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Open Letter to Her Majesty Victoria Queen of England and Empress of India.

IT IS persistently avowed by the advocates of the Anglo-Israelite theory, that the Anglo-Saxon race, as the representative people of the Germanic family, comprises the House of Israel, and that these people are the escaped of Israel. By these same advocates it is averred that England constitutes Ephraim, and the United States Manasseh.

The purpose of this paper is to correct, if possible, these great blunders of the false prophets of modern times, and to set forth conspicuously the true status of the case, from Biblical and ethnical premises. One phase of this Anglo-Israel hypothesis provides that in the restoration, Israel—the Germanic family, with Judah—the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and the twelfth of Levi, now scattered as Jews throughout the world, will be gathered back to Palestine, and that the old Jerusalem will be restored as the Holy City. That these conclusions (mere vagaries) are the hallucinations of a benighted humanity, we shall herein proceed to show.

The Germanic family is the product of the infiltration of the ten tribes with Media, Persia, and Assyria. The laws governing this infiltration and metamorphosis of Israel to Gentile, are as herein presented. Israel absorbed Egypt, an accomplishment wrought through perfectly natural processes. Joseph married Asenath, which interpreted means she is Neith, or what is the same, Minerva. Asenath was the daughter of Potipherah, the High Priest of Heliopolis (On), the city of the sun. Poti-pherah was the High Priest of the sun, and his daughter Minerva ministered in the solar temple. The children of Joseph were therefore Hebrew and Egyptian, and as such their posterity would be especially attract-

ive to the Egyptians. The application of the ceremony of circumcision provided against the intermarrying of the Israelite with the Hebrew, but it did not prevent the intermarriage of Egyptian women with the Israelite males. The influence of circumcision upon the Hebrew race—while providing the hedge with which the Lord of the vineyard maintained the integrity and perpetuity of his chosen people, the garden wherein he planted his seed, thereby rendering them pre-eminently distinctive, -had the effect of inducing the necessity for the infiltration of an extrinsic ethnic force. Circumcision established the Hebrew characteristics as distinctively pronounced, because it provided for the appropriation of the foreign ethnic element, a necessity in view of the fact that it was in the divine purpose to provide-while enforcing an ethnic and consanguine exclusivenessagainst racial deterioration by the constant introduction of foreign blood. Israel absorbed Egypt by intermarriage, through which the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim became a mixed people. It was for this reason that the younger son was named Ephraim, double or twin land, double people,—the significations involved in the name Ephraim.

In comparing the two special prophecies made by Jacob, included in the blessings upon Judah and Joseph, we discover the one pronounced upon Joseph to be the most essentially significant, in that it points definitely to the coming of the Lord at the end of the age as unmistakably in the line of Joseph's posterity. "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall. The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him; but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands

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were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; from thence (Joseph) is the "hepherd, the Stone of Israel." The foregoing is King James' version. The original more literally rendered is. Joseph is a prolific son, a prolific son upon the eye ["the eye is the light of the body." "Christ is the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world," therefore he is the eye referred to in the verse quoted], whose daughters go upon the wall." The wall referred to comprises the foundations of the New Jerusalem, which foundations are the doctrines of the New Church, represented by the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The daughters referred to are those who, at the end of the age, as women shall be the first to accept and apply the gospel of purification annunciated by Elijah the prophet (God the Lord), who comes to purify the sons of Levi.

The Shepherd will come of the posterity of Joseph. This is not only a fact and according to the expressed declaration of Jacob's prediction, but, according to Scripture, when the Messiah comes he will be the resurrection, reincarnation, of Joseph, who is the White Stone alluded to in Revelation ii:17, "which no man knoweth saving him that receiveth it." Involved in this White Stone will be the Lord Christ, because Jesus the Lord in descending into the race (into hell) after his resurrection from Joseph's tomb, entered by the Holy Spirit into Joseph's posterity; hence, when Joseph is reincarnated as the Lord at the end of the Christian age now closing, the Christ who descended is resurrected in him

The channel through which the Stone of Israel becomes manifest, according to the blessing of Jacob, was to be the line of Ephraim's progeny. "I know it, my son. I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become the FULNESS OF THE Gentiles." Note especially the last clause of the above quotation, "fulness of the Gentiles." By no possible rendering of the clause, melo hagoyim, nor by any stretch of the imagination, can this be perverted to read "a multitude of nations." The great truth involved here is, that the posterity of Ephraim, through the divine purpose, was to be cut off from Judah, and through ethnic infiltration absorbed (through intermarriage) by the nations which the ten tribes, under the influence of Ephraim, should enter after their departure. By this they were to become "Lo Ammi," "not my people," the natural consequence of the violation of the covenant provided under the ceremonial of circumcision. When Israel ceased to circumcise, they were cut off from the people of God, and through their departure they became Gentile. By becoming Gentile they are no more

It was expressly declared by the prophet: "Ephraim [the ten-tribed House] shall go into Assyria. Ephraim shall be eaten up by the Assyrians." In view and in fulfilment of this declaration, the ten tribes were carried away and located in Media. If they had observed the only law by which they can be identified, namely, that of circumcision, their identity could not have been oblit-

erated or lost. They did not observe the law, hence they lost their identity as Jew, and by intermarriage they became infiltrated with the nationalities Media. Persia, and Assyria, and by this miscegeneration became the Germanic family, not the ten tribes, but the product of the ten tribes mixed with Assyria,—that is, with Media, Persia, and Assyria. Therefore they were the little leaven hidden in the three measures of meal. Hence this Scripture passage: "In that day [the end of the age] shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, blessed be Egypt, my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance." Isaiah xiz: 24,25.

