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FROM THE PEN OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED (KORESH).

The Science of the Solar Vortex and Evolution of Light.

WRITTEN FOR THE DENVER EVENING POST.

THE government of the United States was instituted and is perpetuated by a people who pride themselves upon possessing the spirit of liberty and justice, a justice in which is included the right of the individual to a fair trial before an unbiased court, at whose bar no verdict is rendered until the defense as well as the complaint has had its hearing. In view of this fact, and the further one that the press is considered the guardian of human liberty and the avenger of injustice, we again presume the audacity of trespassing upon your columns.

The Rev. Dr. Utter has taken up the cudgel for a Mrs. Wright, a disgruntled and eliminated member of the Koreshan Home, an aggregation of many scholarly men and women, a number of whom are graduates of various colleges of the United States. It is possible that the philanthropic gentleman prefers a discussion through the press, where thousands may contrast the scientific utterances of his opponent with the puerile attacks of a prejudiced persecutor under the disguise of an ordained shepherd, to an open discussion in a public hall where at best but few might receive a less-enduring impression.

The Rev. Utter, despite his assertion to the contrary, has thrown down the gauntlet. He has made an unwarrantable attack upon an institution of which he knows absolutely nothing, and we will meet that attack providing there is wind enough in the sails of the Denver Post to transport our guns. He will continue to roar through your columns, or we will silence his small ordnance with our greater calibre.

The Rev. Mr. Utter set a lamp in the middle of a room and placed a book behind it. Lo, and behold, there

was light enough in the room to read by, even behind the book, and the rational inclination of the aesthetic lady was overwhelmed and delighted with the discovery. Her aspirations for scientific knowledge were supplied from the superabundant pabulum of the profound reasoner, the higher critic, and the gauzy delusions of "Teed's" followers were dissipated into the thinnest kind of ether. Your readers, Mr. Editor, have been regaled from time to time with fragmentary and prejudicial reports of Koresch and his "pretensions;" will you permit them to contrast our claims, clothed with the authority of the Koreschan stamp?

The world (the universe) is a concave shell,—not empty, however, in contrast with the brains of some of our defamers,—within which are included a number of atmospheres, holding at the center a stellar nucleus. There are three distinct atmospheres, besides the solar sphere immediately surrounding the electro-magnetic center above noticed. This shell is a complex environment composed of seven outer metallic laminae or plates, the outermost of which is a solid gold structure. Superimposed above the metallic plates are five mineral strata, and above these are the geologic strata and the earth-and-water-surface of the earth. Immediately above our atmosphere of oxygen and nitrogen is an atmosphere of hydrogen, and above that, one of boron.

The astral nucleus, the star center of this system, is purely electro-magnetic. It has a light and a dark side, the light side of which could make no impression of light upon any natural eye, because it is not natural light. It does, however, pass through strata of atmosphere and energy, focalizing upon the point of contiguity of

our atmosphere and the sea of hydrogen beyond, producing a natural combustion of these gases. A vortex is thus produced, into which rushes the so called luminous ether of the pseudo-scientists, the free energy resulting from the electro-magnetic correlation of the astral center with the mineral strata of the cosmic whole. The combination of these gases with the energy ("ether," substance) thus described, creates and perpetually feeds the projected sun, whence we derive our natural light. While this projected sun, moving upon the plane of union of our atmosphere with the hydrogen above us, radiates its energies into the space above as well as into and through our atmosphere, it only lights our atmosphere with a vibration suited to the visual possibilities of the natural eye. Were it possible for the natural organs of vision to occupy the sphere of that more subtle radiation, the eye there would be utterly blind, and the person in total darkness because of the want of adaptation of the intense vibration to the gross construction of our optical organs.

The oscillation of our atmosphere is of such a character, that no light is created of sufficient grossness to suspect the eye until within the sphere of the nitrogen which only occupies the lowermost portion of the common air. This fact is demonstrated by experiments made at various altitudes, wherein it has been ascertained that the solar spectra diminish in proportion to the altitude tested. We place this statement of fact in contrast with the hypnotic splendor of the higher critic's

luminous experiment with the lamp in the middle of a room, with the book behind it, giving light to all within the room.

While we are not fascinated with the brilliancy of the reverend gentleman's experiment, we are willing to confess it is on a par with the experiments of pseudo-scientists for the demonstration of their claims, all of which can be met with equal facility and ease. Allow us also to contrast these positive assertions with some of the statements of so called modern "science." Professor Newcomb, one of the first astronomers of the world, says he does not know the source of the sun's supply, nor the character of its energies. He does not know whether the energies radiating into space continue to radiate or return to the sun. This is not science, but poor guessing. Lord Kelvin, one of the foremost and noted scientists of the age, utterly repudiates the Newtonian theory of gravity, and says it never has been proven, and that he does not know the law by which the motions of the universe are governed. He favors the vortical theory, but he admits his conclusions to be hypothetical. "I accept neither theory; I accept no theory of gravitation. Present science has no right to attempt to explain gravitation. We know nothing about it; we simply know nothing about it." This is not science. Science is knowledge. Guesswork is not knowledge. The "scientific" theories are changing every day, and without improvement.

CYRUS R. TEDD,

Founder of the Koresban Unity here to remain and rapidly to develop.

Sword Thrusts.

COMMUNISM will become a national and an international element of economy. The millions of wealth accumulated through the corporate piracy of the greedy, as the products of human industry are preyed upon and the laborer is robbed of his hire, will, under the judgment and justice of the wise and merciful Dispenser, find an equitable distribution, not through a riotous revolution, but in the descent of the New Jerusalem, the spiritual power of the Almighty God operating as did the Holy Spirit, when in the inauguration of the Lord's church, thousands were induced to repent and bring their riches into the household of faith.

The modern church teaches, in the face of the mortal condition of men, that the Christian has immortal life. This would be true so far as the *Christian* is concerned, but *there are no Christians*. Man is mortal—spirit, soul, and body. Any doctrine contrary to this is in opposition to the Spirit of Truth. For the church to teach that man is immortal while yet in his sins, is a stultification of purpose and possibility. If a man thinks he is saved while yet subject to mortal decay, he can put forth no effort toward salvation.

We are under the accusation of being too severe on the modern church. We confess that we are severe. We know the church. Its teachings are false. Its charges

against the Supreme Being in educating the world that God is more inhuman than any diabolic tyrant—sending infants to hell that they may suffer eternal torment, as the modern church has done, is more than any reasonable mind can endure complacently. "Oh," you say, "but the church does not teach that now." It is in the creed. "But," you say, "it cuts no figure in Christian belief now. The church has outgrown that relic of the dark ages." Then why not eliminate it?

Why did not communism continue to flourish in the world as the church augmented in numbers and power? Because the process of regeneration (re-production), by which the Lord and his church should bring forth the fruits of the resurrection at the end of the age, provided that the church should be planted in the pagan world for its regeneration. The declension of the church was one of the Apostolic predictions to be fulfilled before the end, when the earth should be again renewed.

How can men be saved if there be no Christians, and those who succumb to death do not enter heaven? The spirit-world, like this world, has its good and bad entities. Some are striving for righteousness both here and there. There is a line of progress both here and in the world of spirit. The processes of salvation are progressing both in the physical and in the invisible world.

Co-operative communism will never be instituted through processes of evolution irrespective of the operation of the Spirit of Truth. The Lord Jesus was the germ of God's kingdom to be established in the earth. That germ was the kingdom in its least form. The kingdom in its greatest form is merely that germ unfolded in humanity, and every man belonging to the true order will recognize the Godhood of that man.

