of the heart of infidelity is only equalled by its lack of intellectual honesty and truth.

The first is as follows: "Cholera, yellow fever, and small pox, are still considered heavenly weapons; but measles, itch and ague, are now attributed to natural causes." These words are from Col. Ingersoll, a man too well informed not to know that Christians attribute the first three to natural causes, as well as the last three, and are as earnest in urging sanitary regulations as are those who are not Christians; and hence, too well informed not to know that he was uttering a falsehood.

Under the head of Divine Encouragement to Laziness, I find the following: "By the like of the lilies of the field, they tell not neither do they spin."

This is a bold encouragement to laziness right from headquarters, and if I followed would convert this world into a poor-house in less than two years.

Another Divine command is, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." This the world has construed into an excuse for laziness.

In the first place this writer falsifies the record, for the Saviour did not say "Come unto me," but "Come ye unto me," and the statement that the world has construed the invitation "Come unto me" as an excuse for laziness, is a sheer falsehood, so absurd and slanderous that none but the most depraved could be guilty of its concoction. This writer might have learned from Moses that man was placed in the garden "to dress and keep it," and from Paul that "if any would not work neither should he eat."

This paper says again: "If God who gave us our reason requires the sacrifice of it, he is neither more nor less than a trickster who juggles away what he has given." And this insinuation is thrown out in the face of the fact that God says by Isaiah, "Come and let us reason together," and that the apostles declare our service a "reasonable service."

Perhaps the same kind friend who sent me the paper also sent me, sometime before, a pamphlet containing: "The Gods, and other lectures, by Robert G. Ingersoll," and, possibly, knowing that my time was too precious to spend much of it hunting for the most rotten piece among the carion, he very kindly marked a large number of passages, for which I am grateful. The first is as follows: "We have heard talk enough. We have listened to all the drowsy, idealistic, rapid sermons that we wish to hear. We have read your bible, and the works of your best minds. We have heard your prayers, your solemn groans and your reverent amens. All these amount to less than nothing. We want one thing. We beg at the door of your churches for just one little fact. We pass our hate along your pews and under your pulpits and implore you for just one fact. We know all about your mouldy wonders and your state miracles. We want a this year's fact."

This sounds very bold. It is as terrifying as an army of Chinese, waving banners, throwing dust, and sounding gongs. A this year's fact he wants. If he were not blind I might say, "Just look about you," but "none are so blind as those who will not see."

The blessings of the gospel to those who accept it in truth is fact enough for an honest searcher after truth. Every man truly "born again" is this year's fact. The Saviour said, "Ye

shall know the truth," and from almost every land comes the testimony of those who have received this knowledge. He says, "The civilization of man has increased just to the same extent that religious power has decreased." Did the man who marked that passage for me take me for a downright fool, or is he a drivelling idiot? Whichever be the case the statement is utterly false.

Again I read, "The church hates a thinker precisely for the same reason that a robber dislikes a sheriff, or that a thief despises the prosecuting witness." This assertion is made in the face of the fact that nearly five-sixths of all the colleges in the land are the creations of the church; a fact sufficient in itself to brand the assertion as a base and malicious slander.

I read further, "Give any Orthodox church the power, and to-day they would punish heresy with whip, chain, and fire. As long as a church deems a certain belief essential to salvation, just so long it will kill and burn if it has the power. Why should the church pity a man whom her God hates? Why should she show mercy to a kind and noble heretic whom her God will burn in eternal fire? Why should a Christian be better than his God? It is impossible for the imagination to conceive of a greater atrocity than has been perpetrated by the church." And this maliciously false assertion regardless of the fact that Orthodox Protestant churches cannot stantly teach and preach the precise opposite; regardless of the fact that God says of himself, "I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth," that Christ says of him, "For God so loved the world," that is, a world of sinners; and that the Saviour said to his disciples, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

In a paper printed February 2nd, 1878, I find one of Col. Ingersoll's lectures entitled "Hell," from which I make a few extracts.

For cool and audacious lying, lying in the face of well known facts, and lying where there could be no possible excuse for it, the following equals anything I have ever read. He says, speaking of Adam's first sin: "Now in order to regain man from the frightful hell of eternity, Christ himself came to this world and took upon himself the flesh, and in order that he might know the world to eternal salvation, he gave us a book, and that book is called the bible, and wherever that bible has been read men have immediately commenced cutting each other's throats. Wherever that bible has been circulated, they have invented inquisitions and instruments of torture, and they commenced hating each other with all their hearts." This is simply inexcusably and maliciously false. Col. Ingersoll could not possibly have been ignorant of its falsity. It is a fact well known to all who have observed its influence in the present, or who possess any knowledge of the past, that the influence of the bible has been precisely the contrary of what he utters.

So bitter is his hatred of the bible that he falsifies again by saying, "Very few people do read it now." And yet only two organizations, to say nothing of others, have put in circulation during the present century one hundred million copies of the bible and of integral parts of the bible, in above two hundred languages and dialects, and at a cost of nearly sixty millions of dollars. At the same time private firms have made fortunes publishing bibles. How inexcusable such malicious slanders.

Speaking of the plan of salvation he says: "According to this plan, the salvation of the whole world depends upon the bigotry of the Jews and the treachery of Judas: according to the same plan, we all would have gone to eternal hell. According to the same plan there would have been no death in the world if there had been no sin, and if there had been no death you and I would not have been called into existence, and if we did not exist we could not be saved, so we owe our salvation to the bigotry of the Jews and the treachery of Judas, and we are indebted to the devil for our existence." Compare the above assertion that, "If there had been no death you and I would not have been called into existence," with the command given to man before his sin to "multiply and replenish the earth," and at the same time remember that the Colonel tells us we are "indebted to the devil for our existence." I question not that Mr. Ingersoll is somewhat indebted to the devil, for the Saviour declared him to be the father of lies, and the Colonel is certainly a promising son.

The lecturer argues that according to the judgment of the church it is only the poor who go to hell, and displays his biblical knowledge by asking the question, "Did you ever hear of a man going to hell who rode in a carriage? Never." If the lecturer were to read the account of the rich man and Lazarus, he might possibly see that his slanders are too transparent to deceive even fools.

But these extracts are sufficient. They reveal clearly enough the animus of the present infidel attacks upon the bible and Christianity. They show beyond the shadow of a doubt that infidelity is of the heart and not of the head; and that its broadcast assertions are so transparently venomous and false that no intelligent man can possibly be deceived by them. I envy neither the head nor the heart of any man who countenances in any wise such malignant slanders. Of such a one it may be said that the weakness of his head is only equalled by the badness of his heart.

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