A recapitulation before the further elucidation of this subject, will enable your Majesty to emphasize the salient points of the discussion. (1) The Stone of Israel, according to Jacob's blessing and prophetic declaration, will certainly come of Joseph's posterity: "From thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel." This does not apply to the Lord Jesus, because he came of Judah, not Joseph.

(2) Ephraim is the channel through which the Stone of Israel and the Gentile fulness mature at the end of the dispensation. "His seed shall become the fulness of the Gentiles." Minminu wearn ilayeh, melo hagoyin. Gen. xlviii. Ephraim signifies double, mixed, or twin people or land. Ephraim was Hebrew and Egyptian.

(3) It was a law of God applied to the Hebrew race, that failure to observe the rite of circumcision constituted them a cut-off people, therefore "LoAmmi"—"not my people."

(4) The ten tribes ceased to circumcise and were thus rendered Gentile by virtue of their departure from this ceremonial. Therefore they are not Israel.

(5) The prophet declared that Ephraim, the tentribed House, the House of Israel, the House of Ephraim, should go away into Assyria, and that Ephraim should be eaten up by the Assyrians. The Lord Jesus Christ came by transmission through the tribe of Judah and the lineage of David. While it is a fact that He was born into the world, it is also true that he came down from heaven. "I came down from heaven," said he. The same law will be operative in the transmission of the Stone of Israel through Joseph's posterity, in the line of Ephraim; for any man who overcomes his sins and puts on immortality will be able to say with the same propriety, "I came down from heaven." It is the height of absurdity to imagine that the Lord who came into the world as the bread from heaven, to be eaten by the race into which he descended by the operation of the Holy Spirit, should come into the world but by the divinely prescribed method.

(6) Jereboam, the son of Nebat, rebelled against Judah, and through a successful revolt instituted the tent-tribed House, the House of Israel. Jereboam belonged to the tribe of Ephraim. He was made King of Israel, the revolted ten tribes. Joseph and Asenath were his paternal and maternal progenitors. He was Egyptian both in ethnic determination and religious inheritance. He renounced for Israel the Jewish ritual, and substituted the Egyptian, setting upthe golden calf. Israel was no longer Israel, for they had violated the very law that made them such. They had forfeited the right to the divine natural inheritance in the type. They were thus prepared to lose their identity by ethnic absorption and infiltration through intermarriage with the Gentile world. They thus became Gentile, fulfilling the Scripture declaration: "His seed shall become the fulpose of the Gentiles."—melo hagoyim.

The influence through which the ten tribes were induced to renounce the Hebrew religion and adopt that of the Gentile nations, was the inter-absorption of the femininity of Egypt as one source of ethnic infiltration. The constant marrying in of the Egyptian women, brought to the tribes of Joseph the woman principle. But this was not the only source of ethnic adulteration. The Arabian Midianites, descendants of Abraham through two Egyptian channels, namely, Hagar and Keturah, were made to subserve the social and sexual demands of the tribes of Joseph. At one time, thirtytwo thousand Midianite maidens and children were captured for the children of Israel. The males were all killed, but the females were preserved for Israelitish appropriation. These two sources furnished the women by which Israel, the leavened (soured) lump, was taken and hidden in the three measures of meal-Media, Persia, and Assyria, until the whole was soured, vitiated, leavened. The Germanic race is this leavened three measures of meal, and (Israel Ephraim, the ten-tribed House) was the

The Germanic family does not comprise the lost ten tribes. The tribes lost their identity by violating their law. They are, however, the Gentile fulness, product of the miscegeneration of the House of Ephraim with Media, Persia, and Assyria. The ten tribes did not escape from their captivity. If they did, then Ephraim was not eaten by the Assyrians, and the Biblical declarations are unreliable. If the ten tribes did escape as Israelites, then the statement that the posterity of Joseph through Ephraim should become the fulness of the Gentiles is not true, and the declarations of the Bible are absolutely useless and unreliable. The Germanic family is Hebrew, Egyptian, Arabic, Median, Persian, Assyrian, and Arvan. They embrace Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and constitute the Gentile of which it was prophetically declared they should become the fulness. This racial conglomeration has largely found its way into England, but the mixture is not so complete as in the United States. England is not Ephraim. The fulness of the Gentile combination is not reached in England, but is complete in the United States. The Shepherd, the Stone of Israel, will appear in the United States. He will be the reincarnated Joseph. "In that day there shall be a root of Jesse [not the root of David], which shall stand for an ensign [Sign] of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest [Sabbath] shall be glorious." In what day? When "the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people," namely, the fulness of the Gentiles.

The House of Judah (the Jews now scattered throughout the world, inclusive of Benjamin and one twelfth of Levi) will not be gathered into the old Jerusalem for the coming of the Lord, nor will the Germanic race, including the Anglo-Saxon, return to Palestine. Such a contingency could not fulfil the prediction pertaining to the restoration of Judah and Israel. We make this emphatic and positive declaration for two obvious reasons: (1) The Jews scattered by the destruction of Jerusalem seventy years after the birth of the Lord, are not Judah. (2) Because the Germanic family. of which the Anglo-Saxon is the representative stock. does not comprise Israel. The scattered Jews are not Judah, because the life of Judah was withdrawn from the Jews into the Lord and his little Jewish church that accepted his doctrine and received the Holv Spirit, which was the substance of his body.

The Lord was the promised seed. He comprised Judah, for he was the soul of that people. After the soul was withdrawn, it became a dead tree. The Holy Spirit proceeded from the Lord, who was both the Father and the Son, as he himself declared: "Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him. have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that seeth me hath seen the Father." The reception of the Holy Ghost (Spirit) was the reception of the seed. The rejection of the Holy Ghost was the rejection of the seed, and was therefore the sin against the Holy Ghost. Those receiving the seed could be regenerated, becoming fruit at the end of the age. Those rejecting the Holy Ghost rejected the seed, and could not be regenerated so as to become fruit for this age. The sin against the Holv Ghost (its rejection) could not be forgiven in that world (kosmos), nor in the world (kosmos) to come. This does not mean in the material and spiritual world, but in the order which began with Abraham and ended with the destruction of Jerusalem, and which began with the Lord and ends with the end of the Christian age. Because the Jews at Jerusalem rejected the seed when it was sown at the beginning of the dispensation, they certainly cannot become fruit (the firstfruits of the resurrection) at the harvest time, now at the end of the age.

