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RELIGION AND REVELATION.

We give place today, on our 5th page, to a communication from Rev. Frank Fay Eddy of the Unitarian Church, in reading the Bible literally, not require which he attempts to reply to some re- Mr. Eddy or anybody else to do so. marks of the Deseret News in reference. There are so many figurative expresto his sermon denying the authenticity sichs in the Bible, so many metaphors, of the Bible as containing revelations so much hyperbole common to Oriental from God, and promulgating the notion rathods of expression, that we would that all religion originated in the mind not think of demanding a literal readof man. In his letter to the Deseret ing and understanding of the book. News he complacently announces his But when it is stated that Noah built view of religion as "rationalistic and an ark, that Moses received tables of common sense," and thus by inference stone containing the ten commandcontrasts the opposite doctrine as ir. rational and contrary to common sense. life by the power of God, that angels That may be an illustration of what | talked with mortals and other remarkhe calls the "undivided middle" in "formal logic," but will not strike the av. Eternal Creator condescended to reerage reader as either excessively mod- yeal His word and His will for the est or far removed from the kind of obedience of mankind, we maintain that "sweeping assertion" that he essays to those statements were either true or decry.

As to the terrible charge that Dr. Ed- them were either divine instructors or dy fires at us, namely, that in our despicable deceivers. reasoning we "commit a failacy against the undivided middle," we are in doubt. It is not clear whether he adjudges us New, or required anybody to be measguilty of sophism or paralogism. His used by one or the other. So Mr. use of the term "undivided middle" is Eddy's disclaimer does not count in somewhat confusing. Although we have a distinct recollection of dissertations on different kinds of fallacies, struggled with in schoolboy days as given in Archbishop Whately's excellent treatise on logic, we are unable to place the fallacy "against" the "undivided middle." even if it be as "common" as we are told it is. We may know something about "petitio principil," "argumentum ad hominem." "fallacyof equivocation," "of figure of speech," of "homonymy," the "fallacy of no middle," of "unreal middle," and even of the "falfacy of undistributed middle," and others. It seems to us that our critic, in his arsument, has "committed" the error known as "fallacy of an illicit process." When he argues: "One may say of a man who does something apparently incking judgment, that he is either a fool or a knave, and we would hardly ever be right. He may have been partly foolish and partly knavish, or ho may have been either foolish or knavish in one instance, yet would not be either a fool or a knave in toto," he

certainly introduces in the conclusion addition. "In toto," which gives to the term "knave or fool," used in the premises an entirely different "distribution." This is also a very common error But, technicalities aside, when a man says he has seen God, he either speaks the truth, or he does not speak the truth. If Moses claimed that God had rpoken to him, that claim is either true or false. There is no third alternative. mercy, as athelsm, or agnosticism

answer a plain argument. He says, charge hopes that there will be a large Windsor castle. Hampton court palalluding to our conclusion, he does not | turnout, need to believe that "the subject matas Moses receiving tables of' stone, prophets conversing with God, Joseph truth. The "subject matter? of the

difficult to account for the different

variations in human thought and be-

hef, but it is not so difficult to an

Further, we made no division

a proclaimer of gigantic falsehoods

concerning Himself, then our "scienti-

most extraordinary faculty of enter-

taining entirely opposite and conflict-

ing theories. This seems to us to

require much of that "legerdemain"

to which he refers, and a mental cour-

of the "radical atheists" whom he

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and evolutionary critic has a

ground in reason

the plates. It was the stories con- the preservation from oblivion of the cerning these things that we desig- work of the Pioneers, one of the grand-Calder's Park, under the new manpoint in dispute than to divert atten-

discuss. It is better to keep to a heartily recommended to the patronage imperial family of Austria. The royal tion from it by the introduction of make it an enjoyable place in which to lady," also a supposed heraid of death. some other and different topic. What | spend part of a summer day. We trust | Other royal houses have similar meait is possible, or impossible, for Mr. Ed- if will be filled on Monday with pleaspre-seckers who appreciate the work of dy and other Unitarians to believe, cuts the Pioneers and reverence their memno real figure in this dispute. It is

LIFE AND DEATH.

ardinary person to decide that a statement of fact is either true or false According to recent census reports without any possibility of a middle covering cleven states and 234 clties of more than \$,000 population, fatal cases of heart disease. Bright's disease, apo-Again, we did not say anything about plexy, cancer, cirrhosis of the liver, diaheter, and appendicitis are on the increase in this country. Deaths ascribed to old age, bronchitis, convulsions, samilysis and peritonitis, are decreasing, while suberculosis, pneumonia, diarchea and enteritis, typhold fever, diph)heris and croup, puerperal septicemis gastritis, scarlet fever, whooping wigh, endocarditis and measles, are characterized as "fluctuating," the ments, that the dead were raised to number of faial cases being sometimes high and sometimes lower.

