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Determinism, Fatalism and Destinism

Among the philosophies that are influencing millions of the earth's population for good or evil today is determinism. The strictest devotees of this school hold that man's entire development, mental and physical, is determined by environment. External conditions are held to determine one's lot in life. Even the will is not free but is inevitably determined by environment.

Thieves are thieves not through choice because they think stealing is an easier way through life than producing, but because conditions have forced them to become dishonest. Women of easy virtue become so not because they choose that short cut to silks and ease, but by reason of the pressure of economic conditions. The poor are poor because the rich are rich. The rich man gains riches because he can't resist the temptation to exploit the poor. The poor man stays poor because he can't or won't resist the coercion of the rich. The bootlegger bootlegs because he is forced by circumstances to that easy way of making a rich living. And the public official sells his influence for a bribe because he just can't resist the external lure of more money.

"All seems infected that th' infected spy,
As all look yellow to the jaundic'd eye."—Pope.

Determinism is closely allied to fatalism. Where the one attributes the causes of all things to environment, the other blames or praises God for everything. It is not surprising that the fatalistic Kemalists of Turkey should have received aid from the determinist Lenin of Russia. Both theories absolve the individual from personal responsibility. Under either theory the individual is ruled by leaders, environment, if you please, who appeal not to reason but to desire and emotion.

Under determinism or fatalism the followers are ruled. In the fatalistic countries of the Mohammedans they take their orders from passahs, emirs or sultans. In deterministic Russia, for determination is the philosophy of socialism, they bow the knee to the dictatorship of the

Answers to Questions

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Q. What is dimension of smokestacks on steamship Paris?—Reader.

A. We are in receipt of a letter relative to the diameter of the smokestacks on the steamship Paris. As this vessel is not a United States naval vessel, but a French vessel, we have been unable to obtain this information in Washington. It was therefore necessary for us to write to the International Mercantile Marine, New York City, for the desired information, and as soon as we receive their reply we will supply answer.

Q. Isn't an American who served in the Canadian army entitled to a Canadian Victory Medal?—V. S. S.

A. An American serving with the Canadian army is entitled to a Victory Medal from the Canadian government. It may be obtained by writing to the Secretary Militia Council, Director of Records, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Q. What are the Greek and Latin words for corn or maize?—B. L. M.

A. There are no Greek or Latin names for the plant because it was unknown to the Greeks and Romans.

Q. Did the United States pay commissions for the sale of bonds during the World war?—T. F. O.

A. The Treasury department says that the government paid no commission to banks or individuals selling Liberty Bonds.

Q. What is the warmest part of British Columbia and can corn be raised there?—C. J.

A. The warmest part of British Columbia is on the western coast where the climate is exceedingly mild being very similar to that of southern England. Corn and peaches are two of the staple crops.

Q. Which is sweater, brown or white sugar?—D. J. X.

A. The brown sugar that is on the market today is not as sweet as granulated sugar, because in the present process of making granulated sugar, the brown sugar is worked over and over again to obtain the greatest amount of granulated sugar possible.

Q. Have the zebra and the giraffe split-hoofed or hoofs like those of a mule?—E. R. N.

A. The Director of the National Zoological park says the zebra, which belongs to the horse family, has a hoof similar to that animal only smaller and more compressed. The giraffe, which belongs to the antelope family, has a split hoof a great deal like that of a cow.

After Dinner Stories

Two darkey boys in a southern city met on the street each wearing a new suit. One asked: "Nigger, how much do they set you back for dem clo's?" "Fifty dollars" was the response. "Fifty dollars?"

"Yes, sah, fifty dollars." "Look at me," said the first. "I set on a suit w'at mos' perzactly like yours, and I don't pay but ten dollars fuh mine. Somebody shore hammin' you."