The Holy Spirit was the Lord. It was the product of the dissolution of the Lord's body, after his resurrection from the tomb of Joseph. It was the substance of his body, which positively entered the church when shed upon the world as the overshadowing of God. When the church was baptized by the Spirit, it ate (appropriated) the Lord's flesh and blood, the life of the Lord. Therefore the Lord Christ entered the church by absorption. This he demonstrated by the institution of the Lord's supper as a symbolic representation of the great truth of his descent into the race. The planting of the Lord was at the beginning of the age; the fruit will mature at the end of the age. The fruit is the new birth, the resurrection at the end of the age. The Lord, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, entered the church to regenerate it and to be regenerated in it.

The Lord's ascension into the heavens was not

an ascension into the natural but into the spiritual heavens. These heavens are not outside of humanity, but in the spiritual world within humanity. He planted himself in the race; he will come again in the resurrection, not from the physical graveyard, but from the dead humanity, which is the habitation of the dead. As the one kernel of wheat is planted and brings forth first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear, so the Christ planted in the race will bring forth the blade, the ear, then the full corn in the ear, namely, the sons of God, the firstfruits of the resurrection, the 144,000 who will stand on Mount Zion, not the typical but the antitypical Zion, and sing the new song that no man can sing but the 144,000. These have his Father's name written in their foreheads. They sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. The song of Moses is the song of the comprehension of the law and its application. "Blessed are they that do his commandments [do them], that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city." These gates are like the original gate—the Christ who declared himself the door (or gate). He was the door, because he went into the spiritual world alive, after his resurrection from the tomb of Joseph. The city is the New Jerusalem, embracing the twelve tribes now gathered in the spiritual world ready to descend into the antitypical Palestine, the Gentile world about to be redeemed.

"Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick and write upon it, for Judah [this stick is the Lord Christ], and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions. And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, thus saith the Lord God; behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes." Who are these sticks as two? and when do they become united as one stick?

Cyrus king of Persia, who was subsequently king of Babylon, was the royal descendant of the thrones of Media and Persia, but as the blood of both Egypt and Israel was absorbed into the royal houses of these nations, he was also the descendant of Joseph, and the partial reincarnation of Joseph and Ephraim. Under the influence of the Lord God of heaven, the spirit of the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus to declare: "The Lord

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God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth." He did not come into his inheritance, nor would he until he was conjoined to the stick of Judah (the Lord) in the hand of Judah. The spirit of the Lord and his church, as it transmigrated through the generations, descended into Joseph's posterity. Cyrus king of Persia was moving along this line into the Germanic family, in the progress of the race through its Median determination, ultimately to become reincarnate in the Anglo-Saxon, not in England, but in America. Through this channel the two sticks become one, and this one is the Righteous Branch, who it is declared will grow up out of his place to build the temple of the Lord.

If the Germanic family comprises the lost ten tribes, where is their language? Not only are the Hebrew characteristics effaced from the Anglo-Saxon in the specific marks of their identity, but the very groundwork of their language is obliterated. Racial demarkations indicate the complex and aggregate infiltrament of diverse ethnical resource and conglomeration. The mythical legends and traditions of the Germanic race are foreign to the specific denotations of the religious and secular life and history of the Hebrew; but more than all, definite traces of the verbal construction of the Hebrew would have remained to indicate the origin of the Germanic family. Were the Germanic family the lost ten tribes, its traditions would have abounded in the familiar notes of the vocalism of Abrahamic origin. All this is obliterated, and comparatively few of the Anglo-Saxon people, with their consanguine ties of the Germanic family, know anything of their Israelitish identity, origin, and destiny. Their ethnical absorption into the nationalities with which they blended and in which they were lost, erased from their memories that which in the House of Judah (equally scattered) has remained as an indelible impress upon the mind.

The House of Judah, composed of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and the twelfth of Levi, for hundreds of years scattered and distributed throughout the nations of the earth, retains all the marks of the Hebrew character. Nothing can efface from their thought and tendency, their original characteristics and identity. The Germanic race may be traced back thousands of years, but not so far as to penetrate the mystery of its origin by Hebraic significations. No; they were eaten up by the Assyrians, and, through their miscegeneration, obliterated as Israelite and merged into the Gentiles, the fulness of which we are about to celebrate. The Anglo-Saxon is the product of the lost ten tribes. England and America—the great Anglo-Saxon people. are not merely Ephraim and Manasseh, but all of the tribes, together with the nations of the earth, melted in the crucible of ethnic unity and power.

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a piece of paper, which passes at par for the amount written. The government's promises to pay should be written on the same material, the general wealth and integrity of the country being made the basis of security, the true standard of value being the legal power of the government as fixed in the integrity of the same.

On the Point of the Sword.

NE OF our exchanges accuses us of having "gall." Gallis very essential to energetic and healthy digestion. This may account for the ease with which we grapple and digest the mental pabulum of our appropriation. We not only have an abundance of gall, but of pancreatic juice as well. The same exchange remarks that "Mr. Andrews spent a lifetime in the investigation of natural laws." We are sorry that he did not succeed in reducing his investigations to some practical discoveries. This exchange proceeds further to say: "This philosopher [Koresh] asks us to believe that the world is a hollow sphere, and that we are on the inside of it, on its concave surface, in place of being on the outside, upon its convex surface; to which we don't seriously object, only on the grounds that we would like to know where we are at." If the editor has been familiar with the Copernican system of astronomy for a lifetime without discovering where he is at, is it not about time that he try something of certainty?

