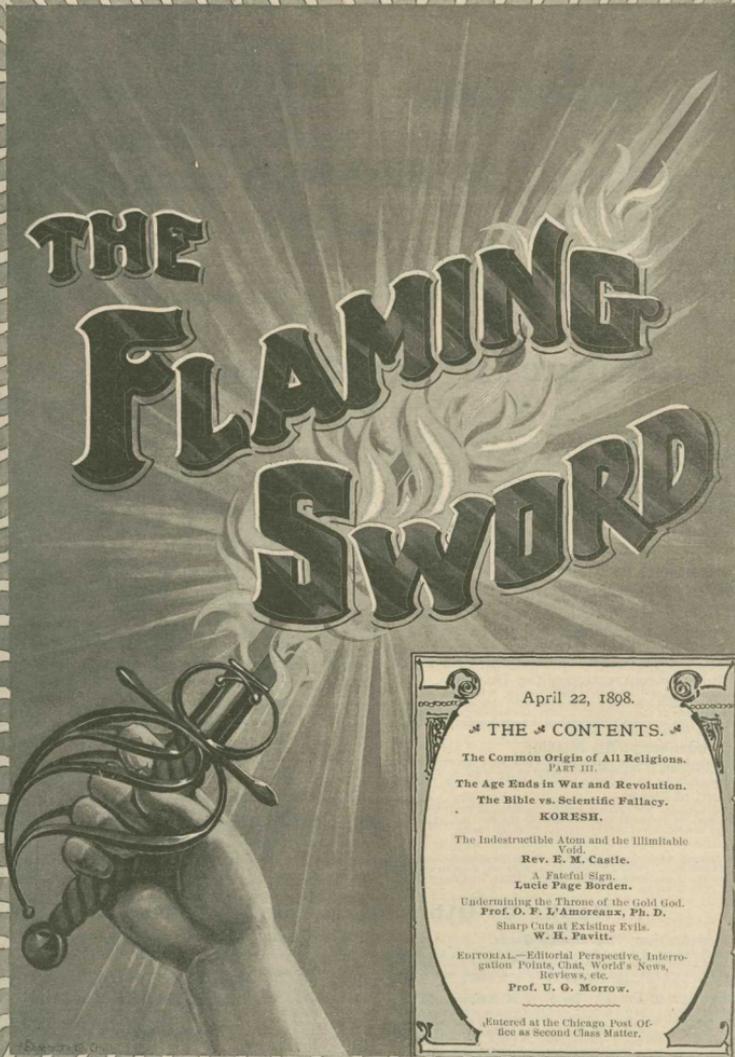


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The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Common Origin of All Religions.

PART III.

THE DOCTRINES of modern Theosophy (?) in which much of the Buddhistic system is falsely interpreted, furnish an example of that great law of unity found to obtain in the origin of religious conviction. The doctrine of absorption did not originate with the Hindu, nor is its exposition by either modern Theosophy, or its ancient prototype, as clearly defined and its portrayal exemplified as in the religion of the Hebrew and the Christian. "Enoch walked with God and was not, for God took him," is a more concise statement of a great religio-scientific truth than can be found in Buddhism or Theosophy, because it points to a practical theocrasis or terminal absorption, emphasized by the more recent absorptions of Elijah and Jesus, both of which are practical demonstrations of the law.

The Biblical record of the theocrasis (translation) of Elijah and of Jesus, is positive and historical. We refer to these, leaving out of the question Moses, Noah, and Enoch because, while typical and pronounced, they come more specifically within the pale of history, the factor of tradition forming no part of a basis for a conviction and acceptance of the truth. The translation of Elijah being a fact, there can be no subject of greater significance in the light of modern research, than the analysis of this marvelous phenomenon, and the influence such an analysis may exert upon modern thought. There are two, perhaps three or four, pronounced factors of this analysis deserving more than a passing notice, because they constitute key-notes to the elucidation of the question. Elisha importuned Elijah for a baptism of his double spirit (not a double portion, as king James' version would indicate), and in the dematerialization (by a combustion or burning) Elijah was absorbed by Elisha, as Elisha had desired and Elijah had promised. This is the first factor. A few hundred

years subsequent to this important event, John the baptist, the precursor of the Lord's advent and Messianic office, came to the world, transmitting a pneumatic force which the Lord declared to be the spirit and power of Elijah the prophet. "Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. * * * Then the disciples understood that He spoke unto them of John the baptist." Elijah was absorbed by Elisha, and after a succession of transmissions appeared as the spirit of John, again transmitted in John's spiritual baptism of Jesus the Lord. This second factor unmistakably denotes the great truth of the absorption of the fruits of human perfection, as this fruit ripens upon the great Tree of Life placed at the East (rising) of the Garden of Eden. Elijah and Elisha were the cherubim (cherubs) placed at the East to keep the way of (perpetuate) the Tree of Life. The theocrasis of Elijah was the *Flaming Sword*.

A third and marvelous factor in this analysis, was the exhibition on the mount called the Transfiguration. It should be remembered that the Lord was transfigured in the presence of the three most prominent disciples. The material form of the Lord resolved itself into nebula, and in this cloud there appeared Moses and Elias (Elijah) — the innermost and inner lives of the Lord Christ. The Lord merely opened himself to the vision of Peter, James, and John, and they beheld the kingdom of God come with power as Jesus had promised them only a short week before the vision. The identical Elijah who, hundreds of years before, had been absorbed by Elisha, was here reinvolved by ethnic transmission from generation to generation, in Jesus the Lord. When John had baptized the Christ, Elijah departed from John and entered Jesus. John lost his prophetic union, for the Lord Jesus had received it. Thus the Lord became the Anointed,

that is, the Christ, with power to re-anoint the world.

The analytical fourth factor, the one upon which we may hang with rapturous transport, is that of the absorption of the Lord Jesus. With the authorization of the verity of verities, fortified by all the conspirations of truth from the elaborations of nature, corroborated by all the testimony of the Scriptures, and urged by the focal energy of the apex of the New Jerusalem as she struggles to reincarnate the race of angels in their culmination of the fruitage of the Gods, we declare this truth: The Lord Jesus, the Christ of God, in whom was the fulness of the Godhead bodily, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost in the one person of the Lord, was absorbed through his own incorruptible dissolution, by which his visible form became the Holy Spirit. As the star of greatest magnitude radiates its energy to every star into which it shines, transmitting its stellar potencies, so the Christ, the bright and Morning Star, in the combustion of his person, radiated his life into the stars of lesser magnitude, baptizing all who became receptive to his baptismal influx.

