

She work straight—so much THIS equals so much THAT—ever, that is all! When Science defines: GOD is the WORLD (Universe or Cosmos), infinite, eternal and unchangeable in its being, action and laws, but ever changing in its phenomena and relations to us.

THE CHRIST is MAN, Humanity, the human race, in its converging, co-operating progress towards ever higher and better conditions of life on Earth—the Earthly Paradise.

The Holy Ghost, or Spirit, is the actual life and love, individual and collective, of mankind; best represented and exhibited in the woman and womanhood—"Maiden, Mother, Queen AND Goddess," symbolized as the "Mater Gloriosa" in Faust.

To these let us add the CHRIST-CHILD (with Festival on Christmas) and thus complete the Human Trinity. This child comes to us from the "Holy Mother," with every babe, as a new creation and beginning of the human race, with its freshness of youth and out-flow of boundless hope and aspiration.

In these four grand divisions, Science realizes the sacred names and symbols of old, and makes them represent the great and indisputable realities of existence—the inevitable foundations of the New Life of Mankind on Earth.

We live in the Age of Evolution. It adds to the Godhead the holy child, as Goethe added the holy mother. Its great command and injunction is this: "The chief duty of every generation is to see that a better generation takes its place." This is the backbone of the law of progress, and places the emphasis of apotheosis upon the child. Not Saint Peter, but the child, must open for us the gate of the "Earthly Paradise."

But why offend Liberals by using the words Religion and God at all? Can't the facts be facts without the nuisance of this old, outworn and bloody dress? Certainly; use your own words. But we are showing that Evolution compels the old religionists to use their symbols with no meaning at all, or else to put under them the very facts and realities upon which the Liberals and "the rest of the world" for that matter, are compelled by Science to agree. Evolution thus makes the old religion a bridge to the new. But why "Religion?"

The Liberals from Paine, Comte, Holyoake and Ingersoll have freely used the phrase, "The Religion of Humanity," which Paine originated in the Seventh Number of his Crisis. Often the word "Science" is included: The Religion of Science and Humanity. The words Religion and God seem to be of dubious etymology, but their modern use and meaning has become clear enough. A religion is a belief that "holds many people together" in a mode of life and worship around some common object, person or

conception. The Chinese, Hindoos and Jews were thus rallied around, Confucius, Buddha and Jahveh. The Christians around Theos (God) and "The Christ;" the Mahomedans around Allah and Mahomet; the Roman Catholics around Deus, Christ and Mary; the Protestants around God, Jesus and the Bible. The Liberals, who are free (Liber) from all the old gods, creeds and churches, cannot help but rally around and base their lives, activities and hopes upon the four undeniable and, to them, determining realities we have named: (1) The objective world of matter and motion disclosed by Science; (2) the Human Race, socially converging into a Humanity disclosed by History; (3) the indispensable fact and functions of womanhood in continuing the life and love of the race; (4) the child, the indisputable fact and "link by which the generations are concatenated into one enduring chain."

Now that Science has disclosed and emphasized these facts, the names are a matter of utility and convenience mainly: The World, Nature or It, Man, Woman, Child may replace the God, Christ, Virgin and Infant of the old religious dialects. But we must not forget that language began by, and is largely personification. The world began to be known as the masculine God or Jahveh, He. The Hebrews said "Jahveh rains or hails." Then Nature, the Goddess, took "his" place and began to "bring forth" and blossom into flowers and fruit. But the English language, finally, to its great use and glory, limited and defined the neuter, "The Not I," i. e., either (Latin, ne-uter) gender, as the non-sexual; and then "It" began to rain and hail and blossom. And so we are able to drop the gods and goddesses and to take the World as the simple "Act," or Fact," IT is. But, most unfortunately, no other people can, because no other language can de-personify the World as simply to It. Think of all the Southern Europeans and South Americans, with their "Bastard Latin" languages and Romish religion, without a neuter gender or the right of "private judgment!" Was there ever a sadder sight? May not Legislation introduce the neuter gender into those languages, and Secular Education the habit of Freethought instead of Faith into those peoples?. Then may the neuter World take its proper place, and the gods and goddesses be left in Theology or live in Poetry. Otherwise it seems that general progress can advance ONLY as the English becomes the universal language, for there seems to be no other sufficient instrument of objective thought practically available. Fetichism of gender dominates every other language.

