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WHY I AM AN ATHEIST

by Madalyn Murray O'Hair



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This is probably one of the most succinct descriptions in print of what an Atheist is. It is especially good for the freshly curious who are just beginning to discover that Atheists exist and want to know just what Atheists think.

Included in its pages is a short, broad yet precise text on the history of Materialism from the days of the ancient Greeks down to the modern day. All of the great minds in that history — Demokritos, Epicurus, Lucretius, Bruno,

d'Holbach, Buechner, Lange — are introduced here.

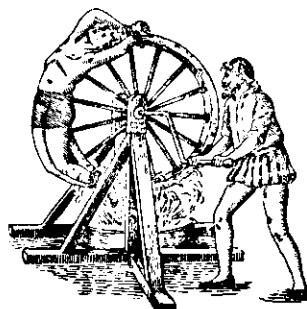
In addition, Dr. O'Hair presents all of the basic "arguments" for the existence of a god and summarily dismisses them with good concise logic and analysis. In the end, the answer to the question, "Why are you an Atheist?" leaves one fundamental question, "Why, indeed, should any sane person not be an Atheist?" With respect to religion, Atheism is the only valid weltanschauung, and this booklet makes that clear and understandable.

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THUMBSCREW AND RACK

by George E. MacDonald



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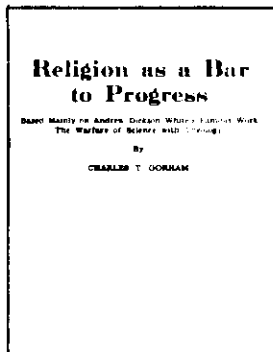
A rare original booklet describing how your ancestors were made into believers by the use of extraordinary instruments of torture. Written by a man who saw the original devices (not facsimiles or duplicates) used by the church to ensure a following. Among the devices pictured and described are the Spanish Collar, the Thumb-screw, the Knobby Crown, the Rack, the Leg Crusher, the Stocks, Damien's Iron Bed, the Hot Mitten, the Iron Boot, the Iron Virgin and many more. The fears these instruments inspired far outdid any modern day horror movie.

An original, not a reprint.



RELIGION AS A BAR TO PROGRESS

by Charles T. Gorham



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When someone says, "So what if people believe; what's the harm," you'll be glad you read Mr. Gorham's booklet, which is based on the book, *History of the Warfare between Science and Theology*, by Andrew Dickson White, former President of Cornell University.

(The following author's prefatory note says it succinctly): "Believers in christianity are challenged to prove that their religion has on the whole been of service to mankind. I set forth facts that

will demonstrate to an unprejudiced mind that in the aggregate the influence of religion generally, and of the christian faith in particular, has been of a harmful character."

Mr. Gorham shows how progress in astronomy, biology, geology, medicine, language, economics, etc. have been retarded by what some call a "harmless" belief. He also tells how millions have suffered by religious beliefs in witchcraft and demonology.

The Ultimate in Brainwashing Torture Technique!

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A CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

by Woolsey Teller
Marshall J. Gauvin
Herbert Cutner



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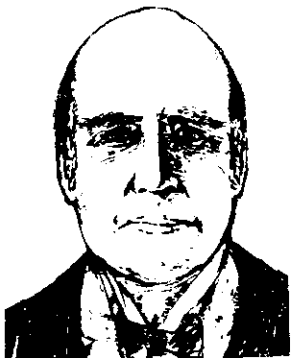
Here is one of the few documentaries on the most criminal of christian doctrines. In this booklet you can read the words of christian "love" from such characters as Jonathan Edwards, Billy Graham, numerous catholics, and from the bible itself.

Contrasted with this are the thoughtful and civilized words of Woolsey Teller, Marshall Gauvin, Herbert Cutner, Robert Ingersoll, Baron d'Holbach, and Luther Burbank.

Churches should be so ashamed of what they have taught that they should voluntarily turn over their wealth to Atheists. This book makes that clear.

WHAT GREAT INFIDELS HAVE DONE TO ADVANCE CIVILIZATION

by Robert Ingersoll



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Ingersoll in these words:

"Infidels are intellectual discoverers. They sail the unknown seas and find new isles and continents in the infinite realms of thought. An infidel is one who has found a new fact, who has an idea of his own, and who in the mental sky has seen another star. He is an intellectual capitalist, and for that reason excites the envy and hatred of the theological pauper."