Among the fatal diseases, tuberculoable occurrences took place, and the sis is said to hold the primacy, being onsible annually for 172.6 deaths for each 100,000 of population, for the average of four years. Next in fatality comes pheumonia, which counts 165.6 faise, and that the persons who wrote victims for each average years among 100,000 Americans. The third most fatal discase in the United States was heart disease, which was responsible for an tween the Old Testament and the annual average of 120.9 deaths per 100,-Fourth in order comes diarrhea and enteritis, which are charged with an annual average of 113.1 deaths per 100,-

this connection. If he can reconcile the claims of Jesus of Nazareth as the The annual average death rate from Messiah, the Redeemer, the veritable old age" is surprisingly low, being Son of the living God, the Light and only 44.1 per 100,000, and it appears that Life of the World, who was in the this number is steadily decreasing. It beginning with the Father and who is a sad reflection on sanitary regulavoluntarily laid down his life to bring tions, or an the intelligence of the about a universal resurrection of the great majority of citizens, that death dead, as told of Him by His most infrom various diseases should be so timate associates, His chosen apostles much more numerous than death from and companions, with the notion that old age. Conditions of life cannot be He was a great "spiritual gentus" only. natural when death in most cases is a declarer of grand truths, an exemunnatural. plar and a guide, and at the same time

LOMBROSO AND THE SPOOKS.

Louthrone, the well known Italian physicist and criminologist, has at last encountered some phenomena that he at exidain. He gives an account of his experiences in a contribution dition more to be deplored than that lation of which appears in Public

Lombroso says that in November, 1900, he was asked to investigate some With all due respect to the gentleerally accepted history, the testimony in Turin. Among the strange happenings were the mysterious overturning

ace is credited with being tenanted We understand that the Daughters or by persons long ago departed. Cathter of these so-called revelations is the Pioneers have been accorded the erine of Aragon is said to walk about perpetrated as a deliberate fraud." We privilege of occupying a room in the in that building and Henry's second said nothing about the subject matter Lion House as their headquarters, and Catherine is also said to have been of the revelations being a fraud. We | the profit of the gathering at the Park | seen there, re-unacting the last scenes referred to the facts in the case, such will be used for carpets and other im- of her unhappy life. The ill-fated provements in their new home. They | Anne Boleyn is said to have been seen deserve encouragement in their efforts, on sundry occasions driving down Should obtaining and holding the metal- for their aim is not self-glorification but | Blickley park avenue in a spook carriage, drawn by headless horses.

The castle of Schoenbrunn is also maind by frauda if they were not the est achievements of modern history, said to be haunted by the famous "white lady" who always appears-so revelations thus obtained we did not agement, is a resort which can be tradition has it-before a death in the of the public. Everything is done to house of Prussia also has its "white sengers of disaster.

These are but a few of the spooks that were so common in the traditions of the people in former centuries. With the dawn of reason and the general distribution of learning, an effort was made to bantsh all such tales to the domain of superstition. The existence of anything supernatural was no more to be thought of. A reaction seems to be setting in. Men of science are no longer averse to plac. ing themselves on tecord as "investigators." The pendulum seems to be swinging back. It behooves those whose guiding star is the truth as revealed from God, to keep that light In view and to go, neither to one extreme nor the other. There is a spiritual world, as there is a material world, and they are intimately connected. There is one divine Ruler over all that exists, and when in accordance with His plans and purposes, the vell that separates the two worlds can certainly be lifted. Communication, when God so ordains, is possible, It has taken place and will take place, These are facts. But the great bulk of spook stories are the creations of a too lively imagination.

Notice any shortening of the days?

It is some satisfaction to know what type the canal will be when it is.

"Government by investigation" is as hateful to the great corporations as "government by injunction" was to the strikers.

More people are interested in the monthly meat bill than in the meat inspection bill.

One thing about the next presidential election is certain-that no party will line up with the trusts.

If King Haskon's head lay uneasy last night, it is probably because the crown is something new to him.

Gold is said to have been discovered in Manchurla. If that is so the open door there will soon be in full swing.

