
CRIME REGIONS

In the physical world there are regions where malarial poisons prevail. They fill the air, and while not visible they are ever present. In time, the inhabitants unconsciously get these poisons into their systems. Their vitality is destroyed, and they suffer from various forms of disease. In one person the disease takes one form, in another it may take a different form; while in some cases the direct connection between the disease and the poisons of the locality cannot be traced, yet the connection exists, and suffering and slow disintegration is the natural result.

So there are crime regions where the moral atmosphere is charged with the poisons of vice, greed, hatred, and dissipation. By degrees the people who frequent these regions and breathe this atmosphere get these poisons into their mental and moral systems; their character or moral force is thus undermined,

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and sooner or later they become not simply witnesses of crime, but have guilt on their own hands; and whether or not they escape the penitentiary and gallows, the usefulness of their lives is destroyed. They reap the fruit of the crime regions. Their morals disintegrate, and misery and annihilation follow.