

# Scientific Wisdom

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## Evolution, and Comparison of Religions.

THE strongest of every species of animals and plants increase their strength, skill, etc., by the law of natural selection, survival of the fittest, and have evolved from a few rude forms, through millions of ages, to the most fully developed of mankind. In any variety, different climate, food, special exercise of different organs, cross-breeding, etc., produce other species, which, propagating hereditary tendencies and strengthening peculiarities for thousands of years, have made all the varieties of plants, animals and mankind. Fossils in rocks prove this. Cultivation and cross-breeding to secure new improved vegetables, fowls and cattle prove it every year.

Between Africa's man-like gorillas and negroes there are missing links; but this is explained by the fact that the Indians are now decreasing before the abler whites. As reason developed, the weaker races served the stronger, for protection; then imagined they might secure protection from storms, diseases, etc., by serving the most powerful elements—the sun, etc. Worship and sacrifice thus begun, changed into imaginary gods, with priests for mediators, who elaborated the rest of religion and wrote the bibles. The Christian and Mohammedan bibles are the latest. The Vedas, or Brahma bible, is the oldest (1400 B. C.). Between are the scriptures of China, Persia, Egypt, Greece, etc.

Horace Greeley declared, "There is no doctrine of Christianity but what has been anticipated by the Vedas". Alexandria, the royal capital of Egypt, 2000 years ago contained a vast library and great theological schools, which drew religious devotees from all nations. They compared religions and learned from Buddhist missionaries, who travelled everywhere teaching the wisdom, virtues and miraculous life of Krishna, the trinity and creation.

All nations borrowed from India and recast their own religions, hence all became nearly alike, excepting names, places and dates, each nation claiming a savior of immaculate-virgin birth, with like virtues, wisdom, miraculous powers of healing, moral teachings, temptations, crucifixion and ascension. Josephus describes a sect of Jews called Essenes, who lived in Alexandria and Judea. They were travelling preachers and healers, living and teaching the strictest virtues and philanthropies. Before Christ, they taught exactly what the bible claims Christ first taught; just what Krishna taught in India 1200 years before. The earliest mention of Christ or Christianity in historical records is A. D. 104, when all accounts of the Essenes end. Hence at that date the Essene Jews must have adopted this stolen child of Hindoo paganism, Christianity. For proofs, read Kersey Graves' "Sixteen Crucified Saviors."

Our institutions of learning, in charge of Christians, keep all ignorant of other bibles. The real causes, discovered by science, overthrow supernatural causes. Which should be taught?

### PROMOTERS AND ALL FRIENDS:

Every reader of the TORCH is requested to send to the editor before March 1, whatever reason you would give to prove either or all of these topics: "Created or Evolved?" "No God"; "Nature Always Was". You may be original or quote, but you must not send over fifty words. Each do your part and we will have a page full. Don't be like most Christians, always growling because God don't set somebody else to do what they ought to do themselves.

Are you distributing tracts? The editors of "Truthseeker," "Free-thought Magazine" and TORCH OF REASON praise them as just the thing; besides I have tried them and proved they do the work proposed. If you don't make Free-thinkers and finally have scientific Sunday meetings, that will develop worthy, wise citizens all around you, it is your own fault, not your neighbor's, because you are ahead and should keep them learning. Besides distributing fifty tracts each month, to keep them thinking and talking, pro and con, till they become convinced because they can't help it, buy Kersey Graves' "Six-

teen Crucified Saviors", study it well yourself, then loan it to the ministers, and they will have to become Infidels or Brahmins. More than half the world are Brahmins now, and all believers in a god ought to be, because that is the source of all so-called revealed religions.

The tracts opened the way here so we have had three scientific Sunday meetings and expect to continue them right along. They take, so others talk of attending them. Would you like such? Work, and don't be timid, and you can bring them about.

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Last week Mrs. Bliven called for opinions on the question of immortality. Following is the response:

The babe knows little. Reason grows as the brain grows. All knowledge is activity of living brain cells; hence must end when the brain decays. I would get tired of an eternity of heaven's sameness, doing nothing, or of endless work, and prefer never-ending sleep.

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