The policy of the strategic board seems to be to profit by the blunders of Spain. This is not good generalship. Havana and Porto Rico should have been reduced at once, and would have been had Sampson been in full command of the mayy. The strategic board

is Wall and Lombard streets. The people will ultimately open their eyes to this fact. In the meantime, when financial and commercial schemes are well in hand, and Congress has issued its \$500,000,000 of bonds, there may be a move. At any price, under the present circumstances, war is better than peace, especially in consideration of the fact that the dispensation is at its close, and its culmination is in a universal breaking up through military and naval destruction, for which the avarice of the great commercial serpent has long been preparing. The age will end in blood-shed and calamity.

The United States professes to have a standing army of 25,000 men. An army is useless if not ready to move at an hour's notice. A regular army of 20,000 landed in Cuba immediately upon the declaration of war, with the force in hand under Sampson and Schley, Cuba could have been ours in a week from the time notice was given to move. The strategic board has been labelled acouncil of squaws. It is too much credit. If there had been a council of squaws in Washington, they would have been on the war-path. It is a council of Shylocks; it is Wall and Lombard streets against the popular sentiment. The commercial interests will yield to war, but they will manipulate it to their supreme purpose.

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A Glimpse of the Cellular Cosmogony.

Explanation of the Sixteenth Page. Part III.

BY PROF. U. G. MORROW.

WE HAV E explained the three larger illustrations on of the Sixteenth Page of The Sword, involving some of the principles which lie at the foundation of the entire Koreshan System Four other cuts remain to claim our attention. We do not desire to make the chapters of this series too long, and will therefore confine our descriptions in Part III to the smaller diagrams referring to the Summer and Winter Solstices. It is appropriate, after explaining the cause of day and night, to answer the mental inquiry of the student concerning the change of seasons. On the basis of the Koreshan Cosmogony, what is the cause of summer and winter, spring and fall, and the long and short days alternating every six months?

In the first views at the top of the page, we have pictured the shell with its concave surface and map; and the heavens appear suspended in the hollow. In the central illustration, the earth is cut in two, showing a cross-sectional view with the atmospheres and the solar and lunar systems. In the illustrations we now have under consideration, the earth is not hemisphered; the globe is complete, with the sphere of the heavens within. The whole is made to appear transparent—you see through the shell from side to side, and through the heavens, with the Central Sun with its light and dark hemispheres, exposed to view. The two diagrams appear to be the most complicated of any on the page, and some astronomical features in them may be hard to understand by those unfamiliar with the old astronomy. The astronomical principles involved in the Koreshan System are the exact reverse of those of the Copernican system; we therefore hold nothing in common with the system we antagonize.

In the popular system, the earth is tilted 23% from the plane of the cellptic. On June 21, the North Pole is supposed to be inclined 23% toward the sun—a large luminous body which the astronomers have been pushing farther and farther out into space since they began conjecturing concerning the character of the universe, until now they have it about 92,000,000 miles away.

In our summer the sun shines 23% beyond the North Pole; on the basis of the old astronomy, it would be the simple matter of a great light at a long distance illuminating one half of a revolving globe, with accompanying complexities and absurdities of pushing the earth all the way around the huge sun, simply to change the green spots from the north to the south and back again! In our winter, the South Pole is supposed to tilt 231/2° toward the sun, while in March and September the sun would shine squarely on the equator, and the light hemisphere would reach from pole to pole, on the convex surface; and in these months there would be equal day and night on the Copernican earth, much the same as actually occurs on the inside, provided the universe could exist an hour on the basis of absurdity. In order to account for the change of seasons, the Copernicans have the ponderous earth travel nearly 600,000,000 miles in 365 days, at the astonishing speed of about 65,000 miles per hour, or about 19 miles per second; when a little tilt of the poles would answer the same purpose!

In the diagrams before you, the poles, polar circles, tropics, equator, and ecliptic are designated by the lettering; the circles are complete, giving the appearance of transparency to the spheres. In the sphere of the heavens are corresponding lines, which should be thought of separately from those at the circumference, so as to avoid confusion. The cuts contain much more than will be explained at this time; our object is not to enter into details concerning all of the astronomical features involved, but to explain briefly the change of seasons. Further study will be necessary on the part of the student to master the science of all the relations here shown.

It will be noticed that the poles are not oblique to the perpendicular 231/2°, as in the old system, but about 42°. The universe is here represented as related to the perpendicular and horizontal at Chicago. Turning to the north from the latitude of Chicago, the North Pole in the earth is at an angle of about 25°, while the South Pole rears up in the south at an altitude of about 75° instead of in the opposite direction from the horizontal, as would be the case from our latitude if the earth were convex. Various phenomena observed in the northern latitudes will be made clear to those who apply their minds to Koreshan Astronomy, with a knowledge of the relation the observer sustains to the position of the whole. The student will now be able to locate the actual position of the sun at midnight-he can now readily answer the question as to where the sun "goes to" at night!

The line connecting the poles in both diagrams, represents the axis of revolution of the heavens. The sun revolves with the heavens, and consequently, when the sun is at the northern solstice, directly in the zenith of the tropic of Cancer, its hemisphere of light extends 23½° beyond the North pole; or, as the diagram on the left stands, it is midnight at Chicago; the dividing line between daylight and darkness cuts the meridian at an angle of 23½°, so that the hemisphere of light lacks 23½°

of reaching the South Pole, while at the same time its area covers the Arctic regions entirely. With the heavens revolving always in the same plane on the same axis, one can readily see how we account for the long days and nights at the poles, and the corresponding differences in the length of day and night while the sun is in the northern hemisphere.