The absorption of the Lord Jesus, the Christ and Son of God, and the Son of man as well, is definitely portrayed in the institution of the Lord's supper, the pass-over, given to the world in perpetual memoriam of the great fact that the flesh and blood of the Lord entered the disciples by virtue of his dematerialization through the fire he declared he came to kindle, and which resulted

in his appropriation (eating) by the church. The fundamental difference between the doctrines of Buddha and the corresponding doctrines in the Jewish and Christian religions, is merely in the theoretical annunciation of the one without the power of an emphatic corroboration with the practical demonstration of the other in many recorded instances.—Enoch, Elijah, and the Lord Jesus comprising remarkable testimonials of the verity of the law. While Buddha transmitted the traditions of the past, he failed to reach the condition of absorption, lacking the essential link to perfect the concatenation of truth necessary to perpetuate the chain of life.

The one great lack of modern Theosophy (?) is a want of the knowledge of universal polarity, an element entering into the conspirations of the Christian system, which, focalizing in the Lord, made him the great polar center of authority and power. The power to impregnate the world by the overwhelming baptism of the Holy Spirit proceeding from his own personality and made consciously potent through his incorruptible dissolution, was the resultant of his own conscious Sonship proclaimed to the exasperation of the learned ones of his day, whose learning precluded the possibility of their knowing anything,—a factor standing in the way of the comprehension of the truth at the present time. The doctors of old had taken away the keys of knowledge, and the inheritance of ignorance is entailed upon the learned (?) of today.

The Age Ends in War and Revolution.

FROM PRESENT appearances, the prospects are grave for war. There can be no doubt of the fact that war is a deplorable necessity. The destruction of human life in the contest of arms waged for any purpose whatsoever, is calamitous. But can any person doubt the righteousness of the struggle for the perpetuity of our country in the great Rebellion, or that war is sometimes inevitable and essential? We are not, however, arguing either for war or peace. The present impulse of the United States is but preliminary to the work she is to perform, in her relation to the great struggle in which the dispensation will end. The dispensation is rapidly drawing to its final close. The map of the world is about to pass through a revision in which the United States will constitute the most prominent figure, for in America the Universal Empire will project its head. The nations will yet come to know that the prophets of God were authorized to predict the radical changes the time of the end will bring through the revolution in church and state, essential to the initiation of the coming kingdom of righteousness.

There is a prevailing sentiment and growing tendency in the direction of the fallacy that the simple force of social evolution will inaugurate a better state, while the fact is, genuine and incontrovertible science inevitably determines that the culmination of every age

comes not by peaceable but by forcible revolution. It is not merely in one field of activity that we are to look for the woes in which the dispensation will terminate. There will be upheavals in the religious, social, political, and commercial fields of action, but especially have the commercial Shylocks fixed the mine and laid the train for the volcano of imminent destruction and retribution.

The control of the legislation of the world by the money sharks, a condition augmenting through a subtle and prescient foresight worthy of a higher purpose, has been determined by the corporate financiers of the world and age. The great financial thieves of the times have entered into a conspiracy to manipulate and enforce legislation in their own interests and against the masses, for in their hearts they have decreed the subjugation of the people to the interests of the bondholders and money-lenders. The time is not far distant when the thinking masses will awake to the urgency of the situation, and in one mighty and overwhelming struggle break this bond of iniquity. The world cannot long struggle in the great conflict for bread against the combined opposition of so-called capital. The hope of the world is in the crisis, in the catastrophe, a tribulation the elements of which had their origin in the very initiation of the Christian age. The Lord planted the spirit and life of Communism; the processes of regenera-

tion (re-production) will usher in its fruitage. Competition will yield to Communism, but only through the coming revolution. The world may desire and cry for

peace, but it will come through war, for which the world at large is preparing. Do not be deceived. The armament of the world is for the purpose of destruction.

The Bible vs. Scientific Fallacy.

OPPOSITION to the Bible as divinely inspired is—by many who are more than skeptical regarding it—predicated upon the assumption that modern science is true. Before the truth of the Scriptures is questioned upon the basis of scientific discovery, it would be well for the scientist (?) to authenticate the verity of his premise. It is a positively known and admitted fact, that the entire fabric of the Copernican system of astronomy has an assumption for its foundation. What is true of astronomy, is equally true of every branch of so called science. Nothing is known that is predicated upon what is unknown.

Practical demonstration has irrevocably determined the fact that there never has been so exaggerated a fallacy projected by the mind of man, as that of the convexity of the earth and its coincident astronomical vagaries; and we emphasize the iteration, with all the essential expletives understood and gratuitously thrown in, that no man has a right to say a thing is not true, upon the basis of a proposition about which he himself is in doubt. "Scientists" profess to be the most unassuming and modest of all men on the face of the earth, while the fact remains, that the whole experience of modern so called science is the contradiction today of what was promul-

gated yesterday. Why do they state their conclusions hesitatingly? Merely because they are not founded upon determined premises. A truly scientific man is not a doubtful man. "He speaks as one having authority" to speak, was asserted of the Lord Jesus. Why? Because he knew whereof he spake.

The earth's surface is concave throughout the sphere. We declare it because we know it. We knew it as positively *before* as *after* our mechanical demonstration, but we instituted the physical experiments for others. We have challenged the world, and defy any exhibition of science to refute the absolute premise upon which the Koreshan fabric has its foundation. We do not merely *believe* the Bible to be true;—we know it is the truth, because everything positively discovered as veritable truth, finds within it an emphatic corroboration. The Scriptures are not argumentative, but declarative. They go to the apex of truth and doctrine, issuing facts respecting forms and principles, to be verified in subsequent research under the direction of illumined reason. They deal philosophically and centrally with the things which concern origin and destiny, leaving the scientific method to those who awake from the past and occult age of the world, into the age of rational and scientific light.

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The Indestructible Atom and the Illimitable Void.

The Girl and the Vala (No. 9).

BY REV. E. M. CASTLE.

"A WIDE-SPREAD fraternity claiming survival from ancient days, transmitting symbolic emblems through a succession of ages, profess to guard in the present the secret arts and mysteries of the Builders."

So spake the instructive tongue of Wisdom to the attentive ear of Desire; while the trees whispered among their tops of the mighty wind soon to transform their branches to tossing arms of anguish or to waving arms of Terpsichorean joy; and the river babbled to its banks of the rioting torrent soon to woo and win them with its conquering flood, drawing them onward in the current of its mad desire; and the glad light of battle was in the Girl's eyes; and the fierce glory of the *Dies Ira* shown on the Vala's brow.

"And what do they guard?"

"They guard an empty casket."

"But the emblems?"

"The emblems survive, though the essence embled has long since departed; nor know they the significance of the words they iterate as vocal emptiness, or of the ceremonies they partake in as automatons."

"The particular emblems to be instanced?"

