

Facts of History.

1. There were many cases of the miraculous birth of gods reported in history before the case of Jesus Christ.
 2. Also many other cases of gods being born of virgin mothers.
 3. Many of these gods, like Christ, were (reputedly) born on the 25th of December.
 4. Their advent into the world, like that of Jesus Christ, is in many cases claimed to have been foretold by "inspired prophets".
 5. Stars figured at the birth of several of them, as in the case of Christ.
 6. Also angels, shepherds and magi, or wise men.
 7. Many of them, like Christ, were claimed to be of royal or princely descent.
 8. Their lives, like his, were also threatened in infancy by the ruler of the country.
 9. Several of them, like him, gave early proof of divinity.
 10. And, like him, retired from the world and fasted.
 11. Also, like him, declared, "My kingdom is not of this world."
 12. Some of them preached a spiritual religion, too, like his.
 13. And were "anointed with oil", like him.
 14. Many of them, like him, were "crucified for the sins of the world".
 15. And after three days' interment "rose from the dead".
 16. And finally, like him, are reported as ascending back to heaven.
 17. The same violent convulsions of nature at the crucifixions of several are reported.
 18. They were nearly all called "Savior", "Son of God", "Messiah", "Redeemer", "Lord", etc.
 19. Each one was the second member of the trinity of "Father, Son and Holy Ghost".
 20. The doctrines of "Original Sin", "Fall of Man", "The Atonement", "The Trinity", "The Word", "Forgiveness", "An Angry God", "Future Endless Punishment", etc., etc., were a part of the religion of each of these sin-atoning gods, as found set forth in several Oriental bibles and "holy books", similar in character and spirit to the Christian's bible, and written, like it, by "inspired and holy men" before the time of either Christ or Moses (before Moses, in some cases at least).
- All these doctrines and declarations, and many others, were taught in various Oriental heathen nations centuries before the birth of Christ, or before Christianity, as a religion, was known to the world. Will you, then, after learning these facts, dare assert that Christianity is of divine emanation, or claim a special divine paternity for its author? Only the priest, who loves his salary more than he loves the cause of truth (and I fear this class are numerous), or who is deplorably ignorant of history, will

have the effrontery or audacity to do so. For historical facts clearly prove such assumptions to be false, as figures can demonstrate the truth of any mathematical problem. And no logic can overthrow, and no sophistry can set aside, these facts. They will stand till the end of time, in spite of your efforts either to evade, ignore or invalidate them.—[Kersey Graves.

Tea and Coffee.

Tea and coffee are often supposed to supply food to the body. They belong to the class of substances which, acting through the nervous system, spur on the work of the cells of the body, especially of the brain. They supply no heat or energy for the extra exertion. Substances which excite the cells to action, without giving them material out of which to develop heat or energy, are stimulants. The active principle of tea and coffee is a stimulating substance called caffeine, which spurs the cells of the body to do more work. They enable a person to do a larger amount of work in an emergency, and when the body is tired they rouse the digestive and assimilative organs to renewed activity, so that these quickly prepare a new supply of food. When they are used continually the body learns to rely upon their stimulation. Thus a habit of drinking them is formed which is not easily broken off.

Coffee and tea also contain some tannin, which is a substance used in the manufacture of leather. It puckers and contracts albumen with which it comes in contact, and is liable to hinder digestion. Much of the bad effect of strong tea is due to its tannin. Both also contain a considerable quantity of an oil, which evaporates quickly and gives the drinks their peculiar odors and flavors. It is mainly this oil which produces headaches and sleeplessness and other troubles, when large quantities of tea or coffee are taken. Yet both drinks agree with the stomach better when the oil is retained in the drink.

Tea and coffee are not necessities, and men would be just as healthy without their use. They have a reputation of retarding waste of the body, but this view is not founded upon definite experiments. The nervous system of children is easily impressed by tea and coffee, and their bodies cannot stand the stimulation and extra work which these substances induce.—[Frank Overton, M. D.

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