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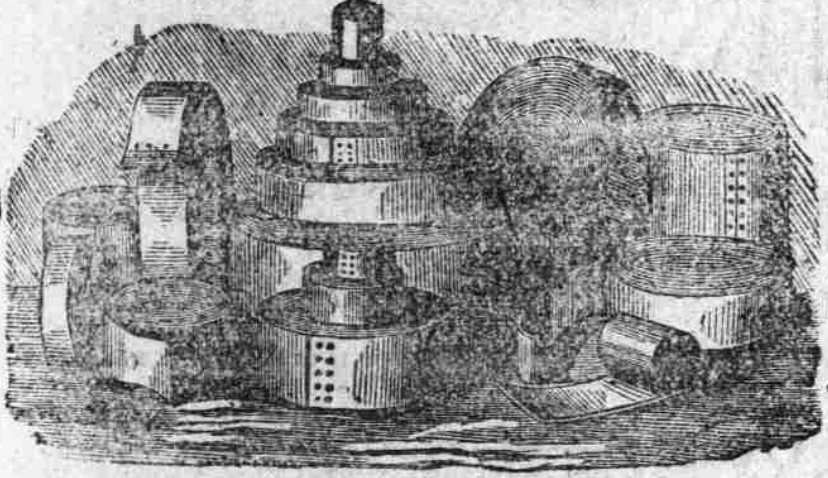
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CATHOLICISM VS. BUDDHISM

An Erroneous Statement by a Letter Writer from Japan Corrected.

To the Editor of THE OBSERVER.

There appeared in a recent issue of the OBSERVER a letter purporting to come from Japan, descriptive of Japanese burial customs, in which the writer, speaking of the ceremonies, says, "the priests, in their gauds and brocades, with rosaries of beads, belts, books and candles went through the ceremony that at every step proved how the Roman Catholic religion is founded on, and its observances taken from, the older Buddhism"—a system of idolatry largely prevailing in Asia. Such remarks coming from some clownish color-printer vending tracts on the streets might be treated with silent contempt, but appearing in a respectable newspaper like the OBSERVER, they deserve notice. In making such an outrageous assertion, the writer fails to inform us who were the Chinamen, or Japanese, that came over from Asia and propagated in all the countries of Europe that Mother Christian Church, asserted by him to be derived from Buddhism which was the religion of all Europe from the first to the sixteenth century. None of the "reformers" of the sixteenth century, such as Luther, Calvin, and others, ever made such a charge against the Catholic Church. Most likely the writer was as ignorant of the faith of the Catholic Church as he is of the history of Buddhism.

BUDDHISM

The followers of Buddhism number five hundred millions. It seems probable that Buddha was a widely-honored Hindoo sage, living about six centuries before Christ. Buddhism teaches the doctrine of a Ruling Spirit and of the Incarnation, though in a corrupted form. Before Christ, the Jews were dispersed through Asia—not only throughout the Assyrian and Babylonian empires, but in caravans traversed the countries of Persia, India, Thibet, and even China. Everywhere the Jews retained their religious traditions, and could thus disseminate throughout Asia the doctrine of a coming Redeemer. After the foundation of Christianity, the apostle St. Thomas preached in India. Agun, Pantenus of Alexandria went to India, A. D. 189, to propagate Christianity there. A Hindoo bishop was present at the Council of Nice, A. D. 325, and put his signature to the acts. Another Hindoo bishop was present at the General Council of Constantinople, A. D. 381. Between the years 714 and 728, the Metropolitan Sees of Samarcand and of China were founded. Christianity had thus an early start in Asia. But it was a contest between Christianity and Buddhism, of which Lamaism forms one of the most powerful branches. It is Lamaism which bears resemblance to the Catholic Church, but like a badly executed counterfeit bill to the genuine note.

LAMAISM.

Cardinal Wiseman has shown that Lamaism was unknown in Thibet before the thirteenth century after Christ. As to the origin of the institutions of Lamaism, the celebrated Father Hue states, that the office of the Grand Lama did not exist in the days of Genghis Khan, who died A. D. 1227. But that it was afterwards formed by Kublai Khan, who held that there were four great prophets, Jesus Christ, Mahomet, Moses and Buddha. Kublai Khan wanted to select what he considered best out of all religions. The famous Venetian brothers, Nicolo and Matteo Polo, visited Kublai Khan in Kambula, the present Peking. Among other things Kublai Khan questioned them about the Pope, the general arrangement of the Catholic Church and the customs of the Latins.