"Hollow globes surmounting the two pillars that guard the approach to the holy place of the Temple. Generation after generation has been repeated in pseudo-solemn rites, the reason these globes, believed to be originally the archives of the craft and to contain the rolls, records, and constitution of the order, were cast hollow,—to withstand floods and conflagrations; and yet they do not know what they emblem, nor why they are two. And though I desire to tell you much pertaining thereunto, I may not now, lest even this very fraternity be enlightened as to the real significance of what to them is meaningless, or at best obscure; for know

that when certain arcana are spoken, though in the ear of but one, though that one never whispers it to another, and hardly to her own heart, nevertheless is there a power that spreads broadcast; and the time is not yet. But this may I tell you: they were cast hollow in the pattern of the universe."

"And will you reveal to me the truth of universal existence? Already do I suspect that the stupendous fabric of cosmogonic theory which has dazzled and amazed me with its illimitable unrest, is the product of stupendous stupidity, and the crowning evidence of that last and deepest darkness whose denizens are 'too blind to have desire to see.' And methinks there was indeed madness, and no true vision, in that terrible dream of Lucretius, when it seemed to him that a void was made in nature, and he saw

'the flaring atom-streams
And torrents of her myriad universe
Ruining along the illimitable inane,
Fly on to clash together again, and make
Another and another frame of things
Forever.'

Once, this conception of the 'indestructible atoms,' credited in its origin to Leucippus, but formulated and entrenched by Democritus, taught by Epicurus, adorned by the verse of Lucretius, accepted by the accredited teachers of today, to me seemed glorious. Now its glory has departed in my eyes, and I know that the vaulting invention that thus leaps the barriers of reason, can but descend into the abyss itself creates, and that not even the melody of genius that blazons error can sanctify it. Am I right?"

"Right; but never yet was error that was other than the reflex of truth,—else how could it have being?—nor ever an error that did not serve the ends of truth by contrast, nor ever an error that could not be inverted into truth."

"And the theory of the illimitable universe?"

"Reverse the conception, with the earth's surface as the standing-place and base of consideration; think upward, inward, to the heavens, and through the heavens to apex of the converging lines from circumference to center, where is the central nucleus, the meeting place of all energies from the circumference,—the primal and ultimate vortex."

"The vortex! The problem of the vortex has engaged many of our so called wise since Descartes day,—even Stokes, and Helmholtz, and Sir William Thomson. Great names, these, in the world! But none has solved it."

"Because this is one of the vital things concealed from the wise to be revealed unto babes. When one of those you name regarded the vortex as the ultimate of matter, he grazed the hem of Truth's garment, but when he reached the conclusion of 'indestructible vortex-atoms' he was as far removed from Truth as Gehenna from the Throne. The exponents of fallacy never abandon the thought of the indestructible atom. It is the key-note of the entire gamut of scientific fallacy. The vortex is the ultimate of matter, and 'also the ultimate of force. It is the nexus between matter and

spirit,—the conjunction,—the turn, or transmutation.

"Nor did Descartes do more than pervert truth when he applied his vortex theory to the planets. Even wilder are the speculations of the arrogant sages of the present—they who deride Descartes, and boast of their firm moorings to the physical, which preclude excursions beyond the material realm. But the great battle of Truth with the Chimera of false science draws near; the final storm is about to burst upon the world,—as distinctly may its threatenings be heard, as those of the storm about to break over the forest." And even as she spoke, the insistent whispering of the tree-tops increased and the low rumble of distant thunder was heard. "On the winged horse of Olympus, Bellerophon rides forth to hurl the dart against the grotesquely composite monster of fallacy—to destroy forever the delights of those who teach fallacies that are held to be truths. Nor will they yield these delights without bitter conflict. But victory is with the rider on the horse, the winged horse that knows both earth and heaven!—victory! which vindicates him who has the *White Stone*, the philosopher's stone! The fulness of victory in the culmination of the triple woe about to descend upon earth, belongs to the heavenly horseman, who in the fulness of triumph over the dark powers of fallacy and their evil train of sin and death, rolls away the reproach of Antea."

"And the hollow universe, that withstands fires and floods?"

"It is an all-inclusive cell, a great battery of transmutation, the environing wall of which is the earth, on whose inner surface you walk. In the process of transmutation is seen the relation of the flame to the flood; 'tis fire that generates the water that quenches it. The lightning is the flaming of spheres in their union, and one result of the union falls as rain. The wonder of flame is the wonder of transmutation of creation."

"The wonder of flame! He who in our day has been called the Maccabean Eleazar, indignantly protests that no chemistry without stupidity to help it could conceal that flame is a wonder."

"It is a wonder; but pertains not to chemistry, the earth-born giant that wrestles with truth as Anteus did with Hercules—to be in the same way overcome. (And the great exponent of truth may well be likened to Hercules, the glory of Hera, the mother; for his is the glory of that holy city, the free Jerusalem, which is the mother of us all.) Flame pertains to alchemy, the light of Egypt, which is science. Alchemy removes the darkness of Egypt by transmuting it to light. The fires of transmutation and the floods thus generated, perpetuate the universe, and the environing concave withstands and sustains them."

"When shall the world know the truth?"

"Even today the world is waking to the truth."

"And the proud agnostic authorities of the present hour! they whose thoughts range the illimitable void in search of specks whose existence they maintain, whose purpose they explain not! they who scrutinize particles of matter and delve in heaps of trash for *facts!* who

examine heaven and earth with microscopes, which reveal they know not what! they, indeed, who pride themselves on their inability to comprehend, and presume to instruct men in ignorance!—what of them?"

"The bubble of their pride will be touched and destroyed. The Indestructible Atom and the Illimitable Void have reached the end of their career. Their reign over the minds of men shall cease. They are the vain imaginings of darkness, and vanish in the light."

"O, the irony of fate!" exclaimed the Girl. "Democritus laughed at the follies of mankind!"

"He laughed," returned the Vala; "and now is chief sponsor for a tribe at whom all the world may well laugh."

She departed. The Girl thought of the learned dis-

sertations that would conceal from man the glory of God in this visible creation and prove existence commonplace, and the inflated arrogance of their authors. Soon her voice pealed out merrily: "And you laughed, Democritus! O Democritus, Democritus! all the world will laugh,—when its eyes are well open—at the swelling, strutting sage, (who swears by you,) with his sesquipedalian discourse on the 'law and order of nature,' knowing nothing truly of the law of nature, which is the law of God, to be realized and fulfilled only through love, which is *not puffed up.*"

Even while she laughed, the sky darkened; and with blowing garments, and the wind in her face, she passed along the path.

And the wild storm broke over the forest.

A Fateful Sign.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

A FEW weeks ago, the French chamber of Deputies became the scene of a disgraceful quarrel. Now the House of Representatives of the United States, following in the wake of her sister republic, presents to the world a similar humiliating spectacle with features little removed from those of an ordinary street brawl. When the Constitution of the United States has fallen so low in the eyes of its national defenders pledged to the support of its sacred principles, as to become a mere implement of petty personal spite in the hands of one member to inflict an insulting blow upon his opponent, its glory has indeed departed. In these two occurrences significantly transpiring almost simultaneously in France and America, the two great representatives of

modern democracy, the world may behold the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual truth. Modern democracy is weighed in the balance and found wanting. Liberty, equality, and fraternity, hitherto the watchwords of every American heart, have proved themselves but "words, idle words," empty and vain with the false ring of a counterfeit coin. There is no liberty where plutocracy rules, no equality in nature, and no fraternity without the love of God in the human soul.

