

THE BOOK OF LIFE.

AND I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, Rev. ch. 20, 12., and another book was opened which is the *Book of Life*; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works; that is in accordance with the innate or immutable laws set forth in this *Review* or Book of Life as confirmed by the testimony of the two witnesses, that is the books called the Old and New Testament. The testimony of those two witnesses is that true things are living things, and that false ones are dead, therefore true laws and right ways are living laws and living ways, but false laws and ways are dead. Those dead laws and lifeless ways are here judged: the first, or true laws, produce good fruits; the second, or false laws and ways, produces thorns thistles, and briars, whose end is to be burned, the first have the Immutable and Infinite One for their founder, the source and end of the second is the *bottomless pit*. And the judgment upon those who violate those true laws and do not repent thereof is that their portion shall be with dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. While those who obey them shall have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.—Rev. ch. 22, 14-15.

Some of those living laws have been presented in previous numbers of this *Review*, which, with those to follow constitute it the Book of Life St. John saw opened, as it also is the *little book* he saw, (Rev. 10, 2.,) in the hands of a mighty angel or messenger by God endowed with understanding to perceive their importance, and ability to declare them to all nations. It is moreover the *roll of a book*—or book that can be rolled—referred to by Ezekiel, ch. 2, 9-10., as written within and without as this book has been.

Those living laws have hitherto been, as it were, only incidentally presented to establish the soundness of the ideas that have been inculcated in this *Review*, in regard to true principles of government, true principles of finance, true principles of international commerce and in connection with the true relative position of of the Godhead and man's affiliation therewith, but herein those laws will be more clearly and fully presented by contrasting the laws of life and the laws of death.

LIFE AND DEATH.

The educated of this generation are well aware that the current or blood by which they are nourished goes forth from the heart through the arteries to the outermost bounds of every part of their bodies and that the unappropriated portions of the blood are returned by the veins through the re-eliminating laboratory of the lungs to the reservoir of the heart thus replenished from the life elements of the food we eat, and revived by the air we breathe, to again go forth, to return again in continued succession. That well known process is in accordance with, and teaches us the true and immutable law of life, the law whereby all life, whether earthly or spiritual, is maintained, and every intelligent observer can see that law prevailing, in all its diversified forms, throughout all living things, animal and vegetable, whether animate or inanimate, in earth, and sea, and sky.

It is further well known that when the nutritious properties or life elements of the food we eat and the air we breathe are absorbed into our life or existence, that the inert or lifeless refuse is expelled through the nostrils, pores and other outlets of our bodies to be re-eliminated in the air, the great porous lungs and laboratory of primary elements incident to our earth; that when thus revived they are again absorbed in the eternal process of nourishment that is ever going on.

From these facts we, by analogy, ascertain that our earth and all its sister planets are nourished by the rays, or life, that go forth from the sun around which they revolve, and that those rays of life, like the life in the human blood, force off the inert, dead, or lifeless matter to be re-eliminated in the lungs or atmosphere of the sun to again go forth to maintain life and vigor in all its planets.

The same law of life teaches that the great *central luminary*, around which each cluster of stars or suns revolves, in like manner nourishes all the suns of its cluster, just as the sun nourishes the earth and the earth every living thing pertaining to it. And finally, that each of those great *central luminaries* is nourished and sustained by the One Omnipresent, Omniscient, Invisible Almighty, whose goings forth have been from of old [*Micah*, 5, 2.] Therefore in completing the analogy we find that all things are of Him, and