Koreshanity is an organized system of communism and co-operation. Its purpose is the re-establishment of the divine order, when in the possession of communistic and co-operative wealth, all who belong to the common body shall enjoy the fruits of the economization of industry and its products.

"See thou owest no man," is the injunction of the rich man, as he attaches his commercial leeches where the poverty of "his brother in Christ," whom he degrades, exposes a part where the issue-blood can be absorbed to satiate his implacable and voracious maw.

"Pay your debts," is the cry of the avaricious cormorant of the commercial world; and we find the Shylock of human greed, clothed in the modest garb of the religion of God's Christ, in its unconscious adulteration with Paganism, demanding the pound of flesh.

The church is rotten in its pollution with paganism and its methods, and the cry of the debauched and poverty-stricken within the sheep-fold of the modern self-appointed shepherds who fleece the sheep, will be heard by the Mighty God of Sabaoth.

The modern doctrine, that faith saves a man without a strict conformity to the commandments of God, is a deadly upas. So long as man is subject to mortal-

ity, so long is he in bondage to satan, and so long he is not a regenerated man.

Why does the church or any portion of it retain a doctrine at which the common thought revolts? Merely because a large part of the church is deep dyed in the doctrine of infant damnation, as prescribed by its religious expositors.

The Lord instituted communism for his children. As many as received the Holy Ghost went and sold their possessions and brought the price of the things they sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and they had all things common.

The seed planted in the beginning of the Christian age embodied the element of communism. The fruit culminating at the end of the age will necessarily embrace communism as a fundamental principle of its organic force.

Death and hell pervade the church, and the professed followers of the Lord are as quick to resort to the commercial thumbscrews of injustice as the vilest pagan of "barbaric" or so called civilized times.

Modern Christianity is not the original Christianity instituted by the Lord. It is corrupt through the adoption of paganism. It is corrupt in doctrine, in purpose, and in life.

A name among the followers and in the "household of Christ," is no immunity from the legal resorts of the money-broker and the accumulator of riches in the same household.

Hell is in every sphere of the spirit-world, as it is in every sphere of the material, until truth and good are incorporated in one common bond of immortality.

While men are passing through the experiences of re-embodiment, they are passing through the conditions of the hells.

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Celebration of the Closing of the Century.

BY PROF. C. G. MORROW.

NATIONS celebrate the past; halos of dead heroes encircle present institutions; the result is national illusion. The real spirit of a modern nation is not manifested in the celebration of past events; shadows of things which have been are not as tangible as things that are. When the people join in a celebration they extol their own supposed virtues and forget their vices. When thousands of England's poor forgot their own adversities in the enthusiasm of the Queen's jubilee, who were left to be concerned about their poverty? When the cannon booms on the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, does it voice the real sentiment of millions who have become impoverished through the manipulations of the millionaire? Is the aristocracy of America filled with the spirit of independence?

The past has become the present; if it has rendered to us its tribute, it has also inflicted its penalties. We

inherit its virtues and its vices. We owe nothing to the past; in the present we possess its fruitage, by virtue of which we are indebted to the future; to the future alone can we be responsible, and we must pay in coin of actual value. The character of a people cannot be seen in the manner in which they mock the past; it is revealed alone in the conditions of the present. The national mind is summed up in the men who reach the climax of national power.

The old century is nearing its close; its boasted achievements are the expression of the spirit of the age. It is more appropriate to celebrate the great divide between the ages, than the less important events of the past,—more appropriate to endow a man of the present momentous times with the real spirit of competition than to sanctify the dead. Let the popular unmeaning reviews of the past deeds be relegated to the past, and let

the world celebrate the close of the old century by an expression of the controlling spirit of all modern life; let the world pay tribute of real self to the character of a man representing the *sensual* mind and heart of modern times, and thus write upon the scroll of human history the records of the most appropriate celebration of the age!

When the morning of the great Pan-American celebration came, the people rose at the appointed early hour before the dawn, to observe the display of the message of the world's monarch upon the clouds of heaven by a powerful search-light. The work of the preparation for this great event had been in progress for months of time, and the sky message this morning was the signal for the beginning of the greatest activities the world has ever seen. The full round disc upon the clouds above, embraced the following words, written in fire:

YORKOPOLIS, December 31, 1900. Year of
Plutocracy, 15.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD:

The world's great day is here; we end the century with increased activity in all lines of human relations. Years ago we discovered that we possessed no virtues. Greater honor is due to a people who can live in chaos and protect themselves from the dangers of the vicious, than to live in the weakness of innocence. Today the great test of strength is to be applied; we give to all classes of men the opportunity of doing exactly what they desire, without restraint. There is no need of hypocrisy; the race can now become acquainted on the basis of what they really are—and this will be demonstrated before the close of the day. We have learned that the true chaos is a state of individual liberty, and we have reduced the work of creation of such a chaos to a marvelous system, which now goes into effect. Past generations have been too slow; today we reach the point of acceleration. The rewards of the age are for those who survive its ordeals.

Your Royal Monarch, PLUTO AMERICANA.

When the great disc of light faded away, a discharge of thousands of rockets lifted the air with a beautiful glare as from the falling of a million meteors; this was the people's response to the message of the monarch! Soon was heard the rumbling of the cars, whose speed was doubled, and the people from towns and rural districts poured into the great city by the thousands. Carloads of newspapers were sold on the streets, giving reports of preparation for the great day, from all parts of the world. Humanity everywhere was alive as never before—every man against his neighbor, and who could tell what the end of the day would bring?

When the sun rose, its horizontal rays were reflected from the dome of the golden mansion of the emperor of the world; they also tipped the heads of thousands of the poor upon the streets. The brilliant orb awoke in splendor to look down upon the gulf between serf and master; there should be no clouds today, but those of

human creation; and these began to materialize when the surging crowds were greeted with the shouts of the police to "Stand back!" Yes, the corporations must run their cars—but if they run they must run over human beings: thousands were picked up, crushed beneath the wheels of the electric juggernaut!

From the evidences of the beginning, it was to be a day of riot. Amid scenes of turbulence uniformed bodies of the great brotherhoods of labor marched through the streets on the way to convention halls; if they meet today they must face the armed militia; but perhaps the strength of the unions exceeds that of the national guardsmen. Extras of the great dailies map out the movements of the brotherhoods the world over; it is evident that the day is to be a day of battle between capital and labor; it had already begun, and human life was being crushed out on the streets. The poor demanded bread and were refused; in revenge they fired the buildings they entered, and engines dashed through the throngs leaving tracks of blood behind them.

When evening came, the streets were strewn with the dead and dying. The great search-light shot up its perpendicular rays from the golden mansion, and threw a disc of light against the hovering smoke of conflagration and explosion, bearing the words, "THE FEAST OF PLUTO AMERICANA." Like a great moon in the sky, it reflected its weird light upon the marching masses, as well as upon the great circle of soldiers surrounding the mansion to protect it from the fell power of the destroyer. Under the rim of the great disc were the advancing sections of the great brotherhood; they had overcome the guards during the day, and had met, resolving to overthrow the despotism of the golden mansion.

The city was burning, and the poor were succumbing to the excitement, chaos, and confusion; danger and death stalked the streets. Under the golden dome, in the center of the circle of tumult and war, the great modern Nero dined in peace, with a thousand millionaires. With a sudden flash the disc of light went out, to suddenly reappear with the words "MENE! TEKEL!" A great voice rose from half a million throats, for they knew that the underground passage to the center of the mansion had been completed; the search-light operator had been overcome, and a new plate inserted behind the lens. Simultaneously, a great dynamite charge was placed beneath the building. The monarch, with a score of favorites, ascended to the top of the dome to view the lurid glare of the burning city. They chuckled with demoniacal satisfaction; the red flames cast upon their faces the light of death. The building rose and parted with the roar of a tremendous explosion. The dynamite charge had been touched, and Plutocracy was no more! It was the feast of Belshazzar, and Babylon is fallen!



