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THE GOLDEN CALF.

The position of the emigrant nation at Sinai was without a parallel in history, and trying in the last degree. The region was utterly unequal by any natural means to the sustenance of the vast population so suddenly planted upon it. There were war-like tribes, the shock of whose impetuous valor Israel had already felt at Rephidim, and whose scouts were doubtless still alertly watching their movements from many an inaccessible aerie. It was not impossible that the empire whose invincible might they had eluded, might yet equip an expedition for their recapture or extermination; for a scant hundred and eighty miles intervened between them and Rameses, their starting point.

To be sure, God had undertaken to be their commissariat, and sent them rations from the skies. He had Moses go in advance to strike the rock in Horeb, and supply them water in abundance. He had brought them out of Egypt with a high hand and an out stretched arm. He had hung his lantern in the sky to guide their steps; had sweetened waters, given them dainty food to eat, and defeated their enemies, and at this very moment the mountain-top burned and blazed with his ineffable presence.

But the people's heart was still gross. Their religious perceptions were indistinct. As a mass they had vague notions of the power that had brought them out of Egypt. They had not attained to the idea of the omnipresence of God. They probably looked upon him as a tutelary deity, beyond whose jurisdiction it was possible for them to stray. They were very far short of the idea of the spirituality of God. They coveted a visible palladium. They were jealous of Moses, and showed their spleen in the contemptuous language they used concerning him.

It was a crucial hour in Israel's history. God was proving his people. The test was severe, but [illegible] out of proportion to their ability to endure it. The days of Moses' absence continued, and of the intermission of divine communications. Would faith prevail? Would they be true to the pledge which they had voluntarily taken when they said: "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do."

Alas! there was a sudden epidemic of fear and unbelief, and there was no towering personality to withstand it. The black idolatry of Egypt eclipsed for them the heavenly light of Sinai How instantaneous and great was their darkness! This was Israel's great lapse, which made others possible and easy.

With the ineffable voice still ringing in their ears—"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image"—they still required Aaron to make one. If the high priest could show such pusillanimity as he did, ought we to wonder at the immaturity and perversity of the rank and file.

Charity seems to have suggested that Aaron's compliance was in reality only feigned to gain time in hopes of Moses' return, or that he was deftly playing one sinful propensity against another in hopes of checkmating idolatry with cupidity. At best Aaron cuts a poor figure. He might do for an easygoing benefice, but had no hero or martyr stuff in him.

This was the occasion on which the Israelites in their heart turned back to Egypt as Stephen affirmed. That glittering image carried in the van would be a substitute for the fire-cloud pillar; and Egypt's famed Apis would be an ægis under which they might shelter themselves from the wrath of their former taskmasters.

While the carnival of idolatry, lust and drunkenness, was at its height, the towering form of Moses appeared upon the cliff like a Nemesis. Well might they fear the wrath of that meek man. All unconscious, prehaps, of the symbolic character of his action, he held the tablets of the law aloft, then dashed them on the rocks below; thus giving for all time the strongest possible emphasis to the phrase "the broken law." He broke *both* tables, for a law on each was broken—one against image-making, the other against adultery. Even if this had not been the case, the breaking of one precept is the breaking of the whole law, for it is one law.

Next he attacked the image so costly and venerated. Not one of that idolatrous, lecherous, drunken mob dared utter a word of remonstrance, much less lift a hand in opposition. Moses may have taken the granite fragments of the broken tables to pulverize the idol.

The next step is one of retribution. Decimation is the universal penalty of munity. Acting on that common law, Moses sends the Levites with drawn swords like an avenging eve one through [illegible] of the rest to the exceeding turpitude of their sin.

Having done what mortal hands could do to reform the great evil, the mediator of the old covenant hastens up the granite staircase of Sinai, into Jehovah's presence, and there with a patriotic emotion that struggles to express itself in a broken and elliptical sentence, intercedes in Israel's behalf with an abandon and self-oblivion only equaled by Paul when he wished himself accursed for his brethren's sake.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.

Hegel affirms that the circumstances under which the law was given on Mount Sinai amounted to an "absolute enslavement of the human individuality by the majesty of the divine personality." The circumstances were confessedly dread and solemn, and appropriately so, but not to the extent of enslavement. That event was of the nature of a covenant—which implies the free consent of both parties. The people of their own accord said, "All that the Lord hath spoken, we will do."

That the people were not metamorphosed into religious automatons is evident from their shameful lapse. They were perfectly free to recede from the covenant which had been ratified in the thunders of the mount. They actually did so. O, the fateful element of selfhood which inheres in nations and individuals, and determines their destiny! It is a dread gift, exalting the recipient to highest heaven, but making his fall to lowest hell possible.

The grievous consequences of sin, its persistent and almost ineradicable nature, have a startling illustration in this circumstance. It turned into a Hebrew proverb, "No affliction happens to Israel in which there is not some particle of the dust of the golden calf."

The gold cure, after all, is not so modern as we supposed. Moses used it 3,000 years ago when he made Israel swallow his own god. As Kiel says, he "poured it into their bowels."

The utter futility as well as shameful sinfulness of adopting measures of expediency when moral principals are at stake, is here exemplified. The result should be the strongest possible deterrent. The desperately "poor out" Aaron made at it, is a fair sample of what comes of using finesse in matters of morals. Right is right. Wrong is wrong. There is no shading off, no neutral tint between the two. The cry is still, "Who is on the Lord's side?"

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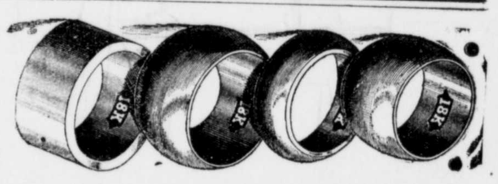

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