

home on earth, reflecting the image of the eternal home in glory. We are here led to consider the household as a normal organization—the first form of society, the nursery of the Church and State, the foundation of all our relationships in life, a body politic in which we lose our individuality and come to the realization of our inherent relation to others. In this organic capacity the household may be viewed in a two-fold aspect—physical and moral—which are inseparably interwoven; and the complete idea of home as we view it in this connection, centres in the union of both—the former being that living whole or oneness into which all the parts are bound up; and the latter comprising the union of the moral life and the present and future interests of the entire members of the family. It cannot, therefore, be matter of indifference, whether our homes be established upon correct principles, essential to the construction of a *truly happy* Home; or, those modern notions relative to the formation of the household, the consequences of which are so mischievously unfolded in the systems of Socialism, Fourierism, Mormonism, Communism and other baneful natural outgrowths of the sly, insidious infidelity whose poisonous leaven has infected some of the most sacred relations of life; and, which is rapidly permeating the legislative halls of our land, by its prompting to the adoption of those enactments whereby the accursed system of “Free Love” may be tolerated to any extent, thus destroying the constitution of the household. Hence, the great question at issue is, upon what platform should the domestic circle be organized?

The solution of this problem becomes obvious when we consider that the same grand fundamental principles govern alike the moral and the physical economies, viz., LOVE and ORDER. *These, and these alone*, are the principles upon which the household *must* be established, if it is to fulfil the true end of its mission. They are grand governing principles all-powerful in heaven and on earth—each a corner-stone of happiness forming and cementing together the very foundation of prosperity and of peace. The Divine Governor of all things who has all love and harmony in his essential nature, has imbedded these principles as the fastenings of the foundation of home; and other foundation can no man lay, with impunity, than that which has already been laid. It becomes therefore, incumbent upon those who possess a home, to observe how far it is governed by these twin principles; to consider well whether every action of every day life is prompted by love and carried out by order. Man though naturally an affectionate and orderly creature, is by no means patient or enduring. His mind cannot possibly be reconciled to habitual aversion and disorder. Truly has Wisdom recorded: “Better is a dinner of herbs where *love* is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.”

It is an innate principle in every son and daughter of Adam, that he or she shall have a home of their own, and that that home shall be the happiest, pleasantest, brightest and most attractive spot on earth—in fact, that no other place shall be like it. But alas, how many fail to realize their momentary dream of bliss, from the fact that their homes were only built upon the mere shallows of matrimonial convenience, and as a natural consequence, became wrecked upon the reefs of domestic formality and confusion.