

In Genesis xli., 38, Pharaoh, as if he believed in one supreme and only God, says of Joseph: "Shall we find such a man as this, who has the spirit of God in him." It is believed that this was said by King Apepi, the last Pharaoh of the line of the Hyksos or Shepherd Kings of Egypt, about 1,600 B. C. The Hyksos Kings had their capital in lower Egypt, near the Pelusiac mouth of the Nile, and thus not far from the land of Goshen. Apepi tried to turn the Egyptians from all worship except that of one god, called SET. It was, of course, possible for him to have regarded SET as being the same as the one God of Joseph, though under a different name. In quite a recent number of *La Nuova Antologia*, President Breasted, of Chicago, is made to say that he has found that the Christian dogma of the fatherhood of God and of his infinite goodness was taught in Egypt by and under the King Amenophis IV. Now this Pharaoh was one of the last of the eighteenth dynasty, say, roughly, about half way between the Pharaoh of Joseph and the Pharaoh of Moses. It was, of course, known long ago that this Amenophis had tried to give some sort of unique position to his god ATEN or RA, under what is known as the "disc worship." But it was supposed that this was only a form of solar worship. Now, it would appear from the statement imputed to the Chicago savant, that this Pharaoh was really looking at the distant early dawn of inspired and revealed religion, the light of which was, however, not vouchsafed to his generation.

There are many examples in Genesis that seem to shew that the one true God was known to not a few others besides Abraham. At the same time idolatry was not quite unknown even to the favourite wife of Jacob. These questions, however, must be left for the present. Enough has been said to show that for thousands of years men saw some dawning of a one and Supreme God before the light of revealed religion burst forth into brilliant day, and before the world had been prepared for it.

#### A FEW WORDS ON THE LATEST DISCOVERY IN EGYPT.

At the present time there are three great Egyptologists, Schiaparelli, an Italian; Maspero, Curator of the Museum at Cairo; and Naville, head of the Egyptian Exploration Fund. This Fund it was that worked out the route of the Exodus of the Hebrews, and also discovered Pithom, supposed to be one of the store cities built by Joseph when Prime Minister to Apepi, King of Egypt, for the purpose of accumulating supplies of corn. Quite lately the officers of the Egyptian Exploration Fund made an interesting discovery at Thebes, on the Nile.