The fact deserves to be especially mentioned that soon or immediately after this interview with the Venetian travellers in A. D. 1261, Kublai Khan raised the Buddhist priest Mati to the dignity of head of the Buddhist faith in his new empire. Such was the origin of the Grand Lamas of Thibet. It is quite likely that the Tartar emperor, who no doubt had frequent communications with Christians, wished to organize the religious system of his empire after the model of the Catholic Church which then predominated over all Western Europe, and had there organized the Christian nations into one great brotherhood in their struggle against the threatening hordes of Islam. No doubt the Tartar emperor could find no more perfect religious organization which might serve him as a model in organizing the religious system of his empire. A hundred years later Buddhism underwent other important changes and then the forms were introduced which present such a striking resemblance to the Catholic liturgy.

Every scholar should know that Paganism before the Christian era was a corruption of the true religion of God, a corruption of the Patriarchal and Jewish religion. For the sacred traditions and sacred writings were not altogether withheld from the Gentile world. One form of religion was the corruption of the other. One came from God, the other from Satan, who is well styled God's monkey, and who tries to counterfeit the works of God to deceive and destroy souls. And because before the Christian era, Paganism had in it some features bearing resemblance to the true religion of God, because it had a priesthood, a system of sacrifices and a ritual of music, flowers and tapers, it would be thence absurd and blasphemous to assert that the Jewish religion, the then true religion, was derived from and founded on Paganism. And from analogous reasoning, because Buddhism may have to the superficial mind some outward forms resembling points in the ritual of the great Catholic Church, it is likewise equally absurd and blasphemous to assert that this ancient Christian Church was founded on and derived from Buddhism.

First, Such a statement is absurdly false. For in the admission of such a statement from a professed Christian, Christianity itself would be but a system of the rankest growth of Paganism. For the articles of belief of the Catholic Church are held in the main by the great Christian denominations of the whole world. A priesthood, a hierarchy, a sacrificial worship, the monastic system, the code of seven Sacraments, the Communion of Saints, prayers for the dead, etc., are articles held in common by the Russian Christian Church, the Greek Orthodox and Heterodox Christian Church, the Armenian and Copt Christians and the Roman Catholic Church of every nation and people of the earth, numbering altogether over three hundred millions; (of which two hundred and twenty millions are Catholics) and forming the great majority of Christendom.

And secondly; Such an assertion is equally blasphemous—for the Catholic Church teaches the mystery of the Trinity, of the Incarnation, the great atonement of Jesus Christ, the doctrine of reward and punishment in the next life according to works in the flesh, the ten commandments, the fundamental Christian article of love and charity to our neighbor, the doctrine of the forgiveness of injuries and of enemies, the necessity, when possible, of the payment of debts, and the restitution of unjust gains, of the indissolubility of the marriage bond. Did the Catholic Church derive such a system of pure religion from the slums of Paganism? No well informed and truthful man can say so.

The principles of Catholic faith are all of them strictly Christian and moral. Amidst its doctrines there is not one which, properly cultivated, is not calculated to heighten piety; amidst its laws, not an injunction, but what is framed to prevent disorder; amidst its points of discipline not a practice, but what is adapted to strengthen the life of grace, and in its ritual the sublimest harmonies of music, the beauties of nature and the tributes of genius are employed to proclaim, honor and adore the mysteries of the Christian religion. And yet we are told that this religion, which the Saints of the calendar have all cultivated and martyrs sealed with their blood—this religion of the far larger portion of Christendom, the religion which has formed in every nation the fairest models of perfection, and the noblest types of Christian charity, that this religion which still counts upon its rolls some of the best and most and most intelligent Christians—is the outgrowth of Buddhism.

Luther himself declared that the Catholic Church possessed the "very kernel of Christianity." Yes, and this precious seed of divine faith her missionaries sowed in all the countries of Europe. Upstart seeds may revile her, but to this ancient Church is due the present Christian civilization of the world. And as to Japan it was that great apostle of hers, St. Francis Xavier, who in the 16th century converted some two hundred thousand of the Japanese. Buddhism there became the great enemy of the Christian and in the dreadful public persecutions that followed, tens of thousand of Japanese Christians sealed with their blood their holy faith. No false religion or outgrowth of Buddhism could stand such a test. And the history of the Catholic Church in Japan has been her history in most every new country. And in this 19th century, after having brought the knowledge of the true and loving God to every people, the absurdities of Paganism are laid to her charge.

And though the world is filled with her charity divine yet she is publicly abused, as her Saviour was, whilst He went about teaching saving truth and doing good to all men. The cross is the legacy which Christ left her. In conclusion the undersigned begs to assert that he has not only a thorough knowledge of the history of the Catholic Church and its doctrines, but that he has also the courage of his convictions to defend them (when publicly assailed, from covert enemies.

MARK S. GROSS, V. G.

St. Peter's Catholic church, Charlotte

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