

Now, readers who have not spent much time with the study of the various philosophies may think that I am a "materialist." But to say that all existence is "stuff" does not say that it is "material," because speculation has invented several hypothetical "stuffs," such as spiritus, matter, ether, etc.

It is not the intention of this article to philosophize on the essence of the world-stuff, but to insist on it that the ghosts consist of stuff in a certain condition, and are, therefore, substantial (not "material") bodies. The open-minded spiritist who knows of the opposition of all the old philosophies to spiritism must be sceptical to all of them and question the existence of matter, spirit, ether, mind-stuff, etc. He naturally must expect and welcome a new revolution of philosophy, and the birth of a philosophy which does not deny but explain his facts.

Proudly we say that we live in a higher civilization (see the war) of an enlightened "modern age"; yet in regard to the great questions of life and death and of our own future fate, some of us, a minority, are just beginning to creep out of "the dark ages". In that respect "modern times" started with the first "spirit-rappings" at Hydesville about seventy years ago. Since then we have found that the ghosts are entirely different beings from what the supernaturalists and mentalists had taught us they were.

We have learned that the "spirits" are natural beings; from closer study we have learned that they are substantial beings; now in order to explore them further, we must study the question of the ghost-substance. In order to do that, we must investigate the old stuff-theories and see why they and the philosophies based thereon are in conflict with our facts. We must go back to the beginning of philosophy and its first concepts which were derived from experiences in sexualism. Is the world a mother (materialism) or a father (paternalism or spiritualism), or a pair of world-parents, mother and father, (dualism) or is it a hermophrodite, mother-father (galomalism)?

When we know the essence and nature of the creating elements, we will be able to conclude on the final nature and condition of his-her creation which is the happy world of ghosts.

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By FRATER PERDURABO.

Only one science is nescience. Occultism. Why? Never studied properly. What students; Cranks, degenerates, old maids! What methods! Gossip. Lectures—to geese by asses.

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