The Juvenile court Caesar is crying unto the Ogden, Provo, Logan and to an Ita'ian scientific journal, a trans- Murray Cassiuses for help lest he per-

C. M. Schwab says that he has no political ambitious. The Nevada trip man who sets himself up against gen- strange occurrences at a certain house must have been a sorrier failure than people thought for



If Mr. Eddy disbelieves in the existence of Moses, or looks upon him as a "nebulous hero," as "more a myth than a man," he morely shifts the ground of the argument as to the truth or falsity of the statements about Moses and the tables of stone. 'The individual who first told the story concerning the celebrated Hebrew lawgiver either fied or told the truth. There is no room in the historical account of this matter for any middle position, either "undivided." indivisible or excusable. Just the same as to the different prophets who figure in Bible annals, who claimed to have held personal converse with God or with angels. Either they told the truth, or they were frauds. And if they said nothing as to these occurrences, then the alleged historians who told the tales attributed to them were "charjatans, knaves and frauds," or they narrated actual facts. If Joseph Smith, the prophet of the nineleenth century did not receive the metallic plates which he claimed to have and from which he translated the Book of Mormon, engaging in the work day by day for a long period, he is to be classed In the same category, and there is no pleae in "logic" or in "common sense" for any other rational view of the mat-

tor. Mr. Eddy speaks of revelation as "Interference of the natural order." How does he know that revelation from God to chosen men is not in the slightest doubt. That He works by "the natural order ?" May it not be just as natural a process as the transmission of intelligence by means of mankind understand to a limited dewireless telegraphy, to say nothing gree, we believe most firmly. The so-a canny sounds. A night watchmap had of ordinary telegraphic and telephonic communication? These to an uninformed miud might be classed as interferences with the natural order. Gravitation, so called, is the natural order in material things on this globe, A person who knew nothing about nerial navigation might as reasonably say that a balloon ascension was an interference with the natural order. So with seeing water run up hill, the force directing it being unseen or not understood. If there is a personal God and divine revelation is predicated on reach of all the sons and daughters of His existence, why would it be unnatural for Delty to reveal Himself or some great truths to humanity? 17 It requires prepared and sensitive instruments to receive a message by means of electricity, and substances or contrivances not so conditioned would not respond to the electric current, why should it he considered an Interference with the natural order If chosen human instruments, fitted for the purpose, receive divine communications while ordinary mortals might not be so impressed and endightened?

The sentleman appears to be not on. Cutler, President John R. Winder, Elunscientific in his alleged scientific aclusions, but also in attempting to Joseph F. Smith. The committee in

of ava-witnesses to recorded facts, the of cups and jugs, which were precipiexperiences of vust numbers of intelligent persons in different lands and ages, we look upon his attempt to thrust out of the universe an actual, living. walls, the ringing of bells, the clash of loving personal Creator and Father of rapiers, cries of anger and groans of the spirits of all mankind, with power and a will to manifest Himself to Hising to and fro, at times. creatures and the right to rule them. In a house at another street similar on the principles of eternal justice and doings were observed, says Lombroso.

Cups and saucers, pans and kettles masquerading in the temporary garb of Christianity. We do not recognize the notion as eldent sets forth as religion at all. It is more "In the cellar filled with full and theory, without proof. It is not selempty bottles, much loss to the proentific, because it is not demonstrable. prietor was caused by the smashi It may please people, who do not desire the flasks by some unseen hand, but with every trace of method and wilfulto be held accountable for their acts ness in the way in which the breakage by any omnipotent power or authoroccurred. On my entrance into the cellar I lighted five candles, thinking ity. But it offers nothing definite or that a supernatural spirit would avoid reliable upon which the soul can stand the light; on the contrary, I saw three empty bottles roll about, as if pushed by a finger, and break close by me. I as a basis of faith, or works, or duty. It is too vague for a guide and too fanmade every possible investigation to discover a hidden trick, but to no avail. ciful to cling to for comfort or satismade every faction. It simply casts doubt upon Several bottles were taken up in the matters that afford solace and support matters that afford solace and support air, as if lifted by the hand, and to millions, and substitutes nothing dashed to the ground. The wife of the but notions and ideas and hypotheses proprietor left about that time for a without proof and therefore without visit to her father's. While she was without proof and therefore without away, the occurrences ceased, only to value. All the same he has a perfect break out again immediately on her right to accept that which appears return to via Bava. The walter of right to him, and we simply claim a the house was then removed and the

right to him, and we simply claim a similar precious privilege. it to be supposed, since no other hypothesis is probable, that he was the me-dium through which the phenomena were rendered possible." Our faith in revelation, ancient and modern, is built upon both reason and experience. We are just as sure that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus flar case which was investigated by Christ exists and is a personal Being. as we are of the existence of men and himself, pelice officers, and a doctor. He concludes; "I state these facts places that we have not seen with our natural eyes, but the evidence of which clearly and absolutely as I witnessed is beyond rational question. We be- them, and confess my total inability to Here in the manifestations and so. explain them." called "miracles" of olden times, not in his investigation of these cases than only because of the testimony on recwas a New Yorker who undertook to

ord concerning them, but from what we know and have witnessed. That God | find out all about some mystle occur. hears and answers prayer, we have not and with and through the natural forces and laws, a very few of which called "supernatural" is to us a real, seen lights in the deserted building. ity, although we regard it as perfectly natural; that is. In consonance with eternal and unchangeable laws,

