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ONWARD ATHEISM!
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Just what is an Atheist & of what does Atheism consist? These questions tho apparently simple are askt in all sincerity by numerous individuals who find they are unable to answer them from the garbled misinformation the local Witch Drs have disseminated relative to this class. An Atheist is defined in deistic circles as an individual who participates in all sorts of antisocial & destructive affairs; an immoral beast who sanctions incest & waves a red flag yelling "Dey aint no God. Let's boin a choich"; a person who says the Lord's prayer backward; & so on, ad nau-seum...

Strangely, tho, an Atheist is seldom distinguisht in the field of destruc-tion & crime. He is simply an individual like yourself, who finds he is unable to believe in the existence of Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny or a Super-Kingfish who pushes the planets around the sun, pñaces warts on little Joimny because he said "Aw fish-hooks!", or damns blameless little babys to a fiery Hell because their great-great grandfather once propositiond a hotel maid.

The Atheist is one who knows something of his own construction. He realizes that his personality, his intelli-gence & his perceptive powers are mere ephemeral projections of his own purely ma-terial brain. From this knowledge he draws the only logical conclusion: When he dies & his brain is but a handful of dust all the projections of that brain must cease to exist. For these projections can no more generate themselves than can a crusht & deteriorated battery continue to produce electricurrent.

It follows then that the Atheist believes any idea of immortality with its post-mortem hells & heav-ens must be purely fanciful & that where the doctrine of immortality is accepted it is a deceptive credence derived from a groundless faith bolsterd in its infirmitys by wish-projections, fears or ignorance.

In what kind of company does the Atheist travel, intellectually speaking? Well, I think perhaps the following quotations will speak for themselves & in answer to the question:

THOMAS EDISON declared--

"There is no more reason to think any human brain will be immortal than there is to think that one of my phonographic records will be immortal." & again, "I do not be-lieve in the immortality of the soul--" (Golden Bk, interview, '31 Apr.)

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SET MAUGHAM, famous author "Of Human Bondage" & "Rain", in his new philosophical bk, "The Summing Up", to quote: "I cannot penetrate the mystery. I remain an Agnos-tic--" "I cannot see how consciousness can persist--and the only survival that has any value is the complete survival of the individual."

These quotations are merely examples of a myriad atheisticconclusions reacht by men whose intelligence & reason-ing abilitys are above reproach. Such authenticated questions will be a regular feature of this dept.

"When you kneel in front of a priest, keep your hands in your pockets"--Voltaire. To Mr Edgar Hoover, Head "G" Man & racket smasher, we respect-fully suggest that he next give his earnest attention to the greatest racket & blackmail mob of them all. We refer to the many-tentacled church which, holding threats of terrible torture in Hell over its covering victims, drains their pocket-books, enslaves their minds with its insidious narcotic & transforms its victims from men into timid addicts who are unable to exist without their "shot" of God "snow."

From England, which I might mention has organized against superstition in unamer truly praiseworthy, comes this quatrain which apeard in an issue of the Free-thinker:

"Peace upon earth! was said, we sing it, And pay a million priests to bring it. After two thousand years of mass We've got as far as poison gas." Amen..