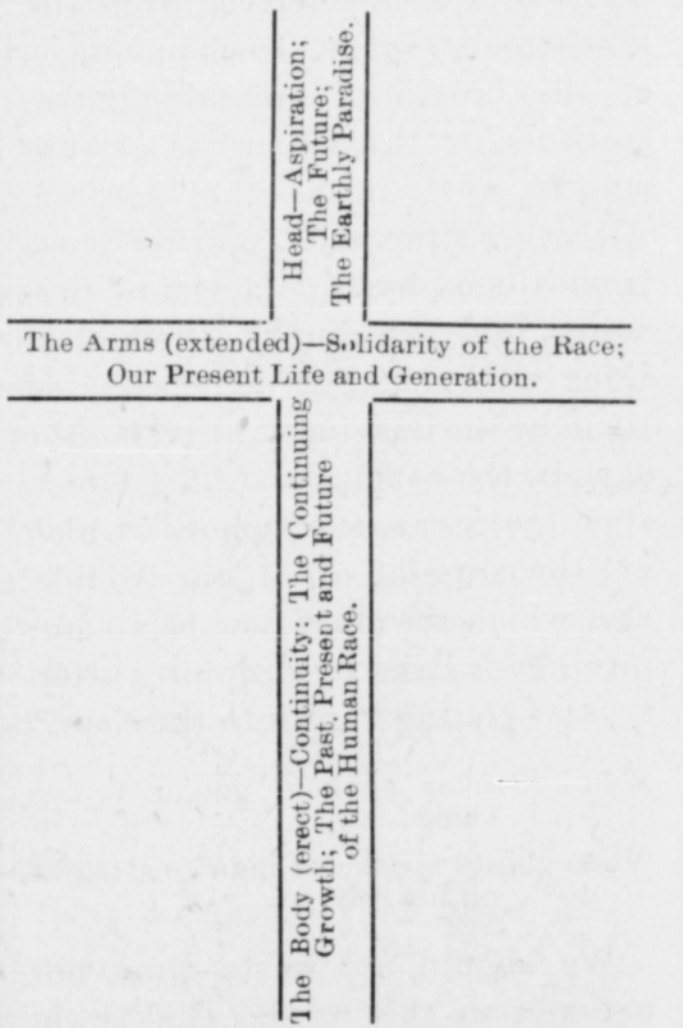
But this all-important habit of ob-

jective thought results only from the methods of Science. Awe, wonder, curiosity and the desire of knowledge and power, take the place of the old religious emotions and their prayers and penances to gods and devils. The nightmares of the old faiths vanish, and the light and possibility of unlimited growth and hope greet our progress out into the clear. We could not be free unless we lived in the infinite. The withdrawal of human qualities and purposes of government and control from the Infinite All leaves us free to OBSERVE it (as in Astronomy and Physics) and to USE it, as we do in Chemistry and Biology, for human purposes. That observation, knowledge and use became our human life and interests. And with them is joined the cosmic emotions leading us to greater power, glory and joy than ever. The impartiality and reliability of the Universe-God, and It's infinite extent integrating an infinite variety of phenomena far transcends the older Deistic conceptions, and is an inexhaustible source of every varying emotions, taxing and expanding human nature to the uttermost. Byron, Shelley, Wordsworth and Goethe have only begun to unfold what human art will reap from the cosmic emotions, as the result of the further triumphs of Science.

But where will the human emotions of gratitude, worship and prayer which used to be wasted upon the personal God, now merged in the Infinite Monism, be found and utilized? Why manifestly in the Trinity of Man, Woman and Child resulting in the corporate being Humanity, ever destined to become more civilized and more co-operative in its control and management of the surface of our Planet. Human beneficence, prayer and thanksgiving take the place of the old. The affections and worship which have been vainly expended on the super-personal Infinite are now to be revised and devoted to the Humanity, the greatest Animate Being, which is now coming to consciousness and the control of itself. The New Life will have all of its work, pleasures and duties, whether personal, domestic or civil, brought into order, and oriented, by bringing them into their true relations to this great Trinity of Man, Woman and Child, ever living and growing through the ages as one mighty Individual. This New Being is practically a new discovery of Science, which discovery began by Bruno at the same time he was announcing the New Cosmos. It began by the realization of progress in Human History, as a converging continuity of collective human life and effort, of which each generation was the conscious existence in Solidarity. This conception is the GRAND MAN, which every individual is the condensed

epitome of, and which he may represent by standing erect and extending his arms. In so doing the body will represent the continuity of the human race through the Ages, with its accumulations of wealth and knowledge and capacity of increased welfare and joy. The extended arms and hands represent each living and acting generation by which those victories are achieved by the constant efforts and sacrifices of the living Individuals. In thus standing, we symbolize and epitomize Humanity, the living Cross of love and labor, joy and sacrifice, ever receiving and translating the past into a higher future. The cross is no longer the symbol of torture and death, but of the effort and victory of the New Life.

The Human Body represents the GRAND MAN as the ever-living and growing Cross of Humanity, with its CONTINUITY growing through the Ages, and its SOLIDARITY embracing the Earth, thus:



Your ingenuity may develop and carry forward the details of this fruitful symbol. The New Life of the New World will be realized and summed up and saved only as it is invested in MAN, this immortal Savior. Gradually the Fine Arts will be transferring their noble efforts from the divine to this human Being, with ever-increasing brilliancy and effect. The Great Buildings, Paintings, Poetry and Music of our century are "religious," but in the new human, and not in the old Theological sense.

So, too, is it with the Intellect and Philosophy of our Era; it is Human, Scientific, Positive. Its method of correlative verification is the new Key of the Universe which has opened and will continue to open the world of the infinitely great and the infinitely small, with new conceptions and triumphs which are now beyond our comprehension. In time we may learn to sense and understand the ETHER. But still more true, if possible, is the human progress of our practical