The men who have cornered the gold and who supposed they had the monetary problem about solved to their satisfaction, have run up against another snag. Between the discoveries in the Klondyke and the transmutationists, among whom we designate the modern Tubal Cain (Mr. Brice) of Chicago, the gold owners are becoming alarmed. Already a movement is inaugurated,—so it is reported,—originating in New Jersey, for the regulation of gold coinage. What does this mean? Merely this,—a surplus of gold bullion will

render the metal cheap, therefore to maintain the present relation of gold (held by the usurers) to the market, gold is made valuable by the endorsement of the Government. So much of it as the law permits to be stamped can still be held for speculation; that which is not stamped is cheap in proportion to its quantity. Already the gold men observe that the discovery and creation of gold in great quantities endanger the stability of the money standard. The stamp on gold, which is the recognition of its monetary valuation, produces the same effect that it does on silver.

The Anti-Semitic Movement.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

CURRENT history is affording a striking example of the depth and intensity of race prejudice and the disastrous effects of its indulgence. During the past fortnight, the civilized world has been electrified by an astonishing instance of what the scientists call "reversion to type." Nature is always on the alert to thwart the efforts of man's intelligence, hence the most highly finished and exotic products of cultivation and cross fertilization in the animal and vegetable kingdoms show an exasperating tendency to degenerate and revert to primitive forms, on the slightest relaxation of vigilance. How else account for the amazing spectacle of the august legislative assembly of the most highly polished nation on earth, suddenly transformed into a frenzied mob of howling, shrieking lunatics? The suave and dignified deputies with the eyes of the world upon them, forgetful of "*noblesse oblige*," the demands of French culture and the restraints of "*savoir faire*," hurled ink bottles and flew at each other's throats like bull-dogs. Truly, it was a noble sight! And when this nineteenth century gladiatorial combat was ended, the chamber was strewn with the torn garments of the antagonists as in ancient times, the floor of the arena was strewn with the limbs of dismembered combatants; the cravats picked up on the scene of action numbered, it is said, no less than one hundred and twenty-five. The suggestion is made, *en passant*, that the belligerent deputies would do well in future to discard altogether the conventional costume of polite society and adopt some mode of attire better suited to the exigencies of a prize fight.

Inquiry reveals the fact that this startling outbreak of primitive instincts and passions in the famous capitol, long recognized as the modern centre of all that pertains to aesthetic culture, was directly occasioned because one member of a despised and hated race ventured to arraign the government for remissness in the administration of justice toward a compatriot upon whom signal punishment has been inflicted for a crime that subsequent developments go to prove he never committed. In the empire of Lilliput, Gulliver found the image of Justice in their courts of judicature formed with six eyes, two before, as many behind, and on each side one, to signify circumspection; with a bag of gold open in her right hand and a sword sheathed in her left, to show she is more disposed to reward than to punish. It is such a conception of justice with eyes wide open, in place of the blindfolded goddess that M. Zola is courageously endeavoring to set up in the French Republic. A month ago, Emile Zola was known chiefly as an indefatigable and periodically defeated candidate for the French Academy, and the originator of a style of fiction once characterized by Henry James in the following negative fashion: "This (form of naturalism) is not bad; it is not wicked; it is simply nasty." But, by his enthusiastic and disinterested championship of an unpopular cause, Zola, who is soon to be tried for his daring plea in behalf of Dreyfus, is attracting the admiration and

attention of the world. In spite of the mad fury of the anti-Semitic party that cries "*conspez Zola*" and proposes to kill Dreyfus before he can be re-tried, the great naturalist may yet, by some revulsion of popular sentiment, win a triumphal entry into the sacred precincts of the French Academy and sit down among the forty immortals, crowned with roses like the Patriarch of Ferney.

Although no doubt very well convinced, when the question was raised four months ago, that a mistake was made in the terrible judgment meted out to Dreyfus, powerful motives of interest and policy restrained the French Government from candid acknowledgment and reparation of the error. The condemned man was never popular with the army, and moreover, he was a German Jew by birth. Was it advisable for the sake of tardy justice to a Jew, to discredit a French ministry, affront the army and run the risk of plunging the country into anarchy?

Then came Zola's letter which threw all France into a state of hysterical excitement, and like a lighted torch kindled the inflammable elements of race prejudice, party strife and factional hatred. It seems likely to be the signal for a general uprising against the Jews all over the world. The feeling against them keeps its force in the face of progress and enlightenment. Society is about as ready to spit upon the Jewish gabardine as in mediaeval times when Chaucer told the legend of little Hugh of Lincoln, and Jews were currently represented as monsters and assassins lying in wait to shamefully entreat and murder Christian children.

In a certain book called the Bible, whose teachings in the old days prior to the researches of the higher criticism, were supposed to be fraught with truths binding upon the hearts and consciences of men, there is a statement to the effect that God made of one blood all the nations of the earth. In view of the common origin and destiny of mankind, what can be more childish and puerile than race prejudice which burns and destroys the property, loots the homes and takes the lives of innocent and unoffending persons simply because they chance to belong to a certain nationality? The anti-Semitic movement with its cries of "Death to the Jews!" "Spit on Zola!" and the riots in France, Algiers and other places, are a strange exemplification of the spirit of universal brotherhood that we are told is flooding the world prior to the advent of a new social era. No doubt through race infiltration the Anglo-Saxon stock as originally compounded, contained a large admixture of Jewish blood, but parvenus are notoriously anxious to forget their origin, a fact which may explain the apathetic attitude of the Anglo-Saxon nations toward the outrages heaped upon the Semite population in so many European countries.

But there is another element that conspires at the present time to intensify existing prejudices. The Jews have made themselves the financial masters of the world, and the persecution waged against them is secretly instigated by jealousy and cupidity.

Swift furthermore relates that Gulliver found it customary among the Lilliputians to quadruply recompense an accused person whose innocence had been established, for the loss of his time, the dangers incurred, the hardships of his imprisonment and the charges of his defense, while his accusers were immediately put to death. Justice demands ample recompense and the rehabilitation of Dreyfus so soon as the vindication of his innocence is complete.

The Discovery of Fallacy.

Looking Backward at the Nineteenth Century From the Scientific Standpoint of the Golden Age.

BY ASTRO-VIGILUS.

"I HAVE made the remarkable discovery that there are people living on the outside of the earth, and I am founding the science of a gigantic solar system outside of this cell of ours. I am convinced that this discovery will eclipse all other discoveries ever made in the history of man! I am ready to disclose to you how this discovery was made."

This startling announcement was made by the world-renowned scientist, Sanguina. I did not doubt that great ability and skill had been displayed in his work in the past, but I did not believe his declaration. Crossing the room to where he was sitting, I asked for a drop of blood from his arm, which I procured by means of a small hypodermic pump, and placed the drop in the micro-spectroscope, and noted the results.