The pattern of all things was shown the prophet in the holy mount. The perfect ideal of government to be wrought out upon this earth must be delivered to the people *from on high*. The desire of all nations, Utopia, Altruria, the lost Atlantis, will be realized in Theocracy.

Undermining the Throne of the Gold God.

BY PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

SCARCELY has his reign been at length securely established, (as his blind devotees imagine,) when the rivals and enemies of the gold god begin undermining his throne. In our Revolutionary war, our fathers—having no money resource to clothe and feed armies and sustain themselves against a powerful foe—resorted to what Jefferson declares to be a nation's only resource in war,—the credit, not that they had any, but one which they hoped to establish. So effective was this, that when England saw that by the sole help of these treasury notes (called assignats) her colony was getting the better of her, and was likely to slip through her fingers, she resorted to the expedient of counterfeiting them and flooding the country with them so as to destroy their value. Even thus they were too much for all her power and resources, and she had to acknowledge the independence of her revolted colonies after a seven year's struggle.

In spite of the reign of the gold god in her own dominions, it looks as through Britain was trying a sim-

ilar experiment against the authority of the same god in this country. She has been importing a large amount of silver from this country, and it now transpires that a quantity of silver dollars already estimated at \$20,000,000, has been put in circulation in this country. They are genuine silver, some of them of even greater fineness than our silver coins. According to the theory of our coin worshipers, that the value is in the commodity out of which money is made, and not at all in the stamp—fiat, which it bears, these dollars are just as good as any silver dollars and, practically, just as good as gold. There is no law against their circulation, and the more of them that find their way into circulation, the better for our debt-cursed poor. Swelling the volume of money in circulation, which fixes prices, they help to counteract the appreciation of king gold, and thus to lighten his oppression. But this is quite a plum to British thieves and their imitators this side the great waters. Fifty per cent in the value of the money thus put in circula-

tion is a find worth picking up, and there is no reason in sight why the whole amount mined may not be thus rendered into good coin of the realm, which would soon settle the question of 16 to 1 without its bothering the

politicians longer. Add to this the manufacture of gold everywhere becoming rife, and it looks as though the mighty tyrant would soon find himself minus a throne, and there would be one more added to the world's pretenders to sovereignty.

Sharp Cuts at Existing Evils.

BY W. H. PAVITT.

GOLD is a great king. The people bow down and worship it. They issue bonds against themselves, and industry is taxed for the interest. There is but little gold, and the people need more money. "Bank-promises-to-pay" are issued on the bonds, and the people borrow them—for which they mortgage all they have, and pay a bonus and some more interest for their use. Some of the neighbors deposit the "bank's-promises-to-pay" in the safe keeping of the banker, and other neighbors come and borrow and pay interest for the use of these same "promises-to-pay," which are based upon the "promises-to-pay" that the banks issued, and which are based upon the bonds the people issued to buy gold to do business with. Great financial scheme! Wonderful people!

We have no objection to others wasting time and sinking deeper into the mire of usury until they strike the bottom of the gutter, if they feel so inclined,—it is a free country and it is their privilege,—but it does not require a great amount of erudition to see that they will vote themselves out as soon as they can lift themselves out by pulling on their boot straps.

Interest, profit, rent, taxes, the four channels through which the toilers are robbed of the fruits of industry, *must* and *will be* annihilated, else they will

annihilate the race. The party that has not erudition enough to see it, and moral stamina enough to demand its destruction, can hope to be classed only among the *debris* of the past.

Madame de Staël's idea of happiness was "conscious progress in a worthy undertaking." To look ahead and feel in every fiber of our being that the end draws near, and that the shackles which now fetter the race will soon be broken, fills the loyal heart with exultation.

There is no such thing as pauper labor. The only paupers are those who live upon the fruits of others' toil, without performing equivalent uses to the neighbor.

Truth lies dead in the street, for men cannot barter it for gold, and a prophet is without honor because no one can make a profit on his predictions.

"Bear ye one another's burdens" does not signify that you should climb upon your neighbor's back and bear down with all your weight!

Waste is sin; reckless waste is a crime; ergo: the competitive system is the monumental crime of the age.

We cannot judge a tree by its blossoms. Some of the poorest apples come from the fairest blossoms.

In the Editorial Perspective.

BY THE EDITOR.

MANY PEOPLE fancy themselves to be reasoners, who have never taken the trouble to test a single conclusion which they or others have presumed to reach. To jump at a conclusion may please the mind under the sensation of delusion, but it does not involve a single factor of reason. No man can reach a correct conclusion who does not begin with a known premise and apply the principles of logic to the end of the process of ratiocination. Ever engage your mind in such a process? If you have successfully, you are a reasoner; if not, you have all of your personal conclusions to overhaul entirely. Hundreds of people object to Koreshan Science who have never given it a rational test to ascertain whether it is right or wrong. It is just as funny to us for an unreasoning mind to undertake to criticize a conclusion of Koreshan Science, as it would be for a man knowing nothing about mathematics, to enter the office of a mathematician and declare his calculations wrong! "Where—show where the process is wrong." The objector holds the process of his ignorance in reserve, while the blunder is unmistakably manifest! Koreshan Science is a system of fact, logic, and

reason; its conclusions are founded upon known premises, and we challenge contradiction. Apply any recognized system of logic extant to a single fact in the universe, and prove the System wrong if you can!

We declare war, not only against Spain to destroy her barbarism and avenge her crimes, but against all the fallacies of modern times. Operative in every government and in every department of life in the world today, there are forces far more dangerous and more subtle than the Jesuitism of Spain. Nations become enraged at little spurts of man's inhumanity to man. The massacre of Armenians, the starving and butchering of reconcentrados of Cuba, cause a generous display of false charity and give opportunity for mock philanthropy to increase the luster of transient halos of glory. Hundreds of thousands in the great cities of the world are in a starving condition; opportunity to support themselves is denied by giant monopolies. It is just as much a crime to take away support and to force starvation upon the occupants of tenement houses, as it is to drive reconcentrados from their farms and homes to coops

within the Spanish trochas! There is misery in Havana and Matanzas, but no less in Chicago, New York, London, Paris, and Rome. There are more butchers than Weyler and the Sultan of Turkey. There is not a district in the "civilized" world where starved and oppressed people can undertake to effectively protest against unjust taxation, without meeting the same fate at the point of bayonets of armed militia that Armenians met at the hands of the Turkish Kurds!

