

Heaven on Earth, whose existence is warranted and even anticipated in the laws of the Cosmos and of Man himself. The Religion of Humanity, in a word, is that religion which counts MAN as the center of the world, and solves all relations by reference to that center. It is, therefore, the only scientific, because the only verifiable, religion of the human race; and, strange as it may at first appear, it constitutes, when understood, the highest satisfaction for the religious emotions longings and instincts. It does so because it includes and combines all emotion, whether arising from the Infinite, or from the Cosmos, or from Humanity.

The Religion of Humanity meets you upon that ground in the fullest reconciliation and fellowship. As the greater includes the less, this universal faith includes all other faiths, as having in them some inherent truths, scientific, emotional or moral. They are not only all stages of evolution, but relatively inevitable as components of the Religion of the great social Family of Man. All of these religions come from the attempts of Man to get some liveable theory about the three grand divisions of the world. These are, (1) The Infinite, or the Unknown or Unknowable; (2) The Cosmos, or World about him; and, lastly, (3) Himself. He wonders at them, and asks the three great religious questions: Whence am I? Whither go I? What shall I do?

When the emphasis is upon the Unknown or the Infinite, religion becomes anthropomorphism, and we have theology; when upon the Cosmos, we have fetichism, materialism or cosmism; when upon individual man, mere selfishness and fear are the results. None of these solutions were or are complete, or able to stand alone in the growth of the race and the riddling criticism of the intellect.

'Entre l'Homme et le Monde, il faut l'Humanite.' 'Between man and the world there lies (and there is need of) Humanity.' These solving words of Comte bring solution and harmony in religion, as we have shown that they do in philosophy and science. The collective Man and his history has been the missing factor, which once discovered reduces the former chaos to cosmos in every domain of thought, feeling or action. With it Science makes a true and practical solution of The World and of Mankind, and of Man's lot and fate and duty, present and future."

#### Humanity, Without God or King, Boss or Partner.

The fact that our knowledge is a knowledge of the relations of things to us, and to each other, knowable by experience and sensation, excludes the Spook as a world-existence, and leaves us the real, limitless world without human co-partners, moral, intellectual, or other. The fact of the relativity of knowledge, and of the relativity of all things of which sensation and experience acquires knowledge; coupled with the fact that those relations and things lead up to Man with his sensation and consciousness as ONE of their changes or co-relations, leaves but one conclusion. That is:

that sensation, consciousness and intellection are modes or resultant concomitants of life motions, which are themselves correlatives of the objective world changes and realities—the environment, around us.

From these changes we discover that life results and is constant correlative process. We find further that life is the result of certain changes in PROTOPLASM ONLY, of which our bodies and brains are growths. The further fact of the co-relation and EQUIVALENCE of all of these changes proves that life results, and so can exist (under the law of economy and exclusive causation), in no other possible way but as a concomitant RESULTANT of these protoplasmic changes.

But the protoplasm on the surface of this Earth is the ONLY protoplasm known. We know it has evolved so as to produce the human race, with its known sensation and consciousness, intellectual, social and moral. It follows, that until protoplasm is discovered elsewhere, there is no material, and so no possibility, elsewhere, or in any other mode or form, of the existence, other than human (and on this Earth), of sensation, consciousness and intellection. The law of the relativity of knowledge, of the correlation and equivalence of all knowable changes (forces), and the fact that life and mind are such correlate changes, compel Science to write across the Sky of the Human Future, in the largest letters:

#### "EXIT SPOOK!"

Human intelligence is measured by its ability to see and read and appreciate that terrible but irrevocable verdict. The World-Fate has spoken!

All of the Scientific and Philosophic World in the past, as Mr. Spencer and Mr. Underwood have shown, have gradually agreed to the fact and law of "The Relativity of Knowledge." How long will it take to come to this—its inevitable consequence; that the Universe is limitless, free from HUMAN limitations of life and consciousness, and utterly UNBESPOOKED? That collective MAN has no partner in his sensation and consciousness—intellectual, social, or moral. That he is in those respects the sole resultant and occupant of an infinite, LAWFUL, and correlative WORLD, and under no obligation but the HUMAN one to put it to the best possible use for himself and his race.

Thus when we find that every thing, motion, change or force always comes equivalently from another, and that we are parts of those things and changing processes, Science has placed the KEY of the UNIVERSE in our hands. Thus the Relativity of Knowledge has given us "THE ALL", the correlate of ourselves as we are of it—as the Real World; and Man, collective and individual, as the One Intelligent Being it has so far produced, to interpret, use and enjoy it.

The Sun of Science has arisen!  
The Twilight of the Gods is gone!

'Diis extinctis, Deoque,  
Successit Humanitas!'

To the Gods extinct, and to God,  
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