Now look at the corresponding diagram on the right, over "Winter Solstice." It pictures the position of the sun at the southern solstice, in the heavens on December 21; at that time the sun is in the zenith of the tropic of Capricorn in the earth. The earth is in the same position, and the heavens are revolving on the same axis. The sphere of the heavens has not changed. but the sun has changed in the heavens, having gradually crept eastward on the ecliptic about 1° per day. The greatest area of the hemisphere of light is now south of the equator. It is summer there, while it is winter here—then there are six months' day at the South Pole, with corresponding differences in the length of day and night, from the equator to poles throughout the earth. The reader will observe, according to the diagram, that the area of darkness during our winter is greater in the northern hemisphere, thus giving us our long nights and short days. When the sun is on the equator midway between the two extremes, illustrated in the two diagrams under consideration, the hemisphere of light would extend from pole to pole, and everywhere, in the world, day and night would be of equal length; 12 hours would intervene between sunset and sunrise, and between sunrise and sunset. This occurs twice in one year-on March 21 and September 22. On these dates the sun rises due east and sets due west of every point in the earth, from pole to pole. Accounting for the phenomena of day and night and the change of seasons in the Koreshan System, is simple, rational, and scientific, isn't it?

We have pictured the hemispheres of light and darkness in the two diagrams under consideration, as if viewed from the outside. The appearance of the concavity of the light and dark hemispheres is very striking. showing not only one side of the earth, as must be done in illustrating the cause of the alternations of day and night in the old system, but the complete, perfect globe. The remarkable features of these two diagrams are the apparent transparency, the complete sphere of the earth with its interior illumination, the sphere of the heavens within the earth with the effect of trausparency,-giving the appearance of one glass globe within another, and vivid impression of the consequent concavity of the light and dark hemispheres, together with all of the astronomical principles involved. The wonder of the pictures-where the art is displayed, is in this combination of effects. Now take a good look at the picture; it represents the globe as transparent, to aid you in your study. If you can "see through" it, you have taken many steps in the path of progress in Truth, and will welcome our explanation of the two remaining diagrams further down the page, next week.

Conflict of Truth and Fallacy.

BY REV. E. M. CASTLE.

BEFORE the long-promised reign of peace may begin in earth, there is stern work to be done. The forces are gathering for the battle of Armageddon, the final struggle of Truth with Error, to demonstrate which has the power to guide the future. It is not enough that Truth be true; she must be brave and strong; she must dare to grapple with Error; and she shall come victorious through the great encounter.

This is no time to talk of peace; it is no time to dream of rest. Peace and rest are to be won only through strenuous effort. The imperative obligation resting upon those who see truth is to proclaim it, in the teeth of whatever opposition, regardless of whatever consequences. The exponents of ancient error sit on the high place of power, and must be overthrown. What though we be few and of little value in the eyes of the enemy? What though they be many and firmly entrenched in their position? We look to our Leader, for

He knows the time and the word to say,

and at his signal we shall move with irresistible impetus against the forces of fallacy, and sweep them from the place of power forever. With no vain self-confidence do we dare this. We know the force that impels, and whence it comes; and though the world may declare that we attempt the impossible, victory shall vindicate the attempt.

The Gordons know what the Gordons dare When they hear the pipers playing.

In the Editorial Perspective.

RY THE EDITOR

IN FULFILMENT of the declarations of Jesus the Christ nineteen hundred years ago, thousands of people are claiming to be the great I Am--not simply a product of the processes of creation, but God himself, in his perfection. Truth at the end of the dispensation not only has to meet fallacious teachings concerning the existence and character of the Creator of the universe, but the claims of those who pose as the Almighty himself! The climax of pretension is reached in the various forms of so called metaphysics and Christian Science in the world. Similiar claims are put forth by all those who claim that the "Christ principle," the "principle of divinity" resides in every man, and that to be redeemed is simply to come into a knowledge that you are not lost, but already possess all of the attributes and functions of the divine Being! In proof of this we quote as follows from an exchange-a statement of premise and conclusion: "God is; therefore I am. God is life; life is all there is. I am; therefore, I am life. There is no substance but the substance of life; therefore, eternal life is the substance of my spirit, soul, and body." It requires but little logic to perceive the blatant claim of the writer is that "I am God!" Another quotation from another journal may suffice; it consists of a question by a correspondent, and the editor's reply: "How can you treat a patient and at the same time attend to your writing, as you tell us." "Because I am God. God never sleeps, and never grows weary." We have not a particle of sympathy with the pseudogods of modern times, who know nothing about the form and function of the universe which the true God has created, nor anything about the physiology of the gods or the devils. We claim that an ignorant god is absolutely worthless!

It requires but a glance at the condition of the world to see that the modern church has wretchedly failed in what it claims to be its mission. The greatest cruelty, the greatest oppression, and the worst misrule exist in the nations which have been longest under the control and influence of the church. The eyes of the world are upon Spain—a nation now in the throes of destruction, recking with the corruption of the priest and politician. A mighty retribution is coming upon her for her crimes against humanity. Spain is just what the church has made it;

it has been cursed by the blessings of the pope. Sum up the character of the influence exerted by the powers of the church, in accordance with what is manifest in the Spanish government and diplomacy, and the result is treachery and oppression. Spain has no righteous battles to fight; it has never fought any. government has gained territory by conquering the defenceless, and has maintained her possessions by mere bombast. Treachery and piracy are always accompanied by cowardice; and this is the reason the fleets of her navy are lying in harbor or skimming about on high seas endeavoring to evade the battleships of the nation who has her punishment in hand. The pride of a haughty, barbarous, and bombastic people is being destroyed by the American nation. The modern church is suffering defeat through the destruction of the civil powers which have been her support; and the world's great nightmare of false religion and accompanying oppression will be removed with the mental awakening in the early morning of the New Era!

