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Dear Sir,

I send a few more names having sent some months since about all in the vicinity that I could see, of all countries. I put a demand on the street & remarked "We are looking after an interest down South & would like to have your name!" "No! I have all the interest down South that I want." They won't touch the paper. How is the Association "succeeding"? are its friends becoming indifferent? You have said nothing about it for some months, in your writing for the Inter Ocean. Seems to me now is the time to push this plan. The condition of matters in the South must surely command the attention of Northern people soon if they can be informed as to the true state of the case. But just how to get them informed is the trouble. The papers they read say but little about the matter some of them nothing

If there could be compiled a synopsis of your
writings in the Anti-Slavery for the past two
years or more & published in ~~book~~ ^{book} form suitable
for general distribution adding such items as
could be had from other sources it would very
greatly help in the matter. Some of the Northern
papers have taken notice of that horrible & degrading
& degrading tragedy of birching Whittle at Davis
Texas & this is encouraging.

The time & labor & money you have been & are
expending in trying to wake up the nation to a
just sense of the horrible business that is going
on & the condition of things in the South is
in the highest degree commendable. I don't see
how you can afford it, but I suppose you can.
I hope you may be able & would to continue in
the good work.

I am still in writing
with quite a number of colored ministers there &
have made some effort to draw them out on the
social & business & political condition of things
but have not made but little progress there for
I am having G. G. literature furnished them by
our (B. O. G., C. C. & ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~well~~ in this line.

I have the letter file in on you my mail
& you no doubt much paper short too long ones, but

permit me Judge to impress on you further
by calling your attention to your remarks on the
"inerrancy of the original Scriptures", as found
in your Jan. 27" & by way of dipping pen you.
On reading you I concluded at once that the
Judge had got out of his sphere & that his mis-
tery will do harm by creating doubt in the minds
of some perhaps many of his readers & especially the
sincere people who may read him, who have full
confidence in him & his testimony, as to the truth
of the Bible or as to whether we really have any
revelation from God at all on which we can
place any reliance or true.

I only purpose touching on a few points briefly.
You say "the real question is not whether the
original Scripture writings were wholly without
error or not" By your own Judge but this is the real
question, has been all along & will be, but those
who believe in & contend for the infirmities do,
not in church all others they say a man may feel
the contrary & yet have "true Christian faith".
They say that God so moved the men who wrote
the original Scriptures that they put in writing
the precise thoughts that He designed they should.

If He did not so entitle them, but permitted them to use language that did not give the thoughts & facts that He designed they should, then we have no revelation of His will in regard to him, but are at sea without compass or ruler. (I use my own language in this statement)

Some Church creeds require a belief in the inerrancy of the Original Scriptures, others do not. Thus we can be suited all admit that a man may be a good Christian without believing in ^{them} inerrancy all admit that there are ^{no material errors} errors in the Scriptures, or we now have them, but that God failed in giving to man what He designed to say all do not admit -

Gen says "the terrible question" Who knows the nature of God? Who shall define his attributes? If we take the Book as we have it - there is no trouble in answering these terrible questions. But if He has failed to tell us what he is in the Book then ~~we~~ no man can give a satisfactory answer. But we have God is a Spirit, God is love, God is just - God is good, God is merciful. God is almighty God is everywhere, God is always God is always by &c &c certainly enough to give man a very full definition of what he is & of his attributes.

With these statements before him
I can't see that any man need
"evolve a deity of which ~~the~~ a
devil might be ashamed" but
I can see how he may easily
evolve a deity ^{of} which a devil
would "par & tumble"

Your allusion to Darwin & his
teachings is well calculated
to create doubts as to the record
of the Creator as we find it
in Genesis being true though
this may not be the design which
I cannot think it is.

Of course I do not expect
a reply to this epistle in
view of your work on hand & if
indeed you have time & patience
to read it.

The Republican party is
down & my surprise
will be it puts to the point
more important issues than tariff
& money. The interests of the
the labor of the North as they
attend by the cheap labor of
the Negro in the South &
which will reach him in a
short time & be a reality if
properly gotten before the war
commences labor here ought
& will demand attention.
They will see that the Negro
must learn & be secured in
his rights to his just earnings
as their own wages must be
down. Capital is doing its part
& will employ the cheapest
labor it can get. This & taking
in the attention that will
such cheap labor should be

arranged the attention
of these men & all temporals
a party placing itself in
agony on these facts & look-
ing in the whiskey sense
ought to pierce. But will it
As you have after plainly
intimated the Nation must
do the right by the Negro
as soon as there is a just
God & that he refuses in the
affairs of men a tumble
some awaits us & it may
come soon much sooner
than we think

Very Truly Yours
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