War incurs enormous expense, and millions of dollars are necessary to conduct warfare and pay indebtedness which accrues. There are three ways in which war funds can be raised: (1) By subscription from individuals and payment of some out of private moneys. (2) By bonding the nation for a period of years, or (3) by the issue of greenbacks. The first would be slow and tedious, and of the other two methods the bonds will be chosen for the simple reason that millionaires, the gods of the money power, are behind the throne, and their business is BONDAGE. The men in power and the majority of the population of the American nation today are blind enough to borrow a few billion dollars and pay interest on the same for a hundred years, when Congress has the power to *make* money out of paper by fiat, which would pay all indebtedness and fulfil all the functions of naval and commercial commodity. In this way there would be no indebtedness, no interest, no bondage of the people, and *no revenue to the millionaire*. One of the greatest fakes and delusions of the hour, is the idea that gold intrinsically possesses the value stamped upon it, and that it is necessary to the business transactions of the world.

It is a general impression that the money power, through Mark Hanna and other agencies, influences the present administration, dictates its policy, and measures the extent of its action on any question arising for settlement. To gain a place in the Senate for Hanna, Wall street influenced the Ohio legislature; and to prevent recognition of Cuban independence, it charged, a number of Senators were in collusion with cliques that conspire to save the Spanish bonds. Is there any foundation for this charge? If it is true that Wall street influences the President, Cabinet, and Senate, then the entire clique in office should be impeached for overt acts of *treason* against the Constitution of America! Such measures are in direct violation of the spirit of liberty, of the laws of government, and the will of the people.

War clouds are no longer in the horizon of the East or the West, but in the zenith; slowly they have been gathering for years, and are now ready to burst upon the world, precipitating the elements of destruction in the great contest over the universal vitellus. The difficulties between the United States and Spain constitute a few of the many factors contributing to the settlement of the great question of the world's freedom. Declarations of war will grow more and more numerous, and national grievances more and more aggravating, until all the forces engage in the final combat. The time is at hand; the dispensation ends in revolution, warfare, and bloodshed!

The White Horse Army is the only army in the world that carries the banner of Liberty! It not only cries Cuba Libre, but liberty and freedom for the world! It is an army of war; it is an army of peace—it will revolutionize human thought, activity, and relations in every department of life, hold the reins of government, adjust, restrain, appropriate, and use the world's commerce in accordance with the laws of equity and justice.

Occultism is a suitable cover, under which those who know nothing are enabled to make the false claim to spiritual perception. It is out of the sphere of demonstration; it eludes all facts,

and is the opposite of science. Koreshan Science is not occultism; it is uncovered, discovered and revealed, open and above-board, founded upon facts; it courts and invites investigation, proves its claims, *defies* criticism, and *challenges* fallacy!

The great revolution is being waged against all forms of error and fallacy. The Messenger of Truth sounds the tocsin, announces the issue, declares war, and arraigns the enemy on countless charges of infamy and despotism. The Battle of Armageddon is a war of invasion, or aggression, involving the destruction of all powers of usurpation. We are fighting that battle now!

There is no such thing as occult science. When anything is occult, it is hidden—it is mysterious. When mystery is revealed it becomes science or knowledge of the thing hitherto occult or mysterious. A thing cannot be hidden and revealed at the same time, and therefore "occult science" is an absurdity.

The universe could not be spherical if it were not cellular. Cellular activity is within the cell, the inner surface of which sustains a direct relation to the central nucleus. The pivot of the cell is the center; the wall is the material environ which constitutes the cellular form.

When the tomb of Osiris was found, the startling discovery was made that the Egyptian deities were living men here in the earth, and not myths as heretofore supposed by Egyptologists. All gods, good or bad, are men; the true God is divinely and supremely human.

The power of Spain is supposed to rightfully belong to Alfonso XIII, a youth of fourteen; to be assumed by the Queen regent, and to be exercised by the premier, Sagasta. Perhaps Spain would be less cruel and the better ruled if the order were reversed.

Social democracy is a pseudo-social system, the purpose of which is to divert attention from the promulgation of the principles and truths of the Theocratic Socialism taught in the Bible and scientifically demonstrated by the facts of nature.

Many people object to our radical expressions and positive statements. They do not like them now because they hurt, but after awhile the masses will be glad to know that we had backbone at the right time!

The supreme power of government can never emanate from the governed. Government by a circumference regardless of the center or origin of all power, is as inconsistent as a kingdom without subjects.

When the great powers have exhausted their resources in the impending revolution, the Army of the coming Theocracy will hoist the flag of genuine liberty and declare peace forever!

The war department is endeavoring to keep up to date. The term flying squadron may indicate to some that the U. S. navy is composed of airships; the vessels are yet floating on the ocean.

Labor unions are clamoring for peace with Spain. The only time the unions want war is when they can wage war on non-union workmen when the unions are out on a strike!

The Spaniards have given the world a practical illustration of how to *undermine* anything they wish to destroy.

War prophets are no more reliable than the proverbial weather prophet.

The United States has more dangerous enemies at home than abroad.

Cuba Libre!

Interrogation Points and Other Punctuations.

BY THE EDITOR.

Criticism of the Sword.

H. M. P., Hamburg, Ia.—You acknowledge THE FLAMING SWORD to be the very ablest Journal published, and yet you criticize it in a long letter of March 24, without stating a single instance to which you could object. What you have to say of the church, the press, and a host of other follies in the world, has no application to us. If you think THE SWORD is afraid to say what its promulgators think, you are as badly mistaken as you ever were in your life! We think the trouble with you lies in the fact that we did not publish your letter of January 27, concerning Spiritism. We did not, for the simple reason that the editor of this department considered it a personal letter. We know something about Spiritism, not only the phenomena, but also the science of these manifestations, and the laws of both the natural and the spiritual worlds. You know nothing about the phenomena nor the laws upon which spiritual being depends. You cannot tell us anything about Spiritism nor the character of its advocates, that we do not already know. We have made a business of acquainting ourselves with our business; and having the knowledge of the true science of the universe,—with its various departments, including a knowledge of human nature and the medicine that is required to put the world on a reasoning basis,—we are of the opinion that you, without something superior to what we have, cannot tell us anything about how to accomplish our work. From the standpoint of demonstrated premises, we have the ability to point out where ignorance is dangerous. When it comes to egotism, we say frankly, that the Founder of Koreshanism is the only *genuine* egotist in existence. Knowledge and egotism are the necessary prerequisites of the teacher and the critic. You say you are not an egotist, and you do not assume to possess the actual basis of all true conclusion, and therefore we deny that you can criticize THE FLAMING SWORD from any other standpoint than a wrong one!

The Only Physical Universe.

Suppose the Koreshan theory be true, upon what law do you base the proposition that this earth is the only one? Why might there not be others, with their cellular activities and life?—C. B., Salem, O.

