

**There Is a God.**

Now by first admitting our Holy Bible to be a volume of Holy Allegories, which it surely is if we apply reason to the names, words and sentences, we find a portion of it beautiful history and more of it statements, that could have survived in no other form, and all of it as holy allegories agreeable with human civilization; while as sacred truth it is disjointed, contradictory and every statement reversable. Now let those who desire to get acquainted with the Christian triune God take their bible and compare the mythical with the reasonable and if unreasonable myth be God, let us serve him and if unreasonable man be God, let us serve him when we have to.

There is a God, because in the beginning the earth was without form of law and void of government, and tribes inhabited the entire earth; and the spirit of power moved in the minds of tyrants and they said "let there be many tribes brought under one control" and the controlled they called governed and the uncontrolled they called tribes yet to conquer; and the tyrant saw that the government was good for the govenor and he divided government from the tribes, and the government he called civilization and the tribes he called barbarians; and the slave and his owner were the first day.

And tyrants said "Let there be an imaginary line drawn between the governed and the barbarian and tyrants drew the line and divided the governed from the tribes, and the tribes inside the line they called civilization; and the officers and soldiers were the second day." And tyrants said: "Let masters and slaves he gathered together into one place and let a city appear;" and tyrants called the city the kings court or capitol and then tyrants said; "Let masters and slaves move to the wild country and cultivate it," and it was so and tyrants saw it was profitable, and the soldiers and slaves were the third day. And tyrants said: "Let there be kings appointed to dividè laborers from tribes and let them be for directors in the government and let them be for judges and for officers and priests and let them be for rulers to rule all the earth"; and it was so. And the tyrants made two great officers, the greater to rule the soldiers and the lesser to rule the superstitions. He made tyrants also and he sat them in the government to give directions and to rule all the people in the whole earth; and the pope and the emperor were the fourth day.

And the council said: "Let the tribes for immense distances be taxed abundantly of every material thing of value;" and the council created great chiefs to rule over sheriff and collectors and they were commanded to bring into the government treasury of every species of

property both great and small; and the council blessed those taxed tribes by leaving enough of them alive to tax the next year abundantly; and the army of tax collectors and the emperor were the fifth day. And the council said: "Let us make kings in our own image after our own likeness and let them have dominion over the tribes of the forest and over the tribes of the plains, and over all laboring people and over all agriculture, horticulture and over every formed thing from which tax can be collected over the whole earth." So the council created kings and gave them power after their orders, politicians and preachers created them; and the council blessed them and said "be tyrannical and multiply and replenish the treasury of the government, and subdue and domineer over all tribes, peoples, languages and tongues, over the whole earth;" and the council said, "behold we have given into your hands power to force collection of taxes upon every species of property, among all classes of people, over the whole earth. Be vigilant and tyrannical and a large share shall be yours for meat and for drink;" and it was so.

And the council and convention saw that everythting they had made and created was for the oppression and degradation of the human family and they rejoiced in their cool calculation and uncommon deception, and they pronounced every oppression good and the oppressor and the oppressed were the sixth day.

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