We have no quarrel with people who do not agree with us on these or othermatters, and would not interfere in the remotest degree with their full liberty of thought or action. If we had the right or the power. We rejaice in the assurance that, either in time or in eternity, light and truth and the knowledge of Ged will be within the the Most High, because they will be ready to receive and obey, and their experiences in darkness and doubt, and mystery and misunderstanding, will uitimately result in union and harmony, obedience to divine law and everlasting

AT CALDER'S PARK.

peace.

of the Pioneers will take place on Mon- if scientists undertake to strengthen day, June 25. An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion. may look for a revival of the entire Among the speakers will be Governor | ghost-lore,

der Orson F. Whitney, and President

And now the Standard Oil company tated to the ground by some unseen is to be prosecuted. Why do the agency. These phenomena were ac- trusts tremble and the magnates imagcompanied by foud knockings on the | ine a vain thing?

Voliva says that Dowie was in conanguish. Lights were also seen pass- stant fear of death, claiming he was pursued by the Masonic order. No doubt this will be news to the order.

The Boston authorities have prohibwere juggled about by some unseen ited betting at baseball games in the power. He relates one noteworthy in. Hub. This will do as much to advertise Boston as any scheme she could get up.

> Mayor McClellan states that "graf(" has done much to discredit the "professor of politics." Who would have man. thought "graft" could do such a thing when politics have done so much for it.

General Stewart L. Woodford, exminister to Spain, says that the great needs of the nation are education, reverence for law and observance of truth. That is very true, and the first without the latter is a failure.

Four of the great packing concerns have been convicted and fined for accepting and conspiring to accept bribes. It is a splendid triumph for justice. There doubtless will be more such cases. "Let no guilty man escape."

Voting machines will be no noveity in New York. The McClellan administration has several that can vote ten times an hour." says the New York American. McCiellan is the man who defeated Hearst, who is said to have controlled a large petition fac-The Italian scientist is less fortunate | tory.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

The Living Church. There is a curlous confusion of thought as to St. Thomas' hesitancy in receiving the fact of the resurrection of our Lord. None of the disciples of our Lord. None of the disciples expected the resurrection. It was a wholly unlooked for event. St. Thom-as refused to believe upon the festiony of eye-witnesses; but when he he did believe with all his heart. And there is not the least reason to suppose that either he or any other of apostles, chosen to be witnesses of that resurrection, ever again doubted the fact or claimed the right to doubt to teach others to doubt it. nduct was in no wise like that of who, having bound themselves

with solemn vows to hold and to teach the resurrection and other facts of our Lord's life on earth, claim the right to hold fast the office and ministry they received on the strength of these vows after they have come to doubt and to teach others to doubt what they took onth to receive and teach. Certainiy men have the right to change their minds on what seems to them sufficlent evidence. But in such case their first duty is to renounce the vows they have made to receive what they reject, and vacate the ministry which they can no longer fulfil.

Boston Herald.

Every evidence that the ministers of religion are becoming aroused to the significance of the prevalent corrup-tion in political and business life is welcome. The real significance of it is that they as teachers of ethics and norals have failed to make an adequate impression on the intelligence and conscience of those to whom they The preach, whether from want of right he discember of those to whom they preach, whether from want of right he library of the been seen walking in the library of the disc. The most shocking and hopeless randow range results and conscience of the story preach, whether from want of right he library of the story was told, that Queen Elizabeth had been seen walking in the library of the randow range results and hopeless range ran

night, followed by a woman's scream. Several persons had heard these un-And it appears that many persons employed in the vicinity had died suddenly, after having tried to solve the mystery of the spooks. One of the watchmen had been slapped in the face by a "ghost" and heard raps, and others had seen pieces of wood hurled through the air. The fellow who investigated these

courrences ceased altogether, leaving

Lombroso relates another almost sim-

rences in a "haunted" house on Lower

Greenwich street. In this building had

been heard mysterious rappings at

uncanny occurrences concluded that the slap in the face mentioned, was administered by a bat. The rappings, he thought, were due to the shaking of the elevated road by trains, at Eattery place station. Lights reflected by trains accounted for the light phonomena, and then a monkey that had bro. ken out from an animal store had also played the role of a hobgoblio. This New York investigator, as will be seen, was more resourceful in explanations

than the Italian scientist. And he was only plain Jim Morris! It is curious how stories of spooks The annual reunion of the Daughters | and ghosts will live in tradition, and the popular bellef in such stories, we