The very fact that the universe is—the very fact that it exists in its completeness, is absolute proof that it is the only one, for otherwise, it would not be complete. If another universe existed, it would render this one incomplete from the simple

fact that the existence of the other one could be possible only through an established relation with everything else in existence having origin in cause. That cause necessarily finding the pivot of unity in one form, would necessitate the return of two forms to the original state of wholeness. The universe is a unit, a complete and perfect structure, possessing all the functions of its own perpetuity, and therefore it is *one*, and no more, else it could not be the *universe*. The universe perpetuates itself by inherent laws of involution and evolution; it involves itself and nothing else—it turns in itself, (from *unis*, one, and *verte*, to turn,) and puts forth itself, cycle after cycle. If it were not the only universe it could not be eternal. If there were two, one or the other had a beginning, and hence would have an ending. The universe can never be divided; its completeness, its unity, can never be dissolved. To divide it would be to destroy its existence. It cannot be related to anything but itself. The Almighty who creates it at definite periods is the *Seed* which the universe itself produces. He can create no more nor less than that which conspires to produce Him, and there is only *one* God. He is the heart and center of this structured unity; he is one and no more. Primary cause and ultimate effect are one. Original cause and universal effect could unite only in *one* universal form; the *one* universal form is all that *one* pivot of cause can express.

The Great Drama of Job.

(1) Did God give Job the same children that he gave the devil the power to destroy, and if he did, in what manner and how? (2) If David then called him Lord, how is he his son? (3) What does it mean when the prophet says, "God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran?" (Hab. III: 3.) (4) Who is the Holy One, and where is mount Paran?—S. H. C., Kingston, Tex.

(1) The book of Job records the experiences of Jah in humanity, in a great cycle of 24,000 years—the descent and resurrection of the Almighty in humanity. The children restored are the sons of God in the resurrection at the end of the cycle. It is the story of the planting of seed, its death, and its reproduction; the story of the propagation of life necessary to the perpetuity of the universe. In the highest sense, the children are the same; they are the resurrection of that which was destroyed. (2) David called Jesus the Christ his Lord, by virtue of the fact that Jesus was the resurrection of David; thus one of David's posterity became his Savior, just

as a seed saves the corpuscles of a plant. (3) Here we have a definite statement of *where* God came from. The church has been discussing the question of the Almighty for hundreds of years, and has forgotten to inquire concerning the origin of God! God was created out of humanity, and away back in the days of Abraham, he began to be generated on the natural plane; he came from Abraham and his posterity. Teman, the grandson of Esau, was a specific line through which specific qualities of life came in the generation of Jesus. Teman was a man, then a people, living in Edom. See further on the generation of the Almighty from humanity, in SWORD, April 15, 1898, "The Common Origin of all Religions," Part II. (4) Jesus the Christ was the Holy One, coming through Teman. Mount Paran was the pivot of spiritual force in the people of Teman. Typical Mount Paran is a mountain in the old Edom or Iduma.

Not Engaged in "Absent Treatment."

H. J. Y., Portland, Ore.—Your kind favor, and also that of Mrs. Y., some time ago, were duly received. We send you back numbers of THE SWORD as requested. We are not engaged in the work of "absent treatment," and have no system of mental healing separate from the system of Science founded by KORESH. Restoration of the world to life and genuine health will come through fulfillment of divine law, the foundations of which are the ten principles of life given to the world by Moses, fulfilled by Jesus, and now scientifically interpreted by KORESH. Any so called treatments or cures which do not involve obedience to the scientific laws of immortality here in the flesh, are inadequate. The central nucleus of the Koreshan System exists for the purpose of conserving energies for this higher purpose, and will not be expended for any other purpose until the proper time arrives.

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The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

I saw your advertisement in the *Altruist*. I am looking around for the true system of theology, the true religion of God, if he has given man such a system. I can now praise him only so far as I know him through his works. I do not know whether the Bible is of God, or not, or whether Jesus the Christ was his Son or not. I am skeptical on these two points. If there is no true system of theology or religion in the world, then one should be devised. The better we know the universe and its laws, the more we shall know of its wonderful Creator.—J. C. N., Tuttle, Colo.

Page 16 is both a wonder and a work of art. We unscientific students are now anxiously waiting for learned men of the old theory to take up the bold challenge of Dr. TEED and proceed to run the air line at various localities, and thus make the test, while a wondering world in almost breathless anxiety watches for the verdict which is either to confirm the Copernican theory or confess and declare a truth which must produce the most far-reaching revolution—scientific, political, and religious—of all discoveries of history. Let it be soon.—C. B., Salem, O.

While writing, I will renew my subscription to THE FLAMING SWORD. Have forgotten whether I paid for the New Goodness or not; for fear I did not, I enclose \$2.25, as I wish to get it as soon as it is issued. There is only one thing to be said against THE FLAMING SWORD: there is not enough of it, what it lacks in quantity, it makes up in quality, and one number is worth more than the price of the whole year's subscription; but I want more. Koreshan literature continues to be my principal pastime.—A. P., Antioch, O.

Please find postal note to extend my subscription, and accept my thanks for having sent it continuously. Your paper is surely unexcelled from several standpoints. The paper, and presswork, are excellent, and in science it leads. The humanity and fraternity advocated are admirable. Its theological expositions are, as yet, beyond the reach of most minds.—Dr. C. A. G., Austin, Tex.

There are many real sound truths in THE FLAMING SWORD of April 1. Send me the 300 pamphlets referred to. When published, I will take a half dozen copies of the New Goodness at agents' rates. I carry a large stock of occult books. My intuitions have always impressed me that modern astronomy is radically at variance with nature and spirit.—Prof. G. W. W., Denver, Colo.

All hail, THE FLAMING SWORD! More news, more sense for the money, than any paper I know of, and the most interesting.—N. H., Marco, Fla.

We are very much interested in THE FLAMING SWORD and the principles it advocates, and do not want to miss a single copy.—H. J. Y., Portland, Ore.

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Chat With Readers.

This week's FLAMING SWORD is another excellent good number added to the numerous issues of like character during the past five months. Beginning with the excellent articles by the Founder of Koreshan Science, the attention of the readers will be absorbed in the subjects discussed. "The Common Origin of All Religions," Part 3, differentiates between Koreshanity and so called Theosophy. The difference is so clearly indicated that we do not see how even the casual reader can fail to see the points. Many new readers would like to know what is our attitude toward the Bible. There is a growing skepticism about the familiar collection of books—a skepticism growing out of the fallacies of modern so called science. Of course, if the Copernican system of astronomy were true, the Bible would be absolutely false in every particular, and wholly

unreliable in its every feature. The splendid short article by KORESH suggests a line of thought for those who have hitherto reposed confidence in that class of "scientists" who make capital out of nonsense.

