

transgression, crime and death, that has resulted to individuals and nations therefrom as the casting of death and hell into a lake of fire, and the history of the torment they have caused as the smoke of their torment that shall ascend up forever and ever, a perpetual warning to the whole human race, not to be deceived by the offspring of Satan again for evermore.

If the violation of *one* true law sooner or later produces a *bottomless pit*, then the violation of any true law will sooner or later develop out to that end, because every true law, originating from the Infinite One, is in its relation infinite in its bearings, and if set aside would, in the course of time, if God permitted, disarrange every true law in that relation; therefore to be guilty of one sin is to be guilty of all. In the days of Job, ch. 22, 5, 6, laws that led to usury, to taking a pledge from a brother for naught, or that stripped the naked of clothing, were called a wickedness so great that the *iniquity was infinite*. Truly, then, the iniquities of this age are infinite, for through the wicked laws that prevail there is hardly an industrious man who is not directly or indirectly thus stripped.

Thus it can be seen how necessary it is, even in a national relation, to understand true laws, for the violation of one inevitably leads to the violation of several others, and eventually to all true laws, just as surely as telling one falsehood requires the telling of several others to hide it, and each of the others a similar proportion to hide them; and so on to infinity, a perfectly "*bottomless pit*." There is one true, innate or immutable system of national government, and any violation of any law of that system will inevitably, sooner or later, bring that whole government into chaos and the *bottomless pit*.

The Almighty, being the God of truth, in establishing a principle of government, could only establish a true one. He has shown to man what that true system is, as explained on other pages of this Review, under the family and patriarchal, and finally the national government of the Israelites, as established in the time of Moses. The same system is also represented to us in the arrangement and government of the material worlds, consequently, any violation of that true system of government develops to chaos and death. Hence the destruction that has sooner or later come upon all the governments of past ages and brought them to the chaos of the *bottomless pit*. The British Government, with all its stability, is gradually and now rapidly following in the wake of the nations that the *bottomless pit* has swallowed up, for while it is apparently growing stronger and spreading

wider, it is feeding the "serpent" which will eventually hold firmly in its coils the whole strength thereof. That serpent is the *sufrage* which is gradually usurping the throne, by giving to the youth, the ignorant, and the covetous, who in all nations are, and in the nature of things always will be, the overwhelming majority, the privilege (not the right, for it is a wrong) of controlling the destinies of the nation.

It was that *serpent* that placed such men as the ignorant and selfish Cobden and Bright, and their coadjutors, in power, whose selfish aims blinded them to the final bearings of their "Free Trade" ideas upon the prosperity and stability of the nation. For Free Trade has rapidly impoverished and gradually expatriated the largest half of the graziers and farmers of that country to foreign lands—to the swallowing up by covetous and mercenary men of all the small farms in a great estates, of whom the prophet Isaiah said, ch. 5, 8, "Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place for their neighbors, that they may be placed *alone in the midst of the earth*." Those who are not thus expatriated are crowded into the rapidly increasing cities, where destitution, pollution and crime, are a fearful portion of the natural fruits of the false ideas those men have cursed their nation with.

The principle of "Free Trade" is as purely infidel as the principle called *free* government, which, in practice, inevitably results in ignoring all government of God and man, and the end thereof, to individuals or nations, is death and the *bottomless pit*. Those principles are the serpents through which political partisans can, by blandishments, chicanery and bribery, influence a majority of the thoughtless, ignorant and selfish masses, to smile upon them, and the nation is thus being led by the *serpent* down the broad pathway that leads to death in the *bottomless pit*.

The death of the Israelitish nation was the result of disobeying the divine commands; the evils resulting therefrom led them to earnestly long for a king, who was given to them in "*wrath*," for it was a violation of an innate law of development, the end of which is always certain death. As every violation of a command of God is a violation of a true law of God, which, developed out, will be found, with every false law, to end in the *bottomless pit*. And whoever violates any true law opens the *bottomless pit* for himself, for he shall be judged according to his works, whether they be good or evil; and whoever is instrumental in leading a nation to violate a true system of government,