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## THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING

That the great struggle in the world today is between the old shadow of ecclesiastical authority (spoken of in Revelation as "the Beast"), based upon the miraculous of supernaturalism, and the growing influence of the rising light of scientific truth, based upon the immutable and eternal law and process of nature, which governs the universe and all life, is so self-evident to the awakening intelligence and conscience of rising humanity, that it requires no further commendation.

Supernatural miracle (and all that is founded thereon) is losing its influence and power to hold in bondage of submission the hearts and minds of later generations.

The despotic power of fear is broken; never to become re-established!

The doom of institutionalized corruption and darkness is irrevocably sealed by the rising light of the knowledge of truth, which reveals the majesty and glory of life in cosmic order, in cosmic process and law.

As the lingering shadows of night and the mists of dawn are absorbed and transmuted by the rising sun, so also are the lingering shadows of the dark ages of error and ignorance (the mother of all superstition, fear, bondage and degeneracy) overcome by the light of scientific truth.

By the same simple, natural process of intellectual, moral and spiritual unfoldment also will come the fuller understanding of natural law and of creative process and principle, and this scientific knowledge of the natural law of all life will destroy all the fictitious claims of and for miracles of supernaturalism.

What possible need for miracle can there exist in a universal realm of immutable and unchanging law?

Now—at last—after patient, prayerful watching and waiting, the pious, the faithful are to be fully and richly rewarded.

"All things come to them that wait." The fact and the truth of miracle is to become to be established!

Oh! what Joy!

At last, the long-wished-for opportunity for priestcraft, to demonstrate its divine power, is at hand!

What a happy and blessed privilege to prove to an ignorant, materialistic class of sceptical unbelievers and impious scoffers the blessed power of divine intercession; the holy power to transform substance; to change bread into flesh; wine into blood!

What a thrice blessed moment—at last come — when boastful science, when atheistic defilers and blasphemous traducers of holy priestcraft shall not only be forever silenced, but shall be completely vanquished and struck with awe, and shall in fear and trembling bow the knee and sue for special unction and absolution, and recant and renounce for ever their impious heresies, etc., etc.

With our own twentieth century eyes shall we behold, with our own latest scientific devices shall we test the divine power and verity of miracle.

For let it be known, that in the impious arrogance of his blasphemous heart and self-conceit the editor of the "Protestant Magazine" has so far strayed from the path of Christian grace as to issue a proposition (almost a challenge) to the sacred fathers (affirming and trafficking in miracles as a means and basis of soul-salvation), to prove by chemical test the truth and fact of chemical change necessarily involved in a process of "Transubstantiation."

How all Miracle-ists of all creeds and sects must rejoice that the impious folly of blinded man has at last provided the blessed opportunity to bear direct witness to the richest blessing of spiritual power and direct deific favor!

The entire world (christian and heathen) will be standing upon tip toe, with bathed breath, awaiting the conclusive and final test of the wonder-working power of the holy fathers.

Prove ye all things, hold fast, as truth, only that which is proven, which alone is good. All else reject as pious fraud and fictitious imposture.

How fortunate we are to live in these latter days, which mark the be-

## THE VALUE OF DIFFERENCES

Looking out upon nature we are delighted with the innumerable varieties of type, form, color, etc. What a monotony life would be if eternal sameness were nature's order. Just as flowers differ in color and form just as each type and species is distinct in character, so also do men differ in personal characteristics. So also do men differ in mental inclinations, in views and opinions. What a mental monotony and stagnation would ensue should all men think alike on all subjects. How stupid life would be. Can you imagine politics without a descending minority, without insurgents and dissentors? What would be our condition in society without invention and innovation? Where would we be? Picture to yourself life without progress? It can't be done! Life without progressive change is unthinkable. And yet, can there be progress and advance without change? Eternal progress is nature's divine and eternal law. The "Eternal Must" impels and compels us to move. Move we must! There is no standing still anywhere in God's great universe.

Evolution is nature's divine process, order and method.

Fixity is death! but absolute death also is unthinkable in a universe teeming with life. What we, in our blindness, call death is only another stage and experience of life. If progress and growth is the law governing all life and all human and social interests why should it be ignored or denied in the realm of religion?

Why should men be arbitrarily bound to traditions? Or to experiences of the past? Is not God's command "Forward?" Why should men be bound and hedged about by creeds and dogmas?