Take up a single copy of THE FLAMING SWORD and count the new thoughts it contains—go through all of the articles and note the scores of subjects touched upon. The thoughts are all new and true, radical and revolutionary. There is not a thought that we entertain—there is not a conclusion in the entire System that is not the absolute antithesis of that entertained in the fallacious modern systems. In the Editorial Perspective and other departments, scores of Koreshan conclusions are suggested each week. In 52 issues not less than 10,000 distinct items of premise, proof, and conclusion are presented. How fortunate the readers of THE FLAMING SWORD are! Men for ages past have struggled in vain for a single true thought; and now at the end of the dispensation, thousands and thousands of brilliant rays are streaming from THE FLAMING SWORD alone, —and from no other journal. There is no other journal like it in the world; it is unique, alone, unparalleled!

The subject of war is filling the mind of the world—not only as a matter of news, but as a matter of feeling. The war sensation is felt everywhere, and the agitation in the mental spheres will have its effect in the most outward forms of expression—in war itself, soon or later. "The Age Ends in War and Revolution," is the caption of prophetic declarations by KORESH, founded on knowledge of what constitutes vengeance for all the wrongs of the oppressed! There are two ways in which unity is effected in every domain: (1) by affinity, and (2) by agitation and war, where the breaking down of old forms results from the battle of opposing forces. War must break down the competitive system; war must destroy existing institutions!

We desire to express our appreciation of The Girl and the Vala, No. 9, "The Indestructible Atom and the Illimitable Void," by Rev. E. M. Castle. In the colloquy in this issue, there is a fund of scientific thought which should attract the attention of every reader of THE FLAMING SWORD. Our readers may consider themselves fortunate in having the great truths of Koreshan Science presented in so attractive a style as is now being done in this remarkable series.

Do you like new thoughts, new ideas? There is no end to them in THE FLAMING SWORD. We are radically different from everybody and everything else in the world—we entertain just the opposite of all modern conclusions. The Koreshan System satisfies every desire to investigate it—whether out of curiosity, desire to criticize, or to have the truth.

If you are in arrears on your subscription to THE FLAMING SWORD, it is just as much your duty to remit for the same, as it is our duty to send the paper to those who have paid their subscriptions. See?

Watch for new developments in the Koreshan movement. You can do this only by receiving THE FLAMING SWORD each week. Subscribe for it now and take it right along.

Sixteenth Page explained next week!

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The World's News.

Wednesday, April 13—President's message enrages the Spaniards; bitter feeling in Madrid.—Gen. Lee, before Senate committee, charges Spanish officers with blowing up the Maine.—War cloud is growing darker; Spain issues a defiance.—Senator Mason criticises McKinley's message.—Spain purchases two ocean liners.—Big iron trust being formed at Cleveland.—Gladstone reported better.—Large plate glass plant burns at Irwin, Pa.; loss \$750,000.—Americans in peril in Cuba; Consul Brice forced to leave Matanzas.—House of representatives votes for intervention, but not recognition of Cuban independence.

Thursday.—War and Navy departments ready for action.—Nation waits for action of Senate.—Further plans for rescuing Americans in Cuba.—All American sailors anxious for war.—Ohio coal miners return to work, after concessions of operators.—Magazine of nitro-glycerine explodes at Bellaire, O.; two men killed.—Big bulge in wheat, and stocks rise.—Patriotic speeches in Senate.

Friday.—Senate entering a prolonged discussion of the Cuban question.—Reports current that McKinley will veto any measure involving Cuban independence.—Queen Regent of Spain calls on Cortes to meet April 20.—Excitement and fear at Madrid.—Further talk of action by European powers to prevent war.—American warships and troops are moving.—American and Spanish ministers ready to obey orders to leave.—Hanna and Blanco hanged in effigy in Chicago.—Man arrested in Chicago who claims to have held the mine that blew up the Maine.—Wheat reaches \$1.11.

Saturday.—Don Carlos, pretender to Spanish throne, threatens to grab the crown.—Gen. Miles issues war orders.—Many regiments are on the way South.—Massachusetts appropriates \$500,000 for war purposes.—War the absorbing topic; interferes with political parties, and several conventions are postponed.—Senate passes on intervention and recognizes independence of Cuban republic.

Sunday.—European powers will not meddle in the Americo-Spanish war.—Spanish mob attacks American consulate at Malaga; disorder at Cadiz; university closes at Barcelona on account of riots.—Gen. Lee to have a commission as Brigadier-general.—Cubans in Florida hold a jubilee.—Rioting at Matanzas.—Recruiting stations opened in Chicago and other large cities.

Monday.—Senate resolutions sent to the House for action.—Spain waits on fate;

preparing for resistance.—War department mapping out plans for Cuban campaign.—Spaniards fleeing from Philippine islands; insurgents there gaining ground.—Spaniards leaving the U. S.—350,000 bushels of Leiter's wheat burns at Hoosac tunnel docks.—House acts on Senate resolutions, with amendments, making them conform to original House resolutions; discussion in progress.—House and Senate convene at 8 p. m. for final action.—Big Cuban victory reported in Pinar del Rio.

Tuesday.—All night struggle in Congress over Cuban independence. Conference called, and joint resolutions submitted to both Senate and House; agreement reached at 3 a. m.—Joint resolutions empower President to intervene on behalf of Cuba at once, and recognizes the freedom and independence of the people of Cuba.—Overwhelming majority in House in favor of independence, 310 to 6.—Spain sees no way to avert war.—Bill preparing in Congress to call for 70,000 troops to land in Cuba.

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In Reform Journals.

MONEY FALLACIES EXPOSED.

Money Values Shown to be Fixed by Fiat and Not by Intrinsic Worth.

The belief that money must be made of some substance that possesses intrinsic value, will die out of the human intellect with other popular errors. That which really possesses intrinsic value should never be diverted from its proper function and used as a medium of exchange. We write our letters on the cheapest material we can find—paper. Money is the creature of law, the decree of authority, therefore the cheapest material should be used to print the law or decree upon.

The only decision ever given by the Supreme Court of the United States in a case where the question of what constitutes money was involved, declared that "money is not a substance but a legal decree."

And shall we take millions of laborers out of productive enterprises, where they are producing the necessities of life, and send them into mountain gorges, caves and tunnels, and out on arid plains, and on and on, up to the frozen North, where they undergo hardships that no pen or tongue can describe, to search for a certain yellow metal so scarce that all that has been found in modern times, including the Klondike, could be placed in a room forty feet square and deep? Those who claim that gold is money, that nature made it so, once claimed the same magical quality for silver; but when the pluck, industry, and perseverance of man unearthed a vast quantity of the white metal, its so called "intrinsic value" or "natural money" character was stricken down by the fiat of government. The "legal decree" was repealed by the same power or authority that gave it its life or purchasing power.

