

Tyre and Ahaz of Judah, of Augustus and Tiberius, Ovid and Livy? The great man, the reformer, the leader of thought is a protest against the circumstance of his age, a "*vox clamantis in deserto*," and every differentiation of being, thinking, acting, that deserves the name, is the outcome of no mere growth, but of spontaneous volition, whether in man good or evil or in spirit Divine or diabolic. That there is a historical development of doctrine and practice, what Lessing called the Education of the Race, is undoubted, but that and evolution are things totally distinct. In regard to the Bible, replace "evolution" by "revelation to human freedom," and the card house of the higher critics totters to the ground. Nevertheless, their searching of the Scriptures and that to which they compel their opponents must be of ultimate benefit, leading to a veneration for the spirit above the letter of the law.

Joseph the Dreamer is a child's book by Robert Bird, an English layman, the author of *Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth*. It contains 387 pages and sells for a dollar and a-half. It is really an amplified account of the lives of Jacob and his sons as well as of Joseph in particular, closely following the Bible narrative, but illustrating it with many apparently accurate items of descriptive topography, history, and archaeology. The style of the writing is simple, yet graphic, and the interest is well sustained throughout. The incidents of Dinah and the temptation of Joseph are told with delicacy. Mr. Bird shows himself a student of Egyptology, and is doubtless correct in making Joseph's Pharaoh one of the race of Shepherd Kings and in recognizing Rameses II. as the first oppressor of Israel. But he errs in calling the Pharaoh of the Exodus Seti Menepthah instead of Rameses III., surnamed Hek-An, the Aken-cheres of the Græco-Egyptian writers. He is also at fault in making the Shepherds a mixture of Arabs and Syrians, when they were really an Ammono-Hittite stock, and in stating that Abraham had been received by one of their line; Abraham's Pharaoh of Zoan was one of the ancient race of Hor known as Sekenen-ras, whom the Shepherds dispossessed and drove