The New Dispensation cannot understand why a teacher of genuine science should have enemies. He does not know anything about the history of the development of any righteous cause of the past. The editor of the paper referred to makes the following statement: "Of all the end-of-the-world papers that come to me, THE FLAMING SWORD is the ablest and most profound;" but he has been disturbed by the vaporings of an enemy of Koreshanity, and says: "On the other hand, it seems almost incredible that a Society that could get out a paper of the ability and literary merit of THE FLAMING SWORD, should so far fall short of realizing its ideals, or should make the mistake of attracting unsuitable people as members, and stripping them of their property as described." We should say it is incredible! On the basis of this seeming contradiction, he asks us to explain. We do not explain that which is obviously true and self-evident; nor that which is palpably false. We affirm the truth of Koreshan Science and the right and ability of the Founder of Koreshanity to put forth the ablest literature in the world; and we denounce the rambling statements of the party referred to, as an incoherent mess of hallucinations of an abnormal mentality. If the New Dispensation cannot see this

plainly manifest in the manuscript sent him, we would be willing to let him take a rest from investigation of Koreshan truths until he can!

The small sheet that admits that "The FLAMING SWORD is the ablest and most profound" journal that its editor receives, makes the curious complaint that "it is a little too profound," and says: "The symbolisms and literalisms are so mixed that the average reader cannot make head nor tail of them; and it is doubtful if the writers themselves can. The fault seems to be in its claims to infallibility. Dr. Teed's enemy is his egotism. He spoils a good man to make an abnormal Messiah!" Well, what kind of a man do you want for a teacher-a man who does not know, and cannot prove whether what he says is true or not? There is just a little too much egotism in genuine truth to suit most people, and any claim to positive knowledge of the character of the universe and of the processes of creation and of the salvation of the human race, is met with the resistance of fools. This was the trouble Iesus the Christ had nineteen hundred years ago.

For those who deny that there ever existed such a man as Jesus the Christ, comes now the evidence that history has not lied concerning him, while telling the truth concerning other characters of the past to which the agnostics find no special objection! Prof. Bruesselbach has discovered in ruins at Jerusalem, pages of a journal or record of the Jerusalem gate-keeper, which contain the registry of the name of Jesus and the date he passed through the gate. Ancient relics have played a conspicuous part in the demonstration of the fact that humanity is older than is held by the church; consequently, the relics have been used as an argument against the authenticity and accuracy of the Bible. Here is a bona fide record of Jesus the Christ-the only bit of writing extant that was executed in the days of Jesus-that may effectually settle all the jabbering on the part of those who deny history and swallow modern vagaries with impunity!

Hundreds of people pressing upon the civil powers of Italy for food in what is known as "bread riots," have been shot down by police and troops. The events transpiring during the past week at Milan, Italy, under the shadow of the world's greatest eathedral, certainly should furnish the church something to think about—comfort, if possible, in its boasted success! The church is an organization of salvation—it has saved thousands of people from happier conditions, and has placed them in the bondage of superstition, ignorance, and despotism! Voltaire's cry a hundred years ago, against the church power in France was, "Down with the wretch!" Justice in executing dire vengeance and judgment upon the seat of corruption of the church, will repeat the words with a terrible meaning!

The editor of the New Dispensation does not like egotism, but claims to possess functions of the Messiah. Is he a Messiah who knows what he is talking about? If he is not, we fancy his egotism is of the most dangerous type! He "cannot get head not tail" of the Koreshan System. In another paragraph, after giving a few misconceptions concerning the Christ, he says: "There is no mystery about this to the clairvoyant or seer; it is as clear as a sea of glass. If you cannot see it, it is because your mind is not clarified; you belong to the darkness and not to the light." His objection that the subject matter of THE FLAMING SWORD does not convey definite ideas to him, might be answered exactly with the words of the last of the above quotations!

Prohibitionists are endeavoring to show that the sale of intoxicants is unconstitutional. The Constitution is the basis of

government; whisky breaks down the constitution of the human system, and is therefore unconstutitional; and if the Constitution of the United States were founded according to the laws of organic unity as manifest in the human anatomy, the liquor traffic would be unconstitutional. But at present there is a wide difference, because the Constitution of the United States is unscientific.

Modern Christianity, through its authorized priests, persists in sending the soldiers of the Maine, the reconcentradoes, and the Spaniards to the same place. How dare they do so? Don't they know there will be war in heaven when such enemies meet around the throne? Christianity has caused all the trouble in Europe and America for hundreds of years, and we affirm also that it has caused all the trouble there is in heaven!

There are people who, when they were youths in school, would have felt insulted if they were told that they did not have sense enough to study simple geography, who are now making the complaint that they cannot understand the first principles of Koreshan Astronomy! It's wonderful how minds will degenerate after they leave the school room!

It is said that political economy is the science of government. There can be no political economy while the competitive system exists, and consequently, no scientific government. Economy and waste are antithets. The competitive system is a system of waste. Political waste is the ignorance of government.

Huxley said that the "only medicine for suffering, crime, and all other woes of mankind is wisdom;" but even Huxley had sufferings and woes. The modern reformer, in the midst of his troubles, cries out, "Not in knowledge, not in wisdom, but in votes is involved the cure for the world's evils!"

The time has been when progressive humanity was in advance of poor systems; the time has now come when the perfect System of Universology is in advance of humanity, and purposes to lead it to genuine liberty.

The Baptist church ought to admit the entire Spanish fleet into the church now. Rev. Dewey, of the Pacific squadron, U.S. Navy, has baptized them all beneath the waters of Manila bay!

"If you are just and honest you need no other rule in life;" true, but you should not object to living under a government whose laws are made to apply to the other kind of fellows!

