

of the Bible. It is not required. But I will simply present a few facts which I cannot harmonize. All shades of christians assume that the Bible (old and new testament) is inspired and worthy of belief, and should be our guide through life, but what I cannot understand is why part is accepted and part ignored, especially that in reference to sanitation, and this the more when we consider the conditions under which it was promulgated together with the experience of the past thirty-one centuries. Moses was lawgiver and the person in authority over a people who had degenerated from their pristine standard, and it was his duty to elevate them to a high position. He took a race held in bondage—a nation of slaves, and we can assume that from this cause they were ignorant, diseased, immoral, irreligious and effeminate, whose highest ambition was “the flesh pots of Egypt,” and the plan adopted was a model, perfect in its results, and harmony with our present knowledge as far as we can follow it. The plan was clearly outlined and then carried out.

The Israelites were perfectly quarantined in the desert, having no associations with other peoples, and those diseased were placed by themselves outside the camp and were prohibited from communication with the healthy. Every new case of disease was relegated beyond the camp, and as no doubt specific disease was most prevalent, prevention of contamination by associated domicile was necessary. He took forty years to accomplish a journey easily made in forty hours, and this was the secret of his success. Every individual that left Egypt, even himself, died before the entry into the promised land. Hence the new race was composed of individuals sprung from the best of the old stock, brought up under the best sanitary surroundings, trained and educated by himself and made to conform to very strict sanitary regulations still in force. So indelible was the mark thus made on the Israelitish nation, that they stand alone of all the nations of antiquity in energy, virility and potency, though for centuries, and even now, subjected to conditions which would have obliterated any race not complying with their sanitary code. Many there are and were who fell from grace, as the pork eating Jews so called, but they disappear in time, and we need not hesitate to affirm that the race which carries out the Mosaic laws faithfully will continue strong and virile to the end of time. Many of these laws are as inexplicable at present as they have been in the past, but, judging from what has transpired, the future will explain and confirm their accuracy. A long argument took place lately as to the best method of slaughtering