

sort of spiritual affinity rather than by some fleshly desire as we find so frequently in our own country. We still try as usual to force Christianity down their throats but am wondering if possibly we as Christians would not have a wash day for our own religion and morals. The next stage is when the husband and the wife, having completed their duties as householders retire to lead a life of contemplation leaving their children to run the farm so to speak. This seems to be in contradiction to the family ties that are perpetuated in one household for several generations. At least I have observed a range from new born infant to the last stages of old age and in the same home. The final stage as I have said is one of complete renouncement of desire and possessions. In this state they are searching for the vision of Reality which is apparently beyond the limits of our present day. This old practice of renunciation and homeless wandering has led to many abuses as evidenced by the many imposters who are really and without a religious backing sponging of the charity of the true fakirs. My greatest pleasure is to figure out in my own mind those individuals who are the true followers as contrasted to those of the pseudo-followers. Their wonderful spiritual powers which include such acts as suspended animation of body function etc does not as yet appeal to my scientific judgement but they are so darned mysterious as to cause me to hold my ideas in reserve for the present at least. One just cannot say that it is hokuspokus because many of them practice their spiritual life, not for the benefit of an audience but only within their own selected groups. As illogical as this practice of fakirism is I find that still a great deal of respect is paid them not too much by our own people but by the lower class of people of their own race.