There are people who advocate anarchism and absolute personal liberty, because they are too stubborn and selfish to regard any restrictions imposed by order, system, or law.

God himself cannot be absolutely independent while there is any one dependent upon him, no more than a ball can be independent with another ball swinging to it!

Many people think that freedom of thought and discussion about everything in the universe except their own evil character and conduct, is a good thing!

The modern social reform movement is a mere drift—down the same stream with the competitive system, and will enter the same whirlpool of revolution.

Even people who are sensational and usually like exciting and startling things, shrink from investigation of the fundamentals of Koreshan Science.

Those who do not like science (knowledge) do not know anything; they are too full of guesses.

Evidently the so called millennium has not yet begun!

Query, Chat, and News Departments.

BY THE EDITOR.

Symbols of Primitive Christianity.

(i) Will you kindly explain more fully yet statement that baptism and the leaf's supper were intended only for the persons living at the time they were instituted, and are not applicable to us? I as undecided, and wait for further light. The Mormon elders here insist on birth of the water (baptism by immersion) as independed by the water (baptism by immersion) as included in the reason with they are not applicable at activities; and if so, who is to he be?—J. W.H., Charlotte, N. C.

(1) You would hardly think it rational to keep plowing up a field and sowing grain all during the time from seedsowing to harvest, would you? Nineteen centuries ago the Christian dispensation began. It was the time of sowing of seed of life in order that harvest of the age might come. That seed was planted in groups of people through the operation of the Holy Spirit; during the age that seed has passed through dissolution and germination in accordance with the laws of all propagation. The processes by which the sowing of the life of Christ the Lord were symbolized by a few simple thingsso simple that it seems a marvel that the church ever lost their significance. For instance, when Jesus gave his disciples bread to eat and wine to drink on the night of the passover, he did so to illustrate to them where he was going-he was going into them through their appropriation of his life, in fulfilment of his own declaration that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood. When the seed was planted and the appropriation was accomplished, then that which symbolized that appropriation was of no significance. Likewise, the application of water in illustration of the baptism of the Holy Spirit ceased to be of any significance when the baptism of the church was finished. That which symbolized the seed-sowing was of no significance after the seed was sown, to say nothing of its lack of significance at the time of the harvest. The new age begins with the introduction of a new religion, involving the doctrine and life of Jesus, just as the Lord Jesus involved the system put forth by Moses. The doctrines of the modern church are fallacions: Mormonism is a specific erversion of a very small part of the truth taught by Jesus. (2) There is not to be one person come as the antichrist. There are thousands of antichrists today, claiming to have the Holy Spirit, the "Christ principles," and other impossibles, who deny the very principles, the foundation of truth and life, that Jesus taught-the humanity and personality of Deity, as specifically expressed in the person of Jesus the Christ.

The Spiritual World is Not in Space.

S. G. M., Westfield, N. Y.-We extend to you the courtesy of exchange of our literature and THE FLAMING SWORD for the matter you have kindly sent us. You may send us copies of pamphlets from time to time as you issue them. We note the contents of your recent letter. We shall be glad to have you study the Koreshan System further. The demonstrated Science of Alchemy will dissipate some ideas you now entertain concerning the spiritual world. Matter is the base of all energy. The two conditions of the substances of this one universe, are spirit and matter. Electricity, light, heat, and other energies are the result of the decomposition or combustion of matter. Mental substance is energy generated in the transmutation of the material substance of the physical, human system. There is no potency in spirit separate and apart from its unity with matter, and hence there is no spiritual world floating around in space or in ether. All human mind, all thought, all mental energy, is in the brain of humanity, where it is operative consistent with its expression in the forms in which it resides. One of the greatest fallacies of modern times is the Copernican system of astronomy, which has led millions of people to believe that open space for billions and billions of miles is filled with conscious, sentient substance which has been foolishly called intelligence. The space of the physical world is filled with the energies of the alchemico-organic substances of which the physical universe is composed. The anthropostic or organo-vital world, the universe of humanity, is the habitation of spirits; man himself contains the spiritual world.

Significance of Solar, Lunar, and Planetary Aspects.

B. J., San Diego, Cal.—The significance we attach to the occasional occurrence of two full moons in one month, is that the division of time as now employed in the world is incorrect. The true month is the lunar month; the ancients used only lunar time, and time prophecies are predicated upon the lunar cycles. (2) The occurrence of two full moons in one month is not the shortening of time referred to in Matthew; that is accomplished by the acceleration of energies of the physical and anthropostic worlds. (3) The conjunction of planets indicates a corresponding conjunction of mental spheres. The astro-biological signental spheres. The astro-biological signents

nificance of the conjunction of the sun, moon, and planets can be understood only by study of the details of the relations existing between the physical cosmos and the world of humanity. The remarkable phenomena to which you refer-that of the sun and moon in conjunction with Jupiter in December, 1804, and the grouping of Mars, Jupiter, and Venus in Gemini in the following year, portend the conjunction of the mighty solar, lunar, and planetary spheres in humanity, preparatory to the establishment of the divine kingdom in the earth. It has not occurred before for ages, and is of striking significance.

Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Planets.

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The True Water Level.

Rev. W. B., Toronto, Ont.—We duly received your question concerning the water level, and later, your card referring to the same. We will shortly answer this question fully in our reply to the Earth (not-a-globe) Review, London. We desire to use some illustrations in connection with the matter to make the subject clear, and we think you will be pleased with our reply. Others have asked similar

questions, and we will sum up a general reply to those who have considered that the true water level is a flat surface. Please accept the roll of literature sent you recently as special from the Editor of Thre FLAMING SWORD; the pamphlet you asked for is among the lot we mailed to your address.