My work as professor of Corpuscology in the department of Astro-anthroposophy, in the great University of Andromeda, in the city of Arteria, was that of specific analysis of blood corpuscles, and their relation to mental entities, the stars of the mind, of which the corpuscles are forms of expression. It was a specifically *sis* of life itself, or that quality of natural life which exists in this, the seventh division of the golden age. The corpuscles of the human system correspond to individuals in humanity, each one having a particular star in the physical heavens, which he controls. Sanguina had long been my associate in the Laboratory of Astro-physiology. He was a man that I very much admired in many ways, but we were of different temperaments. I was disposed to be analytic, prospective, and prophetic, while he was synthetic in his methods of reasoning, reflective and retrospective. This difference in character of mind and consequent methods of investigation, led to the most remarkable phenomena I ever witnessed. Humanity today is perfect; and to see my associate aging in the world of *life*, led me to analyze the quality of life involved in the cells of his body.

"I see in this group of corpuscles, activities which indicate that there is a war of occult forces with the forces of your rational mind," I said, turning to him after completing my analysis. "I note also by considering the astro-physical bearings, that your star is in a retrogressive constellation, a fact I have never before noticed. The star is associated with a dark star. Light and darkness alternately control your will. What, sir, is the cause of this? Your blood contains the seeds of death!"

He jumped from his chair, exclaiming with wild gesticulations, "What does it matter to you? It is enough for you to know that the power I have involved is sufficient to overthrow the last vestige of truth! You mark my words, the time will come when truth will be unknown, and that what I have discovered will control the world!"

I pressed him into his seat again, and placing my

hand across his brow, I assuaged his excitement. "Control yourself," I said, "and tell me all. I am able and willing to help you." He became calm and rational, and I finally succeeded in inducing him to make the following confession:

"A ray of light from a primary center of combustion is white; all the vibrations are in unison and in the same direction. Reflected through a prism, it is resolved into seven primary colors—violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. By reversing the process, light may be recomposed into the quality of the original ray. Truth as it existed in the original system of KORESI, was synthetical, in a state of absoluteness and unity. Its progress in actual existence has been through the various stages of analysis. Every grand division of time has seven divisions; an age is a spectrum of truth thrown upon the screen of time through the prism of human evolution. The Golden Age is divided into the manifestation of seven qualities of life, each of which has been subjected to the analysis of our scientists through the seven pedimental branches of humanity.

"My desire has been for years to reverse the process—to take the seven analyses and trace them back to a synthesis—to arrive at the original concept as it existed in the past, particularly on lines of the science of astro-physiology. We have looked into the first division of the physical heavens—we have studied the stars and their relation to humanity. We are living at a time in the age which corresponds to the manifestation of the opposite of this truth in the last division of the preceding Iron Age. Why may I not know the past? A curiosity seized me—I must look into the great museum of cycles, even though I pay the penalty and an enormous price of admission! I have watched the progress of your work for years; and I have always seen the reflexed antithesis of all your scientific conclusions. It had occurred to me that if I should apply the law of antithesis, I should be able to discover the forms of fallacy that existed prior to the discovery of Truth. Daily I sought mental conditions by observations of the tourmaline, and the great crystal discovered in the Andes. In them I saw the converging lines of truth, reaching back to the focal point, and from thence I reached my conclusions concerning the fallacies of the dark period. By noting the time astrologically and chronologically, I found that I had discovered the mental archives of what was called the 'nineteenth century.' It was at the time of the great Annual Feast of Mercury, one year ago, that I first saw the darkness of the past. It was sensational, and I seemed to revel in excitement. The view first took on the aspect of a storm-cloud; I saw the great revolution at the end of the Iron Age, and the world's social condition under the reign of competition, an imperfect humanity toiling in subjection to the power of a false money system. These views were horrifying to me, and repulsive. Can it be that humanity was ever in such a condition? I was glad when I saw the people rise in their might and throw it off!"

"Then further back in my perspective, I saw the science of the dark period—a system that taught that man lived upon the exterior surface of the earth, with the planets and stars millions of miles distant. The sun was a great ball hundreds of thousands of miles in diameter—a giant orb swinging in infinite

space. The scientists of that time I found to be in ignorance of any laws by which such a world could be maintained. Could I not find the laws? Shall I not succeed where they failed? The mental vibrations in this age of the world are not of that quality capable of enduring the intense vibrations of truth in its wholeness, and I soon fell into an abnormal mental vortex. When that came there was a whirling of worlds, and the scenes seemed real. It seemed to me to be a most sublime conception! A creation without end as to space, if it were possible, would surpass contemplation! This I at times knew was the *opposite* of truth, but it had a fascination,—a charm about it that I could not resist. There seemed to be a monotony in the world—the long period of universal day in contrast with the alternations of light and darkness on a whirling globe did not seem as it did formerly. I loved to see the setting sun, the intervening twilight, and the growing shades of night. Did I think it was true? I cannot tell, but I was in its charm!

"The truth that God is man is demonstrated by the actual evolution of life itself. I took its antithesis and looked into the crystal and tourmaline. I saw the conception of the dark age, that God was the soul of the gigantic universe, a God that is infinite, omnipresent, omnipotent; he was the power that moved the giant orbs in their courses, a power that filled the worlds among the distant stars of the Milky Way and the nebulae beyond. It was magnificent and sublime! Did I believe it was true? I could not doubt the science of Cellular life—I *knew* it to be true. I turned from the crystal, resolving to forget the views, and for several weeks I engaged my attention more devotedly to my work; but the feeling of monotony would seize me, and I could only find diversion and a stimulus by reviewing the fallacious concepts of the past. I had become intoxicated by fallacy. I was impressed to make the claim to a great discovery. I found that I might *harmonize known science with my new concepts!* If there were such a universe on the outside, there was such a deity to control it! Was knowledge to increase beyond the science of the cell in which we live? Why should it not be in the order of the evolution of science?"

"I was subjected continually to this temptation. When I consider the source of what I saw, I knew there was nothing in the crystal; I knew there were no such

conditions of humanity in the world today that I could see, nor no such a universe manifest to my tangible senses, and I *knew* that we were living in a cell, and that this is the Golden Age, the life of which is evolved from the discovery of Life and Truth at the beginning. What had I seen? I had seen *myself* subjectively; or rather, there seemed to be two of me! I awoke to the discovery that the darkness, the fallacious concept, was in my own *mind*. I had reversed the order of thought and of reason, and through it had reached the conclusion that Truth was discovered by the law of antithesis, resulting in the convergence of entities of life in the mind of the discoverer. I had involved the entities of fallacy in accordance with the same law; and these entities have subdued the forces of truth in me. I know what I am! I have analyzed my own blood, and have seen my own star: in the crystal I have seen my own interior as the darkness of the past. You have revealed nothing to me; I have revealed myself to you! There is a war in my mind. Your analysis of my condition is correct. At times I feel impelled to proclaim myself as the greatest discoverer in all the history of the world! and even now I feel that I am being *overpowered*, as I have scores of times, when I shut myself up in my room, as you know! I am aging and withering, with immortal life and longevity about me! I am paying the penalty for a false ambition, and I have experienced a false satisfaction! But have I? my views may be right! I see the powers of the outside worlds closing around me; it is either to *fight me* or to be my *defense*, and I will live, by your help or by—*by—usurpation of the throne of life itself!*"

"It shall be by my help," I exclaimed, as I sprang toward him. With a powerful exertion of the will I sent to him a voltage of mental energy that pierced his physical environ. I saw the pitchy darkness closing about his ego. I laid hold on it, and expelled the rapidly contracting and formulating mass. It materialized at our feet, a cringing demon, the concretion of fallacy and of death, writhing in the agonies of defeat! I commanded it to depart; it began to dematerialize, and soon became a nebulous mass, out of which developed the fallacious forms of the ancient astronomy, pressing out and out into space with its revolving orbs, with the reflex impression of the corresponding god of infinite nothingness, until it was no more! Sanguina had begun to live again.

