

Have half formed trees, plants animals and incipient monkeys been found? If man were the product of trees, then there should be found trees turned into the trunk of a man and the branches turned into his limbs. They reason that from analogy, and say boys find great delight in climbing trees, and in this they show that they must have sprung from monkeys—and chamois goats therefore must be sprung from rocks and houses, for in their native home of Switzerland, they love to skip from rock to rock and delight in jumping on the roofs of the cabins and cottages. But enough of this nonsense.

The old pagans did not abandon all sense and reason. They acknowledged first principles. They believed in a great Creator of all things—they erred of course in deductions. They believed in worshipping God and offered sacrifice, believed in future rewards and punishments. The reverential qualities of man, universal and deep till violently uprooted by repeated shocks from infidel teaching and depraved human nature, prove that man, from his own reasonable soul made to the image and likeness of God, acknowledges and reverences him.

THE COIN OF GOD,

as St. Augustin calls us, has not entirely lost the impress of its divine mintage. The immortal soul still retains, notwithstanding original sin, the stamp of the image of God, still yearns after its origin as an infant for its mother's breast. Nay, the very attacks on His divinity are a proof of his existence. Men do not attack an empty citadel. The best part of the world, the most virtuous, the most learned, the most enlightened, the most influential, believe in God and in Jesus Christ his Son.

The Atheists of the present day *imitate the rebel angels*; they revolt against God and against every idea of a Supreme Being, and in the pride of their sovereign thought and will, ridicule all who will not believe as they do, and like the damned in hell they curse and blaspheme God. What is this but the revolt of pride in its intensity. We can conceive the truth of the saying that if the devils in hell had the humility to ask pardon of God

they would obtain it—but no; pride will not submit.

Rationalists want to subject all the works of God to the tribunal of their reason. But reason to be rightly exercised should be exercised in its own sphere. Reason is a gift of God conceded to man to guide him, but not to the investigation of things above his capacity, or to judge of the superior intellect of the Supreme Being. It is most consonant to reason for a child to be directed by his parents, a pupil by his teacher, and a younger person by one more experienced.

Again these men disagree amongst themselves about every important point of their own doctrine, its principles and deductions, yet they want the world to accept their words and give implicit confidence to their ravings.

Atheists pretend that they are sustained by science; yes science of their own conception. They formulate false principles, call them science and then on this false ground heap together a mound of

ABSURDITIES AND EXPLODED HYPOTHESES, and all to explain away the existence and Providence of God—whom like the demons they hate. These deluded men must be at a great loss to find out the pedigree of their ancestry when they must find it in matter, then in a host of things, then at last ascending the scale, they fall on the monkey, which by the way might mean, "*manqué*" or a failure. True science has never been found at variance with true faith and religion properly known and appreciated. The hobby with many of the present day is a pretended science, Demetrius, the old author of the belief in materialism has been refuted over and over again by the fathers of the Church.

The question is a grand one: whence do I come? Whither do I go? The christian says we come from God, the self-existent, and most noble Creator of all things, and we go to enjoy His glorious company for eternity. The materialist will say—we came from a monkey and we are going . . . *no where*. Not only the fathers of the Church, but councils, bishops in the pastoral instructions, and learned men of the past ages have refuted these foolish hallucinations of very unwise