The term, infidel, was used by the church to describe and denounce anyone who did not conform to the dictates of orthodox christianity. In this booklet, Robert Ingersoll compares the lives of several "infidels" (Julian, Giordano Bruno, Voltaire, Diderot, David Hume, Spinoza, and Thomas Paine) with the fruits of the church (fear and proscription of investigation). In the comparison it is clear that the church is far worse than those it has calumniated. The reason is summed up by

THE HISTORY OF TORTURE

by Joseph McCabe



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countries which appear most frequently today on Amnesty International's list of violators of human rights are usually countries well imbued with the religious, particularly catholic, tradition.

Despite the prevalence and horribleness of the vice of torture, few studies have been published which attempt to comprehensively analyze it. This booklet is a good effort by one man to fill that gap in our knowledge and awareness of this problem.

Originally published in 1949 by E. Haldeman-Julius, this booklet has been reprinted by American Atheist Press as part of its program to keep Atheist literature from disappearing from the face of the earth.

Although it is not limited in its scope to a study of specific torture practices of the catholic church, this booklet makes it evident that that institution has had more than its share of involvement in torture throughout world history. It is no accident that the

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG AND HIS WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

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This is documented dirt from a writer who has a real grudge which comes out clearly in his attack on Armstrong. The booklet as issued in its Second Revised Edition is dated since it stops in the mid-1960s. However, this is supplemented by Madalyn Murray O'Hair who brings the record up to the 1980s.

The following passage is an example of what John Bowden has discovered about Mr. Armstrong:

"Realizing that many of his devotees will have money set aside to ease their declining years, this man (Mr. Armstrong) has set out to gain possession of these savings; and he has largely succeeded. . . . He demands even 'widow's tithes.' His rapacity is limitless."

AMERICAN ATHEIST HERITAGE

by Joseph Lewis



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Lincoln, the Freethinker, in 1924; Jefferson, the Freethinker, in 1925; Franklin, the Freethinker, in 1927; and Burbank, the Infidel, in 1930.

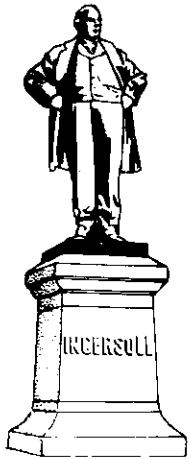
Yes, those titles refer to Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Luther Burbank. Joseph Lewis's memorials have been collected into this single volume of *American Atheist Heritage*. It is must reading for the many Americans who have been abused with the pretense that you can't be respectable unless you are one of the religious herd.

Joseph Lewis was the most prominent American Atheist in the middle of the twentieth century. He promoted the positive aspects of Atheism while he attacked the sickness of the church. Flamboyant, charismatic, he provoked much response. A part of this was an invitation to give speeches at some of the leading churches in New York. Characteristically, he accepted the invitation to enter the lion's den. Four of these church presentations he later issued in booklet form:



ATHEIST TRUTH VS. RELIGION'S GHOSTS

by Robert G. Ingersoll



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This publication from the American Atheist press contains the classic lectures "The Truth" and "Ghosts."

"The Truth" is a paean to truth. But it is not the quasi-mystical truth of poets and metaphysicians. A complete Atheist, the truth for Ingersoll is only "the absolute facts" and these facts are found "by investigation, experiment and reason." His wholly convincing argument is that only by an atheistic loyalty to truth can we hope to really progress as a civilization,

and that religion corrupts the ability to perceive and use the truth by giving mental habits incompatible with investigation, experiment and reason.

In "Ghosts," Ingersoll's contemptuous term for all gods, he shows by hard historical facts how the corrupt mental habits induced by religionism have grievously harmed civilization and hindered progress. He argues that only by freeing human minds from the haunting of ghosts can we hope to become truly civilized.

INGERSOLL THE MAGNIFICENT

by Madalyn Murray O'Hair

The American Atheist
Radio Series of

Ingersoll The Magnificent

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It is very difficult to tell from reading most U.S. history books that Robert Ingersoll ever existed. Yet, he not only existed, he was one of the most well-known personalities of the nineteenth century. At one time he was strongly urged to become governor of Illinois, but he refused when one of the conditions spelled out was to be silent on matters of religion.

The sesquicentennial of his birthday, 1983, is a good time to remember this inspiring orator whose admirers included Mark

Twain, Thomas Edison, and others.

This book is a collection of eight radio programs by Dr. O'Hair on Robert Ingersoll. Six of them review what he said about the *bible*; one of them is a review of what he said about superstition — especially the religious kind; and one is on what Joseph Lewis had to say about him.

As Walt Whitman said, "America doesn't know today how proud she ought to be of her Ingersoll." That is as true today as it was 100 years ago. This book makes that clear.



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