It would be quite as sensible or logical to insist that the proclamation of a ruler, a law of Congress, or a decision of a court,

should be written or printed upon gold or silver plate, as to contend that the legal decree called money be printed upon those metals.

A general impression prevails that the word coin means metal. Coin means "to stamp." Webster defines coin thus:

1. Coin, n. A piece of metal, not necessarily gold or silver, on which certain characters are stamped, making it legally current as money. 2. Coin, v. t. To stamp or convert into money. To form by stamping. 3. Coinage. The act of stamping or converting into money."

How, then, about "nature making gold and silver money?" But now then comes the old stereotyped question: "How about the greenbacks?" Why did they depreciate to 40 cents on the dollar? Was it not because they were paper?

No, it was not because they were paper, and no one at all posted on the financial legislation of this country since 1860 will mention them. When the fiat broke out, Lincoln realized the need of money. There was not enough "legal decrees" coined or stamped on gold and silver to pay the soldiers needed, and carry on the war to preserve the Union. Honest, noble, great-hearted old Abe, who was something of a lawyer in his day, remembered that the Constitution of the United States says: "The government shall have the right to coin money and regulate its value." (If gold is money by nature, how could Congress regulate its value?) Lincoln saw that nature had nothing to do with it, and also that money was simply a legal decree, and that this decree might be stamped, viz., coined on any substance for convenience, as the decree constituted its value and not the substance on which the decree was stamped, written, printed or coined.

The first sixty millions of greenbacks issued by the Lincoln administration passed at their face value even in London. Why? Because the contract or "legal tender" coined or stamped (printed) on them declared them good "for all debts, public and private;" that the government would take them for taxes, interest on the public debt, and duties on imports. Demagogues have tried to make the people believe, and in many instances have succeeded, that the first issue passed at par because they were redeemable in gold. Not so. The word gold or silver does not appear on any of the first issue of greenbacks. They were redeemed every time they were exchanged for anything between man and man, or paid to any officer of the government for taxes, duties on imports, or interest on the public debt.

This frightened the money kings, those who own the metals upon which money (the legal decree) had by the authority of law been stamped, and they at once took steps to prevent any more money being coined on paper. So they sent out the famous, or infamous, Buel circular, from which the following is an extract: "To issue more paper money will provide the people with money." Not a word about "rag money" or "intrinsic value." So Congress was "fixed," and when the next issue of greenbacks appeared they bore this strange device: "Good for all debts, public and private, except interest on the public debt and duties on imports." Here was the spectacle of a government issuing money and then refusing to accept it.

Query: If money is only good according to the intrinsic value of the material on which the stamp is placed, why did a piece of paper six by four inches pass for fifty cents when stamped one dollar, and the same amount of paper pass for fifty dollars when stamped one hundred dollars?

But there is not a metal money man in the world who will attempt to answer.

Let the government print, stamp or coin the greenback "exception clause" or twenty-dollar gold pieces, and see how quickly they will depreciate to ten or twelve dollars. Why? Because they would not be full legal tender for all debts, public and private. Paper possesses most intrinsic or real value than gold, because it is used to print all the news and knowledge and new discoveries on. It is also used to make shoes, buckets and even car wheels. In fact, there is no limit to its use in the arts and sciences.—Dr. Carey in *Speeches*, Santa Cruz, Cal.

The Spirit of Domination.

"Distance lends enchantment to the view," and most persons who take up reform ideas tend at first to rush into the fire of officialdom, with which they are not familiar, in their desire to escape from the frying-pan of plutocracy, with which they are uncomfortably intimate. It is their inexperienced opinion that the sins and iniquities of bureaucratic authority are invariably due to capitalistic corruption, and that the abolition of the commercial system would convert officials generally into angelic instruments of the Millennium. A little reflection might, however, reveal the fact that the most galling tyrannies of plutocracy itself are those which are actuated not by greed, but by the spirit of domination; and the truth is that craving for dictatorship is at least as powerful an incentive to wrong-doing as the craving for riches, whilst if "opportunity make the thief," it is no less certain to make the tyrant. An appropriate alteration in the moral tone will make a vast difference in the general working of business, just as appropriate alteration of moral tone will make a vast difference in affairs of office; but if we simply take refuge from commercialism in officialism, or vice versa, the effect will be in the concluding words of the famous orator, Mr. William Norval, "to change the scene, but not relieve the pain."—*The Worker*, Sydney, Australia.

Modern Christianity.

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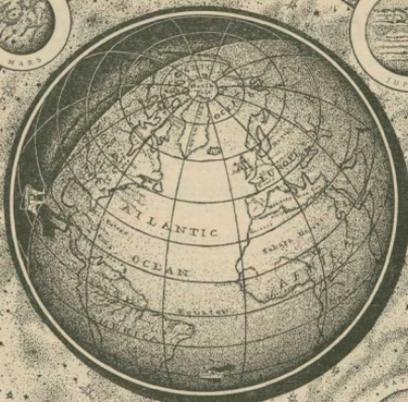
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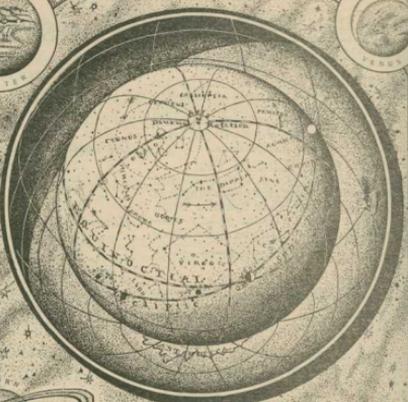
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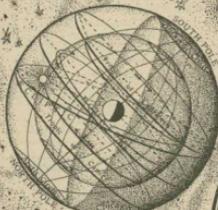
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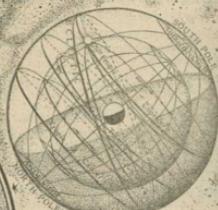
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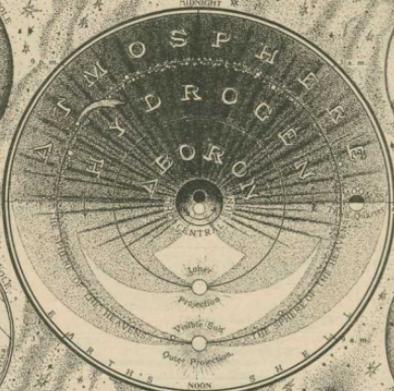
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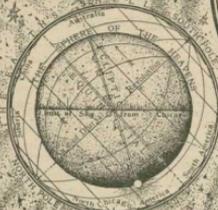


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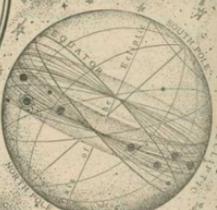


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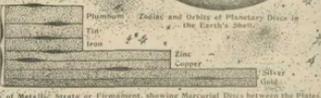
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