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Street paper

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Questions to Swatsha.

What do Natives find most objectionable to being under British rule, white man's rule?

Where do they find their life protected where it was not formerly protected and uncovered where once covered?

If a child is uncovered too soon, too soon exposed, it dies. Are there not directions in which Natives are too quickly exposed by European law? What are those uncovering laws?

There is the system of witchcraft, divination. That was very extensively applied to Native affairs. Such practices (e.g. smelling out) have been legislated against. What is the effect of such action, and how are Natives adjusting themselves to the new conditions so brought about?

What is real Native opinion in regard to Christianity?

We are different races. We talk about the Natives. We suspect that they would fight us if they got the chance, massacre as they did Retief & his party & tried to do at Durban. We say you smell, belong to a lower type of humanity, that you are lower than the Indians, hence we resent mixing our blood with yours through intermarriage. Even Europeans who cohabit are looked down on. How do Natives look on our imagined higher raciality? Do they believe us to be as great as we suppose ourselves to be? What radical defects do they see in us?

Do they see any prospect of ever joining hands with us, of our accepting them into our nationality, if so what are the most hopeful directions in which this ~~can~~ is likely to be done?

Does it seem as if the Natives must forever be a servile race subordinate to the whites?

How would it be if Natives were permitted to establish themselves in large states in S. A. under the advice of British rule?