Why should men be asked to subscribe to ideas and notions in religions (?) long since outgrown, or proven to be erroneous and fictitious? Why should standards and methods belonging to the 13th century be imposed upon 20th century men?

Why should medieval speculation and moonshine be made of test of faith, when science has given us a new key to unlock a new world-concept, a new universe?

Why bind men with the oldness of the letter when the newness of the Spirit urges and impels—forward, upward?

Why accept the fictitious authority of a false monarchical system established upon divine rights of priest or king, when democracy has disproven said claim and destroyed the old position? Why walk in the old pagan superstition and idolatry when the precious light of the gospel of Jesus brings deliverance and freedom unto "Whomsoever will?"

If infinite wisdom has decreed "diversity," how and why should any church (?) or any political or ecclesiastical institution insist upon and demand "Conformity?" Out of the—within—of each heart let us have free and full utterance, each as the Spirit giveth; for "there is in man a Spirit, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth understanding." Cor.

## THE SMUTTY STORY

It advertises your own ignorance. It displays your lack of a sense of decency.

It indicates the state of your inner character.

It exhibits the nature of your inner soul.

It shows your better self is being suppressed.

It illustrates the sordidness of your soul.

It typifies the meagerness of your resources of entertainment.

It proclaims the coarseness of your ideas of humor.

It tells of the inadequacy of your means of expression.

It reveals the depth of defilement you have already reached.

It proves to your friends how greatly they may be disappointed in you.

It stultifies the testimony of those who said you were a good fellow.

It soils the imagination of your hearers.

It hangs vulgar pictures on the inner chamber of the imagination of other men from which they cannot escape.

It disgusts men of finer sensibilities who care for the clean and wholesome things of life.

It nauseates good men who love fun but hate dirt.

It dishonors your parents and your wife and your children, and your friends and your home and your business and your God.

It proves nothing but your own unworthiness.

It accomplishes nothing but your own undoing.

It convinces others that you are a good man not to do business with.—S. W. McGill, in Association Men.

ginning of the end of all false claimants—even miracles.

In the meantime let us bear in mind that the "Proof of the Pudding is the Eating and that the prove of the Miracle is the Doing!" Ex.

## SOCIALIST COLUMN

Edited by J. E. Blazer

### THE PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T BE FOOLED

In the year 1807 a man in New York said, "I have built a boat which will go up stream or down stream, against the wind or with it, without paddles or sails."

The intelligent people who heard it knew that this man was either crazy, a fool or a liar. They said, "Such a thing never was done and never can be done. Oars and sails are good enough, anyway. He can't fool us."

But they watched the crazy man as he prepared to start his boat. They sat on the banks of the Hudson and laughed and jeered. All ready? The boat started! It surely moved! It went up stream!!! It soon disappeared!!! It went to Albany in 36 hours, a trip which before that had required 300 days.

Then the people learned a little, but not much. They learned that a steamboat could do all that the man said it would do; something that had never been done before in the world, but they did not learn till later that the owners of the steamboats could monopolize the inland water carrying trade and by so doing amass great fortunes. And the people who couldn't be fooled have had to dig up every dollar of those fortunes ever since, and they are still on the job.

In 1830 a man in England said, "I have built a traveling engine which will go on a track, without horses or oxen, faster than a man can run."

The people said, "Nonsense!" "Foolishness!" "Impossible!" "Never was. Never can be." "The lunatic!" "He can't fool us."

Nevertheless the wise people sat on both sides of the track the man had built, and some on the track for a short time. The traveling engine was named, "The Rocket." It started! It kept going!! It traveled 29 miles an hour!! And the people learned another new thing; they learned that a locomotive would do all the man said it would, but they did not learn till later the owners of locomotives and railroads could monopolize all land carrying trade, and destroy the stage-coach and wagon-freighting business and by means of this monopoly these owners could take from the public fabulous fortunes, every dollar of which has been dug up by the people who couldn't be fooled.

In 1844 a man said, "I can make a little instrument by which I can send words and thoughts over a wire to places many miles away, and a man can read them immediately, exactly as they are sent."

And the people said, "Ah, just hear that crazy Morse. He's been lunny a long time. Send thoughts OVER A WIRE, FASTER THAN A HORSE CAN RUN? Impossible! Never was," etc., etc. HE CAN'T FOOL US.