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE climax of modern theology has been reached in the declaration of the belief that all animals have souls and are immortal. This has been announced by Dr. Sprecher, of Cleveland, O., and a dozen Chicago preachers discuss the subject after him, with similar conclusions. They agree with him when he says: "I believe that the soul and life are special creations. I do not believe that God will destroy them. All animals are immortal." We have often heard of "cat heaven," and we think some of these ministers have found it! This conclusion is logical from their standpoint, for Solomon says there is no difference between man and the animal; and according to the recent interpretations they should not fail to perform funeral rites over the dead brother cats, hogs, lions, calves, etc. But wouldn't there be a lot mourning about the butcher-shops, though? If Dr. Sprecher wants to know anything about the animal kingdom, Koreshan Science can satisfy all his inquiries. The animal kingdom is one of the strata of existence through which life must evolve in its progression, as well as in its retrogression.

Neither men nor animals are immortal; "God alone has immortality." Theologians do not know what immortality is. We will give \$100 to any orthodox clergyman in the world who will scientifically explain what immortality is, or even its antithetical condition, mortality,—the condition the clergymen are in now.

Spiritists are becoming exercised over the fact that the phenomena they have observed have really not revealed, but rather increased mystery. A writer in an exchange asks, "What are the so called spirits? Are they spirit, matter, ether, mind, force, fluidmas, or what else? The spirits apparently do not know, therefore we must find out ourselves. When we know what water is, or sand, or any other substance, then we also know what the spirits are; therefore, we can make this investigation outside of the seance room. For the present I want to insist on but one point of logic: That whatever the condition, organization, etc., of the 'spirits' may be, their bodies (for such they have) belong to the general worldstuff, whatever that be."

Surely, these are definite conclusions after fifty years of observation! Koreshan Science contains the solution to all mystery of spirit phenomena. The spirit world is in humanity, not outside of it, in the atmosphere or in ether. Every thought is a spiritual entity. Humanity is the pediment of all spiritual being, and constitutes the groundwork of all evolution and progress of spirit life.

The conclusion of Dr. Schlatter, who excised a human stomach at Zurich, is, that the stomach is not a vital organ, and that digestion takes place in other divisions of the alimentary canal. Koreshan Science teaches that there are seven divisions of the alimentary canal, having seven distinct functions of digestion and assimilation. These divisions correspond to the seven planetary divisions in the shell of the earth, where revolve the seven planetary discs. Koreshan Science reveals a complete system of correspondence existing between the human organism and the macrocosmic universe. The Bible frequently contains the expression, "the bowels of the earth." In Koreshan Science this has a scientific meaning; from the standpoint of the old astronomy it would be nonsense.

Would it not be a terrible thing if all the street-cars in the world were open cars during the winter? It would be outrageous! The people would rise in open rebellion and demand closed cars, with heating apparatus and plenty of fuel. Patrons use cars for the purpose of rapid transit, and do not ride on the cars all the time, but while they do they want it comfortable. What do you think of a corporation that will subject its motormen to merciless blasts of storm and sleet sixteen hours per day, in the northern cities? One half of the motormen and conductors in the great city of Chicago have to endure such hardships, while the street-car magnates pocket the millions, and refuse to protect their employees by vestibules.

We do not think much of Schenk's world-startling "secret" of sex, for the reason that his theory is founded on assumption. He knows nothing about the laws of mind, and does not claim to. He assumes that the greater number of blood corpuscles in the male or female has all there is to do with determining the gender of the offspring. He has made some very meagre experiments, and has arrived at some very crude conclusions; he has discovered nothing, and after all that has been said about his "discovery," he cannot scientifically explain a single law of generation, nor put his finger on a single key to the solution of the "mystery."

We see a few writers are endeavoring to explain the nature of Jesus the Christ, and to reveal the mystery of his conception and birth. They are about a quarter of a century behind the times; the problem has been solved. The difference between the genealogies in Matthew and Luke are irreconcilable on the basis of popular conceptions. Joseph was the father of Jesus; two lines of life localized in Joseph, and another came through John the Baptist. The process of Jesus' conception and birth was that of parthenogenesis. Koreshan Science demonstrates the law by tangible evidences in the natural kingdoms of the world.

Dr. Heber Newton is desiring a new religion for the world but is not able to originate one for them, and yet he would like to dictate what kind of a religion it should be! He thinks it should be a general mixture of every "ism" under the sun. He takes kindly to the signs of the times as indicating that the world is looking for something new. No, it is not that; they are not looking for anything. They are amazed at the preachers, who are just awaking to the fact that they really do not know

anything about anything, and are ashamed to confess it—they do not know what to do about it!

Students starved under the shadow of the Chicago University. President Harper says that "of the five deaths in the University during five years, three have been caused by starvation." Ambition, pride, and carelessness have conspired to cause the death of the students referred to, while millions of dollars are spent to maintain the institution. If these students had died in a Koreshan institution, it would have created a wave of sensation all over the country through the daily press. As it is, the faculty simply discuss the best means of preventing their students from graduating in the shroud!

The Illinois legislature has convened for seven weeks now, at an expense of about \$60,000, and that august body has done nothing. Of course the voters can say nothing, for they put the members there, and nobody will listen to objections from anybody else, and so what is the use of saying anything about it? The usual cry is, Vote for better men! Where are they to be found? Best way out of it is not to vote for them at all. Some states can get along very well without a legislature—a quiet state of mind, for instance.

The doctors have made such a trouble about typhus germs in drinking water, and have scared whole cities into building filters at enormous expense, to strain out the microbes while they swallowed worse things. It is now decided by medical authority that typhus germs cannot live in water, but in the air. Next thing there will be a law compelling everybody who wants to keep well, to wear an air filter over his face!

It is said that McKinley's speech has strengthened the foreign market. Where is the effect first felt? Admitted to be "in the stock exchange, where it imparted increased buoyancy to all American securities." He has made more definite promises to the money power, that's all. There is nothing he could say of the *workingman* that would strengthen the markets of the world; his speeches are all for the other class!

It has been estimated that the people of Chicago eat 118 acres of pie every year. It might induce some interest now to make a calculation of the size of the box that would contain all the money wasted on Chicago officials in one year, and the size of the barrel that would go all around the whiskey consumed within the city limits in the same time.

When the heated controversy between astronomers concerned the conclusion of Prof. Young that he had overthrown Lockyer's theory about the composition of the sun, is settled, somebody will be left out in the cold. We can make it warm for anybody, though!

Dr. Smith, Franklin Station, N. J., claims to have discovered the secret of longevity. He is one hundred and twenty-two years of age, and daily wades Lawrence brook, which he designates as the "fountain of youth."

Police were recently called into a London church to settle a difficulty between the clergyman and members on a subject of ritualism. Other prayers were of no avail; the police force was tangible and immediate!

Wm. K. Vanderbilt is now called the "new king of the railroad world." The wealth of millions pours into the vaults of such men. They are kings indeed; legislatures and senates bow down to them.

Geographers say that Chicago is in the state of Illinois, but on our map it is in the state of chaos!

Quiet Talks with the Editors of our Exchanges.

