

He deemed the everlasting Lord of All.
Besides he had some notions how to treat
Sinners and fetch them to the mercy seat.
So in a broad-cloth tailored coat, combined
With a white collar buttoned up behind,
He got himself a parish. In his flock
Was a sick Lion, panting on a rock.
(It was an arrow from a huntsman's bow
That laid this miserable Lion low.)
Him on his pastoral rounds the Reverend Ears
One morning thus addressed: "These groans and tears,
How base and craven in the King of Beasts!
You need a moral tonic! Godless feasts
And midnight games and evil Lionesses
Have brought you, brother, to these sad distresses;
Think not that I will comfort or condole—
My cure is drastic, but 'twill save your soul."
Whereat he turned and in the Lion's face
Planted his hoofs with more of speed than grace,
Knocked out the teeth, and blinded both the eyes,
And left him, dying, to the sun and flies.

Moral.

This little fable, children, is a proof
That no profession, purpose, or disguise
Can change the action of an Ass's hoof.

"SAVAGE LIFE AND CUSTOM."

To the Editor of The Open Court:

In the articles on "Savage Life and Custom," by Edward Lawrence, that you have published in *The Open Court*, some views are expressed which show that the author's knowledge of the race problems is very piecemeal. If your magazine represents the monistic trend of thought, of which the late Dr. Paul Carus was such an able exponent, such articles should find no place in your magazine unless the peculiar views of the articles are corrected. It was a peculiarity of the late Dr. Carus that he was inclined toward cosmopolitanism, while as the same time he was inclined to be nationalistic. This was a point where I seemed to find inconsistency in Dr. Carus, but I am convinced that if I could have stated my views to him fully, he would not have differed from me. Although Dr. Carus was an incessant student, versed in all departments of knowledge, yet I think he never studied the race problems fully.

The monistic philosophy of life, of which the late Ernst Haeckel was the chief exponent, would be in favor of eliminating and exterminating the lower races, rather than trying to civilize them and to favor their intermixture and consequent amalgamation with the white race. After an elaborate study of the race problems, it is clear to me that to assimilate the savage races is a score or more times as cruel as to eliminate them, since to intermix with and assimilate the lower races involves centuries of evil social conditions in which life

will not be fit to live for a high type of people endowed with sympathy. The root evil of our present social conditions is race intermixture. A social millennium is not possible unless we have a homogeneous race and one without class distinctions. The correct view of life is also required.

The principal ideals of the monistic philosophy of life are:

1. To work in agreement with the evolutionary creative plan of God and to favor and foster the improvement and increase of the higher grades of people; to favor the development of a race of people of high-grade intellectual, physical, esthetic, and moral qualities;

2. To eliminate the evils from life, and to bring about a state of society in which all people will be tolerably, equally well supplied with material goods.

I believe no higher realizable ideals can be stated.

The white or European race is, without doubt, superior to the non-white races on the following points:

1. Physically;

2. Intellectually;

3. Esthetically, or as regards the form and beauty of body and face;

4. In the value of life. Ernst Haeckel regards the value of the life of the lower savages of man as not much above the higher mammals. I agree with him.

As regards morality, we find numerous individuals of the white race that are low indeed. But if one regards the situation squarely, the white race stands, in general, superior to the others in regard to morality; although I have no objection if a white man wants to regard himself morally not better than the lowest savage. What is an abomination, is the high-browed and self-conceited sense of justice of the white people. The defects in morality of the white people as compared with the lower savages arise mainly from their wrong-headed view of life.

The European people are hybrids or intermixtures and have no race solidarity. The chief fault of the white race of people is that they have no race pride, no race ideals; while at the same time they have excessive national pride. The white man judges people by their citizenship rather than by biological race differences. The white man is a fiend and a traitor to his own race. This arises mainly from his wrong-headed Christian view of life with the obvious falsehood that "all men are created equal." The more I think about Christianity, the more defective it appears to me as an ethical system. I think some one wanted to put a curse on the European people, so he invented Christianity. I have always held the view that the Christian view of life would lead to race intermixture, race deterioration, and bring overpopulation and severe economic conditions, resulting in the most disastrous wars. This has been "proved to a finish" by the world war.

The author of "Savage Life and Custom" does not seem to know enough about biology and the evolution of species to know that the interests of widely different races are in irreconcilable conflict. For instance, the conflict between the Mongolian and the white races is irreconcilable. On the other hand, the interests of such closely related peoples as the Germans, English, and French run together. For them to disagree is hazardous, for them to quarrel is disastrous. War between them is a war of self-extinction. The European race has received a setback of over twenty million in number as a result of the world war. This cuts like an exponential function into the future.

The laws of evolution of life are in constant operation. The white race has been found wanting in morality. The Slavic branch of the white race and the Mongolian race, or perhaps a hybrid of these two types, will dominate the Eastern Hemisphere in the future according to the present outlook; and in America we will develop a race of mixed breeds and mulattoes.

The interests of the American Indians and the European people were in conflict in America and the intermixture of the Indians with white people deteriorates them. I suppose the author of "Savage Life and Custom" would have left, in the name of justice, the United States eternally to be inhabited by less than one million savage Indians.

The European peoples have ascended from a barbarous or savage state and have superseded the other races in progress. The superior race is contaminated by contact and intermixture with the savages rather than the savage by the white man. But if the savage degenerates when he comes in contact with civilization, as the author of "Savage Life and Custom" argues, that only proves the inferiority of the savage. The white people degenerate morally by excessive wealth and luxury; most lower races degenerate by mere contact with civilization, that is true.

Such fundamental facts as the following should be kept in mind. The world cannot support more than twice the present population on an adequate standard of living. The United States cannot support more than 300 million on an adequate standard of living. Germany, for instance, had a population of 67,800,000 in the year 1914. I estimated, before the war, that Germany could not support more than about 45 million on her soil products on an adequate standard of living. This has been corroborated during the war. Germany had a rate of increase of 15 per cent. in excess of emigration before the war. Her economic and industrial expansion was desirable, but the fiends of the white race attempted to thwart her, with the consequent disaster. If the European countries become overpopulated, it is much better if the people expand into other countries and displace the backward peoples instead of killing each other.

The ability of population to increase exceeds all bounds of food supply and, in fact, exceeds standing room on the earth. It was shown by Lamarck, Darwin, and Haeckel that the rapid increase in numbers is an important factor in the evolution of organisms and a necessary factor in the displacement of lower grades of organisms by higher. This applies also to the races of man.

The highest ideal of life is to favor the plan of nature (God)—to favor the development of a race of people of the highest grade, till a certain degree of perfection is attained. The population may then remain stationary in number. Having also attained the correct view of life and complete knowledge of nature a millennium will be possible. The monistic philosophy points out the way.

You may print this letter if you wish. People have such an aversion to truth that they rather choose ruin than to face the bold facts. People seem to be unwilling to learn the lesson of life except by hard experience—by being chastised with diseases, wars, and death. The Creator of life must know what he is doing when he lets such scourges as the world war prevail. It takes such experiences to make people think and to drive a new idea into the recalcitrant human mind.

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