But Morse strung a wire from Washington to Baltimore, and attached one of his instruments to each end of it. On May 24th a lot of politicians went to Baltimore to nominate a candidate for president. When done, they scrambled over another to board the train (then the fastest thing known) so as to get home and tell the news. When they scrambled off the cars at home, the newspapers sold them papers containing news of the nominations, ALL IN PRINT.

The man had sent the news over the wire, and even politicians and senators, as well as common people, learned another new fact, but they did not learn till the owners of the telegraph could monopolize a large part of the business of transmitting intelligence, and by so doing extract duets from the people who couldn't be fooled, to the tune of 300 per cent per annum on the original capital invested, which they have been doing ever since 1845, while the Fool-proof people have been busily engaged ever since in footing the bills.

For the words "steamboat," "locomotive," or "telegraph," substitute the name of any invention capable of lessening human toil or bettering the conditions of human life, and you have the history of how the majority has contemptuously treated and refused to accept every advanced idea and invention, and how the sagacious few have appropriated and used them as a means of collecting tribute from those who had to use them, for the benefit of the owners.

All great inventions have, without exception, been thus appropriated by exploiters with the consent of the people who couldn't be fooled.

These inventions have greatly multiplied the productive powers of man, but so far they have been used exclusively to wring revenues from the people. IT WILL BE THE GREATEST DAY IN ALL HISTORY WHEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY ARE USED TO ENRICH AND BRING JOY TO ALL.

And now another great idea, far reaching and all embracing, is being promulgated throughout the world. It is this: AS THE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AND INVENTIONS WHICH OTHERS USE HAS MADE A SELECT FEW VASTLY RICH, THE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF

THESE NECESSITIES BY THOSE WHO USE THEM MAKE THE USERS RICH.

It is proposed to establish a government, which, making equality of opportunity a reality instead of an empty dream, will make life safe, liberty real, and happiness attainable by all. This system will abolish poverty, lighten toil and increase leisure, with opportunity to expand according to talent and ambition.

This system of government is called "Socialism." It proposes to reorganize society on a friendly, co-operative basis, instead of the present "Look out for number one," "Paddle your own canoe," "Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost," competitive system under which we now live.

Will you admit that if Socialism would do this, it is what we want?

Why, then, is Socialism so violently opposed by many? Why do we hear from all over the world cries that sound strangely familiar, "Nonsense," "Foolishness," "Abolish poverty?" "Never was," "Never will be," "You can't change human nature," "You can't fool us."

You can readily understand why the men who have monopolized nearly all natural and man-made means of making a living, and who live in luxury by renting out jobs to people who must have them or die, getting in return half or more of the user's product—you can understand, I say, why these men bitterly oppose a system which will deprive them of their job of robbing the people.

But why should anyone else oppose Socialism? Most persons surely do not love poverty and crime, and they surely do desire happiness.

It's the same old story, the same old trouble. This idea is new and many are afraid of it because they do not understand it.

Now, please, let me ask you a few questions, and remember that I am not going to try to make a Socialist of you.

Are you willing to earn all you get? Do you wish to get all you earn?

Do you want a sure job at congenial work?

Would you like an income at least four times as large as the average worker gets now?

Do you want a home of your own with all the comforts of life?

Do you want a work day with abundant leisure in which to read, write, invent, travel or otherwise enjoy this beautiful world as a man should enjoy it?

Do you favor giving all children the very best education that is possible?

Would you like to be insured so that if any member of your family is sick or disabled, every care and service would come to you all paid for and in case of your death, an income equal to what you had earned would come to your family till some other member was old enough to take your place?

When you reach the age of 60 or thereabouts, would you like to be retired on an income sufficient to supply the needs of a happy, enjoyable old age?

Would you like to be able to earn a dollar to own anything you desire that you or your family can use?

Would you like to own an equal interest with all others in all natural opportunities, such as land, forests, mines, quarries, oil wells, gas wells, etc., and also in all great inventions which are of such a nature that they cannot be used individually but must be used collectively, such as railroads, telegraphs, telephones, mills, mines, factories, etc., etc.

Do you favor equality of opportunity for all?

If you honestly say "yes" to all these questions, YOU ARE A SOCIALIST NOW, and if you cannot say "yes" to them, WE DON'T WANT YOU.

L. F. Fuller

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