EVER NOTICE men who take no special interest in anything? It is very evident that such people do not think; they do not seem to have any definite ideas about anything—it is because they do not know how to reach conclusions. If everybody knew *how* to reach conclusions—true conclusions, nobody would be ignorant! One of the first prerequisites to conclusions is interest. A man who is interested in a subject is having his attention directed to certain propositions concerning a cause or effect. The greater number of things a man is interested in, the greater his mental activity—the *wider awake* he is. Editors are always endeavoring to awaken people to the consideration of their ideas. They can clearly see that most people are not thinking as they should, because it is not shown in their daily life, for a man who thinks will always manifest some evidence of his mental activity. The man who is making the most rapid progress in lines of thought is considering the greatest number of things from the *correct* standpoint; he has consequently formed the greatest number of correct conclusions. Of course, you know what your experience has been in these lines—you are acquainted with your field of observation. You size up your readers from your standpoint. You feel able to criticize the conclusions of those who have given a subject *less* attention than you have. We are acquainted with *our* field of observation. Our critical attention is necessarily turned toward the reform press of the world. If it should be admitted that *truth* has actually been discovered, it would be right to conclude that the discoverer would *know* wherein he is right, and where others are wrong. It would resolve itself into a rational conclusion that others were left behind! We find difficulties and questions in the way of *your* theories which you have not answered, and have not claimed to be able to answer, and they are directly related to the subjects you are handling in your paper, too. You think about your conclusions sometimes, and you find yourselves confronted by difficulties you cannot overcome and by problems you cannot solve. It is because you do not know *how* to reach the correct conclusions. There is a science to it; when the key is discovered, *correct* conclusions are *inevitable*. We cover more ground than you do. The Koreshan System involves more than yours, and we can supply your missing links.

You would not think much of a man who would start to construct the largest building in the world without having his

plans and specifications complete. Suppose a hundred men were to work on the same building, each having a different plan. What kind of a building would it be? The worst kind of a botch you can imagine! Some reform papers are hammering away without any definite plan—all working at the same thing, they think. Do you think that such workmen can make a *good* job of it? We will compare our plans with yours—we have the *pattern* of the universe. The universe is a fact, and everything in it is related to the whole. What is your plan founded on?

There is a great deal of difference between *knowing* a thing and *guessing* at it; there is a difference in the *feeling* of it, also. What would you think of a carpenter who guesses at his measurements—can he make the parts of his structure fit? Take two numbers for multiplication, for instance, and guess at the product. Now apply the principles of multiplication, and you get the correct result. A guess is never correct; only the true process of reasoning from a known premise will ultimate in the true conclusion. Every problem must be worked out just as definitely and absolutely, whether concerning social economy, science or religion.

Moses had to have a pattern by which to construct a tabernacle of skins for his people, and by which to form the code of laws he delivered to Israel. Do you not suppose that some extraordinary intelligence is required to frame the Constitution of the Government of the Golden Age? Are you able to do it?

THE FLAMING SWORD is like a diamond—it reflects light in all directions. Truth is the great diamond, and THE FLAMING SWORD pictures it in its various aspects.

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As Editors See Us.

The Flaming Sword and Scientific Reform.

THE FLAMING SWORD, whose publisher has discovered the science of immortality, lies before us. It is about time that some one was making such a discovery, for the subject has certainly been terribly bungled heretofore by almost everybody who has attempted to expound it. Those poor people who through the unhappy experience of starvation have thoroughly learned the process of ethereal treatment of substantial appetite, will welcome the discoverer of scientific immortality. He explains the process as follows:

The conarium of the brain (the pineal gland) will be extirpated, thereby changing the circulation of the blood so that the blood will become white, with air circulating in the arteries and water in the veins, and instead of the serum of the ventricles passing down through the glandula vitta into the circular sinus and thence to the heart, there will be a section of the vascular system from the body through the glandula vitta upward.

The hunger-stricken will recognize this as a statement of their condition that they have long suspected, but did not know how to express. If anyone feels able to dispute the above, they are urged to try conclusions with the wielder of THE FLAMING SWORD. A few might be disposed to flout the term of *crank* at his head, but like him because, aside from his dogmatism on the subject of immortality, he is a friend of scientific living for us here upon earth. It is significant that from all quarters there is coming the demand for reform of the existing wretched conditions of things. One aim seems to be shaping in the minds of men of most diversified intellects. By whatever name they recognize this spirit, it is surely conclusive that such a spirit is here and doing its work of preparation for a great change.—*Self-Reliance*, Cincinnati, O.

Can't Disprove Koreshan Astronomy.

THE FLAMING SWORD sends a marked article offering \$1000, if we will publish a scientific refutation of the Koreshan Cosmogony. We are not a taker; but possibly some of our learned readers would like to pick up the glove and wad. If so, they can have the use of our columns. The Koreshan Cosmogony maintains that our earth is a hollow globe, and that all its inhabitants, with sun, moon, and stars, are on the inside of it; that the refraction of a concave atmosphere causes the sun to appear to sink below the horizon when it sets, and to rise above the horizon when it rises. While we do not subscribe to the theory, we have played solitaire by thinking on both sides of the question for several years since we became acquainted with the theory, always with the result that the Koreshan advocate within us answered every argument the Copernican man advanced. We are not up in Astronomy. We can make some of the most exact calculations, such as eclipses, etc., but we confess that if Bro. Teed is wrong, we can't prove it. But let him tackle us on any article of our religious faith, and he will find us ready, orally, not through our paper, to give him a reason of the hope that is within us, and maintain it too. At the same time we can extend the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Teed or any other person, whether saint or sinner.—*The Liberator*, Norton, Kansas.

Enjoys the Reading of the Sword.

THE FLAMING SWORD is a first-class weekly. We enjoy the reading of it because its editor is a man of convictions, not because we believe in the very strange doctrine he advances. Bro. Teed, either the *concave Earth* or the *Annular Theory* is a humbug. What kind of a bug is the new *Geodesy*? Those who wish to know where they are, in the little universe, and how woefully man has been misled all along the centuries, can find out by sending one dollar to C. R. Teed, 6308 Wentworth ave., Chicago, Ill.—*The Annular World*, Pasadena, Cal.

Trying to Originate a New Cosmology.

Dr. Teed and Prof. Morrow claim that the earth is a hollow sphere, and that we live inside it on the concave surface. Earth's surface is concave in places. Bro. Ferguson thinks it is rather flat, with dips and swells. So it is longitudinally. Prof. Vail and the astronomers are sure it is a globe. Partly right, gentlemen; it is rounded latitudinally. Along, cylindrical, tapers some. Read the next *Cayster* and see why Earth is a thing of beauty and a joy forever.—*The Cayster*, Deshler, O.

Interrogation Points and Encouraging Words.

A teacher of the people who, in his philosophical and scientific investigations and researches, finds old and sacred things false and erroneous, and persists in using terms and phrases that are looked upon as true and sacred, is doing so at the risk of truth and justice, and at the same time will fail to extricate those whom it was intended to help and succor. Truth needs no Scripture proof nor old effete terms and phrases to explain it. The ignorant and the superstitious will never comprehend nor understand it except in the same old way. If you will drop the Scriptures as a weapon of defense and stand squarely up on the eternal now, it would be better, and result in more lasting good and betterment to the race. As to the Koreschan System of Cosmogony, I do not affirm nor deny; I am more interested in getting people away from the curse of religiosity so they can become thinkers, mentally free and independent.

When Lucie Page Borden, in her concluding remarks in last week's *Sword* (January 21) says she "Would be ungrateful did she not render a tribute of praise to that party under whose auspices the long-desired era of national prosperity has dawned at last, that party dear to every true American heart, whose proudest boast must ever be that it never violated a principle, nor proved itself *unfaithful to a pledge*,"—I take it that she means the Republican party. If she means what she says, and these are her honest convictions, she must be as blind as a bat and as deaf as an adder, or is a bundle of steel-ribbed prejudices. Good Lord (if there is one) deliver us from such dense perverseness and bigotry! She ought to write for a plutocratic journal.—E. P. H., Brodhead, Wis.