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As the majority of the democratic nation thinks, so will be that nation's destiny. The destiny of the whole is made up of the destinies of the parts. Not the destiny of a ruler, a Wilhelm, a Napoleon or a Lenin. Not what such men think and act, but our characters determine our destinies and our nation's destiny. Through our thoughts we citizens create our destiny of freedom, for thought is creative.

Schwab, through creative thinking, willed himself out of poor environment to affluence and power. Now he uses that power to make environment better and stimulate creative thinking in others. "I am my brother's keeper."

Lincoln, child of poverty in the materialistic sense, became rich in creative thoughts. When a majority of the nation chose him to guide it, therefore, he saved it from disunion and ruin and abolished slavery as an environmental factor.

That is determinism, that is democracy, that is Christianity.

Creative thinking means to think with God, the Creator, with the Father that is within us. All things then are possible for us. Knowing God's laws as we do and holding fast to them, our nation's destiny and ours is secure from the fate induced by materialistic or superstitious beliefs.

"I trust in Nature for the stable laws of beauty and utility. Spring shall plant And Autumn garner to the end of time. I trust in God—the right shall be the right And other than the wrong, while He endures. I trust in my own soul, that can perceive The outward and the inward—Nature's good And God's."

—Browning.

TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

GOD'S IN HIS HEAVEN

I know people who get irritated when you tell them that the world's all right. But it is true, nevertheless. There's nothing the matter with the world. It's wonderful.

It's people who upset things.

And it's a good thing they do many times. We wouldn't move along the path of progress if there were not those who had the courage and daring to uproot and cleanse.

But no matter how people think, the sun rises in the same old way and creeps noiselessly into its bed of beauty and color, year in and year out.

God is always in His heaven—but His heaven is right here on this earth where human beings work and love and strive.

Heaven is here and now. And every day God walks among those who love Him. He sits at the heart of every warm heart. He likes workers. He helps the hard-handed men build great buildings and takes pride in His work, and He stands beside nurses and mothers and rocks babies' cradles.

God isn't the sort to build a great world and then take a seat on some jeweled throne and see how it works.

The interest of God is in the work of His people.

I am not so sure but that the vibrating throat of the songster has a good deal to do with the thought of God in the world.

When you have done your best—honestly, and with your whole heart—if you will but look closely, you will see God in what you have done. And you will be in His heaven—and He will be where you are.

We are all ministers, after all. And it is our job to make this world a better place to live in—for everybody—and not to see how much fault we can find with people and everything in general.

Browning, in his beautiful poem, "Pippa Passes," gives us all the key-note:

The year's at the Spring,
The day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hill-side's dew pearl'd.
The bee's on the wing.
The snail's on the thorn.
God's in His heaven—
All's right with the world!

Steeves of the ten dollar suit and pulled on it. It stretched. Then straightening up he said: "See here boy, the just big rain yo' gets ketched out in, that coat of yours is gwinne to say, 'Goodbye, nigger, fom now on I se gwinne be you' vest!"

"My son," said the old gentleman who was giving his boy a little fatherly advice, "just remember that there are no short cuts to fame."

"Yes, father."

"Even the baseball star who earns a reputation as a home-run king has to touch all the bases."

Musings for the Evening

It is beginning to be a question how many times Russia can starve to death without actually starving to death.

Churchgoing will be made compulsory in Massachusetts, according to a bill now before the legislature. It serves Massachusetts right. She started this whole Puritan business.

"By the way women dress nowadays, you can't tell whether they are going to an opera or an operation"—Greenwich Village Follies. We don't know whether old Joe Miller collects royalties for his stuff, but if so he should be a very rich man.

Two of the former Mrs. Alfred

SEEN FRIENDS IN HOUR OF NEED

"In the hour of need we quickly seek our best friends." Mrs. Schirrid Ward, 401 Main St., 53rd Ave., Oakwood, Cal., "our little boy and girl had a severe dry, rasping cough without phlegm, a cough that cleared and flung the face of the sufferer like unto convulsions. Foley's Honey and Tar was a wonderful emergency remedy."

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