

*The Aryan Sun-myths the Origin of Religions*, with an Introduction by  
CHARLES MORRIS. Troy, N.Y.: Nims and Knight.

Owing to its irreverent tone, we cannot commend this work. A work giving context with text, and making its references clear and distinct, and tracing, with accuracy and without a bias to establish preconceived theories, the use of Christian symbols and phrases before the first Advent

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of CHRIST, would be of great service. This is not such a work. Its appearance of learning and shallow reasoning will startle the ignorant, entrap the unwary, and destroy without building. The destructive and speculative tendencies are, however, so apparent that the most casual reader, we hope, cannot fail to notice them, and thus be on his guard against the deductions the writer would have him draw from his work. The logical deduction from this anonymous volume is, that not only the crucifixion is a myth, but so is the person of JESUS CHRIST. Those who are not prepared to go to such lengths of mythical reasoning need not be disturbed therefore at the deductions on lesser matters contained in this volume.

*The Children's Faith: Instructions to Children on the Apostles' Creed.* By EDWARD OSBORNE, Mission Priest of the Society of S. John the Evangelist. With Illustrations. London: Rivington's. New York: E. and J. B. Young and Co.

The title explains the contents of this little volume clearly enough. It only remains to say that the instructions are clear, definite, and sound. The spiritual death of Adam and Eve is well brought out in a few words,—words that bear repeating, since so few grown-up people seem to realize what Adam and Eve lost by their disobedience. How often do we hear the faulty answer "Paradise," instead of the "Presence of GOD THE HOLY GHOST"!

They did eat it, and then they *died*.

When I say they died, I do not mean that their bodies died, and they became cold and still, as we see people die now. Their bodies lived many years after, but their souls died. GOD had breathed into them His own Life to be the life of their souls; and when they sinned against Him they lost this Life of GOD, and so their souls died. How dreadful to be living in the world with dead souls! They were no longer good, for they had lost the Life and goodness of GOD.

We are inclined to think that some of the instructions are rather long, and would benefit by being halved, as is the instruction on the HOLY GHOST, which is divided into the HOLY GHOST *the Lord*, and the HOLY GHOST *the Life-Giver*.

Some of the illustrations are good. Sacred illustrations are so exceedingly difficult that we often think that reverence is better served by their omission. But while some are good, some are distressing, especially CHRIST Bearing His Cross, The Entombment, The Bestowal of the Keys on S. Peter, and The Ascension.

This volume will be useful not only to present to intelligent children, but also to priests who give addresses to children. We cordially commend it.