We note what you say regarding the use of some words in the English language. In the first place, we know that language is legitimate and has developed in accordance with law, and we should feel somewhat bound if we were compelled to limit our vocabulary by the rejection of words that people do not understand, or words that have been in use a few thousand years! It is a fact that there is a sun; it is also a fact that the astronomers of the world do not understand anything about the sun. If we arrive at correct conclusions concerning the sun from a demonstrated premise, shall we abolish the name of the sun, because we have the knowledge of what it is? Shall we change the name of the earth because the scientists of the world entertain fallacious conceptions concerning it? In lines of astronomy, do you want to get away from the universe, because the world does not understand it? We should not endeavor to get away from the facts of our existence nor the facts concerning the cause or purpose of our existence, because fallacies are taught concerning them! Fallacy is fallacy by virtue of the fact that it is the *opposite* of truth; fallacy is truth perverted, and the battle be-

tween truth and fallacy is over the facts of existence. If we have truth and can demonstrate it, it is left for us to determine what methods shall be employed to convey that truth to the world; for how should it chance that those who do not comprehend the truth, should be able to point us to the correct methods? We use words according to their meaning; and their meaning can be determined scientifically. It is not our fault if the people have fallacious concepts concerning the meaning of the simplest words in the English language. We are not responsible for all the ghosts that have originated in the minds of the ignorant concerning the words God, creation, universe, life, death, matter, energy, and other forms of expression. There are hundreds of people who are able to comprehend the Koreschan System from our present methods of presentation. Is it because of your difficulty of comprehension, or that of others, that you make the suggestions as quoted above? (2) We cannot understand how you failed to see the point in Lucie Page Borden's article to which you refer. Please read the same again carefully, and then look at your quotation of it, and see if you have emphasized the proper words. Ever study rhetoric? There are such styles as irony, sarcasm, etc. The entire article to which you refer is full of *irony* and *sarcasm*. Had you been *wider awake* at the time you read it, you would have perceived that our excellent contributor is at least as wide awake as her critic! We think it would be a good thing if you would investigate our System further. After you understand what we are "driving at," you can come in with criticisms with a little assurance of hitting the mark. You have made only random shots, so far! We are fair; our remarks are less caustic than your criticisms. Come again.

(1) If the conjunction of the ecliptic and equator will do away with day and night, summer and winter, will there remain any natural time indicator? (2) Will this world cataclysm appear simultaneously with the coming of the sons of God, or not until the full restitution in a future fruition? (3) If the sun, moon, and stars disappear, on what signs and seasons will the calculation of the times of bio-astrological propagation depend? (4) Will the earth's surface become level, and the sea disappear? (5) To what extent will virginal propagation take place, and when?—M. G. W., Terre Hill, Pa.

(1) When the ecliptic and equator become coincidental, an annulus of light will appear, and there will be continuous day. The solar annulus or belt in the heavens, will not possess the same degree of light all around, but will have a brilliant portion which will indicate the length of day just the same as the sun does at the present time by its diurnal revolution. Extremes of heat and cold will not accompany the changes of the seasons as now. In the absence of these extremes, the changes will be recognized in the manifestation of other forces of the mineral and

vegetable kingdoms. (2) The remarkable changes referred to above, will take place at the same time that the corresponding changes take place in humanity. The solar and lunar spheres will become one at the time of the great Theo-anthropistic conjunction. (3) The stars will not cease to exist because invisible to eyes such as men have today. In the application of the science of astro-biology, the position of the stars, with reference to the solar annulus, will be ascertained through a method of scientific perception. We can see stars at the present time, during the day, by excluding all light except through an aperture;—looking up through the mouth of a well, for instance. Then, it will be through the generation of a higher quality of mental energy, through the activities of a more interior set of brain cells. (4) The earth's surface will not become smooth during any age of the world, and the oceans will continue the same as now. The words, "There shall be no more sea," refer to the sea of humanity. "The waters which though sawest * * * are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." The union of oxygen and hydrogen produces waters of the sea; in the anthropotic world, the union of mental substances produces offspring. The process of generation of offspring ceases with those who enter into life, and hence with them "there shall be no more sea"—no more propagation on the natural plane. The sea which shall give up its dead, is the sea of mortal humanity; it yields up its dead in the resurrection or attainment of immortal life. (5) Virginal propagation will take place in the decline of the ages to come. The result of this process of generation will be men on the natural plane—not on the arch-natural. The sons of God will appear on the arch-natural plane. Virginal propagation will belong to that order of humanity between the mortal humanity and the plane of the sons of God. Hundreds of thousands will then be produced by parthenogenesis.

H. E. H., Lancaster, Pa.—Answers to your questions will appear in our issue of February 11, from the pen of the Founder of the System.

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The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

I have seen several copies of your paper, and am much impressed with what I have read concerning the Koreschan System. As I know little or nothing concerning the science of astronomy, I am utterly unable to demonstrate to my mind the truth or falsity of your startling assertions. In fact, I can grasp nothing of what you essay to prove concerning the New Genesis, the possibility of overcoming death, etc., except that your "Red-Hot Sword Thrusts" strike at the root of all orthodox scientific theories and religious beliefs. But if I cannot comprehend nor appreciate your scientific discoveries, I do admire and appreciate your clear, terse, vigorous English and the original and attractive style

in which you clothe your ideas and propositions. One cannot lay one's paper aside after a thorough reading, without feeling the exhilarating effect of the pure "well of English undefiled" with which one's mind has been refreshed.—H. E. H., Lancaster, Pa.

You say, "send us your encouraging words; ask your questions—sit right down and write us." Strange and impossible as it seemed at first, the Koreskan Concave Theory now appears quite reasonable, more so at least, than the convex. I do not understand particulars, but if the earth's surface is actually concave, then of course that settles the matter, and we are all in it—sun, moon, stars, and all. Diagrams are very helpful, very; that on cover of March, 1897, especially so. Give us more. * * Your plain but searching words in defense of common justice and common sense in this present life, ring clear, and I sympathize with you in the meagre consolation you seem to get in return. Go on!—G. J. B., Coplin, Mo.

While eagerly watching page 16 of THE FLAMING SWORD, I form different pictures of the coming treat. I send one of them, which may be a suggestion. I would like to have the grand cycle explained. I would draw it on a large scale, and arrange it on a wall so that it could be made to revolve for observation. THE SWORD is one of the necessities of life to me.—M. G. W., Terre Hill, Pa.

Many thanks for your kindness; am always ready and willing to do anything possible to help along the good work. I must say a word for the weekly SWORD; I like it much better, and I think it brings us closer together. I assure you that it is a most welcome visitor in our home. With best wishes for THE FLAMING SWORD and its interests.—Mrs. C. V. H., New Castle, Pa.

Editor's Chat With Our Readers.

People sometimes fail to do what they say they will. Earthquakes have been prophesied by people who did not know how to make them; inevitable failure resulted. The great scientific (?) bomb that was to be hurled against the Koreskan Astronomy by the Rev. Dr. Utter, of Denver, proved to be just a "bun," as we said it would! He begins with slander and ends with it, sandwiching in exhibitions of his ignorance of science. A few of his conclusions are reviewed by KORESKH in a letter to the Denver Post, which we publish in this issue, under the head of "The Science of the Solar Vortex and Evolution of Light." But for this little squall, thousands of people would have been in ignorance of the existence of the Koreskan System, who are now full of inquiry.

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Transformation in page 16 of THE FLAMING SWORD, after a little. Some have tried to guess what it is, and others are thinking about it. You cannot overestimate it—it will do for you all that we have claimed for it, and more! The more you look for it, the greater your curiosity will become, and the more you will appreciate it when the transformation is made. It will be a greater transformation than has been manifest on any other page of THE SWORD.

You like puzzles sometimes for a diversion; you like a mystery occasionally, also. Look carefully for the point of mystery in the article by Lucie Page Borden in next issue; it is written in a style that is easily read, and you will like it. This week the article, "The Anti-Semitic Movement" by the same writer, gives a review of the Dreyfus case, and points out some facts of racial hatred—very consistent with the popular doctrine of the brotherhood of man.

The "Sword Thrusts" by KORESKH in this number, puncture the pneumatic tires of a number of cycle hobbies ridden by men who do not know where they are going! The Sword Thrusts will continue to puncture everything that is inflated, and will destroy the world's great air-castles.

Next week's FLAMING SWORD will be full of interest.

Miscellaneous Notes.

Wednesday, Jan. 26.—U. S. officials endeavor to excuse trip of war vessel Maine to Havana; Republican administration full of cowardice.—\$1,500,000 fire in East St. Louis, Mo.—Cuban filibustering steamer Title sinks off coast of R. I.; supposed to be work of a traitor.—Small race war at Natchez, Miss.—Snow storms in northwest impede traffic of all kinds.—More cotton mill employees strike in R. I.—Senate discusses postal savings banks.—War over nude statuary at Detroit, Mich.—Socialist members of Belgian Chamber of Deputies barred at point of bayonet.

Thursday.—McKinley declares for gold.—Gage favors postal savings banks.—Earthquake shocks felt in Arkansas.—Chief of Police Kiple makes a sorry defense before Senatorial Lexow Committee at Chicago.—Prohibitionists meet at Cincinnati.—Illinois Manufacturers Association meets at Chicago.—Telephone war between Mutual and Bell telephone companies in Iowa.—Iowa favors uniform school-book system.

Friday.—Senators who belong to sugar trusts fight Hawaiian annexation.—Five masked men rob a dinner party in Chicago.—McKinley joins in a banquet of millionaires at New York City.—20,000 hungry men raid big Denver barbecue, break down tables, and consume the roast beef, elk, deer, sheep, and opossum, 4,000 loaves of bread, 2,000 gallons of coffee and 400 kegs of beer.—Turkey uneasy over Bulgaria.—

25,000 striking English engineers in favor of accepting employers' terms.—Alarm at Korea subsidies.—Cuban insurgent Brigadier Aranguren assassinated by Spaniards at Tapasita, Cuba.—New Klondike laws in force.—Wheat goes up to \$1.05.

Saturday.—Alaskan steamer Corona sinks near mouth of Skeena river; no lives lost.—Evidence of Hanes bridge in Ohio.—Ohio mine owners refuse concessions to miners and operators.—Wheat reaches \$1.10.—47 senators in favor of Teller's silver resolution; only 32 oppose.—4 German sailors murdered by Chinese at Chee Foo, China.

Sunday.—Prof. von Holtz, of Chicago University, declares against Hawaiian annexation.—Baltimore inventor of submarine boat proposes to go to North pole under water.—England, France, and America in competition over Nicaragua canal.—250,000 Americans reported ready to go to Klondike.—23 students suspended from Iowa City University for mischief.—Weyler will be sentenced to two months imprisonment, and then pardoned.—New Jersey jeweler proposed to make gold.—Plague riots in India.—War scares passing away.—Pet calf laid in Italy; dogs going out of fashion.—Unusually attractive and brilliant social events in Paris, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars.—Newspapers promise revolt in Sweden soon.—End of Dreyfus case in sight; Zola may not be tried.—Dr. Paoli, veteran Chicago physician, dies.

Monday.—Speaker Reed arranges to side-track Teller's silver resolution, despite senate majority.—British backs down, and gives Russia sway in China.—Lettor controls 15,000,000 bushels of wheat; millers compelled to use second grade wheat; bakers and consumers kick.—34 degrees below zero at New York City.—Consul Gen. Lee and officers of the Maine banquipped by Havana Yacht Club.

Tuesday.—Party lash compels Republican senators to vote for gold.—Chicago police magistrates to be placed on salary instead of on fees.—Blizzard raging in Michigan and Indiana.—Heavy storms in New England.—Luertger case soon to end; Luertger confident of acquittal.—Cuban insurgents defeat Spaniards at Converi and burn the town.—Mammoth paper combine formed in New York and proposes to control paper trade.

Thoughts From the Reform Press.

A Change is Coming!

This earth produces more than enough to make every human being comfortable and happy. There is ample material to build every family a commodious home; every man, woman, and child could be clothed in the very best of apparel, and the larger stored not only with the necessities but the luxuries of life. There is no necessity that a single child should be barefooted and ragged, or that women should be forced to sell their honor for bread.

There are establishments in this country that have thousands upon thousands of dollars lying idle on their shelves; there are others that are stocked with unnumbered pairs of boots and shoes, others again loaded down with superabundant provisions, a large quantity of which will necessarily deteriorate and go to waste. These have all been produced by labor, and the men whose skill has created them

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cannot afford to have a decent suit of clothes, a decent pair of shoes, or a decent meal. Back of this whole business stand the modern slylocks who have succeeded in gobbling up everything in sight, and right well have they prospered in their endeavor to make the balance of mankind their slaves.

Reader, if an apologist of the present system seeks to defend such a monstrous inequality as this by the old argument that it is a wise and inscrutable Providence that has caused all, tell him to his face, he lies. It is because a class of robbers have appropriated to themselves that which another class has produced, that poverty is so prevalent and mankind so poor. Does any sane man or woman imagine that Providence created an earth of such boundless resources and unlimited opportunities, simply that a few designing knaves should appropriate it to their use, as a means of living in luxurious idleness, while the balance of mankind should toil in injustice and hunger for a despising struggle for their daily bread? Out upon such logic! There is nothing wrong about our mother earth; she is able to provide amply for each and every one of her children; there is more than enough to spare. Oh, that men only had brains! Oh, that men only would think!—*Industrial Banner, London, Ont.*

He Tells The Truth.

There is no such thing as an independent daily press. We are all slaves! You know it, and I know it. There is not one of you who tells dates express an honest opinion. I am paid \$150 per week for keeping honest opinions out of the paper I am connected with. The man who would be so foolish as to write honest opinions would soon be out on the street hunting for another job. The business of a journalist is to distort the truth; to lie outright; to pervert; to vilify; to fawn at the fee of Mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread. We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are intellectual prostitutes, and our time, our talents, and our possibilities are all property of other men.—*Confession of a New York Journalist.*

A Poor Man's Liberty.

The liberties of a poor man are few indeed. He must not beg, he must not loiter, and he may not steal. Indeed, his liberty gives him the right to work for his daily bread, and to starve if he can't. But let him be very careful how he conducts his untimely dissolution, or he will be punished. He must not beg quietly and unobtrusively, and without fuss or hurry. Let him but try to accelerate the process by taking a dose of rat poison, or by a jump in the canal, and the consequences are severe. If his attempt is frustrated, he will be punished in this world; if his attempt is successful, he will be damned in the next.—*London Clarion.*

If the government can distribute letters, why can it not distribute wealth? If it can issue flat postage stamps, why not flat money? If it can own and manage vessels for war, why not for business? If it can build and attend to 1,312 lighthouses, why can't it build something on the land to prevent thousands of industrial citizens from being shipwrecked on the rocks of monopoly? If Congress can't answer these questions, let it shut up and go home, instead of insulting starving voters with debates on the tariff.—*Coming Nation.*

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