* * * The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

Received The Flaming Sword all right; can not a wbs-cribe just now. There is a host of good things in it. I was never so interested in a theory before as I am in your hollow globe theory. I believe it, and am going to send for your literature soon. Please do not forget me when you come to make up your jewels. I sent you ago. It will prove a jewel of the first water, I know. I saw an article of yours in the Chicago Tribune sometime ago, but did not know where to send for more literature until I saw your ad. in Freedom.—S. P., Quincy, III.

The Society has received from you the following gift to this Library: The FixALING Shop, January 2 to December 31, 1828, for which it tenders sincere thanks, Acknowledgment will also be made in the next annual Report—I. S. BRAD LEY, Librarian, State Historical Society, Madison, Wis.

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I like to account of its originality and determination to get to the front. May you wield its blade so it will never rust nor canker, but always be bright, cutting to the line and carring out a road to its future destiny, and may that de stin y be equal to your anticipations.—A. F. M., Milan, Mo.

Chat With Readers.

Here we are again! But we have not been idle, as you can judge by the appearance of THE SWORD for the past two weeks; we only wanted to give you a little vacation from the Chat column; so now you are ready to listen. We have some new features in preparation, and we mean to tell you in advance of some of them. Last week our readers noted our reply to Prof. T., concerning some astronomical phenomena. We have now something else from him, which will appear shortly with our reply. Also we announce that we have completed arrangements with Mr. Samuel Blodgett concerning his proposed overthrow of the Koreshan Cosmogony. We have sent to him particulars of our Geodetic Survey, which he proposes to show do not prove the cellular form of the universe. These lines of controversy in The FLAMING SWORD will prove intensely interesting to all our readers, and the whole series should be studied. We have at last succeeded in inducing writers to attack the Koreshan System through THE FLAM-ING SWORD, and the efforts of our critics will no doubt be watched with considerable interest by others than our present readers.

An Open Letter to the Queen of England! A notable document by Koresh, involving a presentation of the science of ethnological fulfilment of prophetic declarations. England and America figure conspicuously in the destiny of the world. The infiltrated bloods of the world course in the veins of Anglo-America, and the gyrations of mental substances from the circumference of humanity reach their spiral apex in the climax of civilization. Do you desire to understand the Science of the Resurrection? Then you must study the natural channels through which the divine energies have been transmitted from century to century throughout the Christian dispensation. Study the Open Letter to Queen Victoria. You may wonder what will be her conclusions upon perusal of the document. What will be yours?

We have for next issue an excellent article by Rev, Bertha S. Roomer, of The FLAMIMG SWORD Contributing Staff, concerning the use and necessity of warfare and revolution in the closing of cycles and dispensations. The writer points out the great vortex and consequent nucleus and center of order and reconstruction of the social world as well as the hells of humanity. When the article appears, contrast it with current articles anywhere outside of THE FLAMIMG SWORD; and you will the better recognize the merit of Koreshin education in the interpretation of the great movements in humanity.

This is an excellent number of The FLAMING SWORD; many of our readers write us that each number excels the preceding one. We endeavor to make it so. We are not publishing The Swomp for show, nor exclusively for our benefit, but for yours. When you subscribe for this Journal you do so for your own good, and not for our accommodation. That being the case, we strive all the more to exceed your anticipations.

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*** The World's News.

Wednesday, May 4.—Spanish throne is in danger of overthrow; Don Carlos preparing to declare himself king; Weyler aspiring to power in Spain.—Nation in suspense regarding De wey; no news; cable cut.—U.S. war department contested to the Australia of Spanish Cape Verdefleet.—Turkey declares neutrality.

Thursday.—Talk of establishment of military dictatorship in Spain to save the throne; queen Regent reported ready to step down.—Sampson's fleet sails from Key West under sealed orders.—Intercepted Spanish mail reveals many of Blanco's plans.—Hawaii makes new annexation propositions to U.S.—Bread tiols in Italy growing more serious.—Rioting in Italy growing more serious.—Rioting claimed in a number of cities.—W he at market closed at \$1.25.

Friday.—Sampson's fleet hunting for enemy's ships in western Atlantic.—New autonomist congress opens in Havana with imposing ceremonies; Blanco bit-terly assails America.—Thousands of American volunteers sworn in.—Spanish cavalty fires on tug Leyden off Cuban coast.—14 cannibal prisoners escape from Manamana, New Guinea, and kill and est 18 men.—African savages raid and destroy town of Shongay, Sierra Leone.—French liner Lafayette captured in attempting to run C u b an blockade.—Great Britain refuses Spanish plea to intervene.—Wheat goes-my to \$1.50.

Saturday.—Official news expected from Dewey.—Steamer Lafayette released at Key West by arrangement of French minister at Washington.—Sampson at Ports Rico ready for engagement with Spanish fleet.—Naval men tired of delay.—Dearwise at Pavia, Italy; troops called out.—Exciting discussions and demunications of Sagasta in Spanish cortes.—News and telegrams from Dewey; destroyed eleven Spanish warships, kills 600 Spaniards, wounds 500.

Sunday.—U. S. Torpedo boats Dupont and Hornet exchange shots with Matanza forts; Spaniards killed, and firing from forts ceases.—President decides upon aggressive war campaign; will ensure Spain; 10,000 soldiers to hold Philippines, and 65,000 go to Cuba at once.—American schooner captured by Spaniards in Haytian waters.

Monday.—Dewey asks for troops to hell possession of Philippines.—Reports of presence of Spanish fleet at Porto Rice, Sampson ready for battle.—Spain treacherous in defeat, lowers flag then fries on the property of the prop

Tuesday.—Sampson unable to find Spanish fleet; report that Spani called them back to Cadiz; may be on the wayte Manila to surprise Dewey.—U. S. amy leaders ordered to throw irresistible fore against the bulwarks of Cu ba.—Wild seenes in Spanish congress; martial law declared in more cities; Spaniards crying covers,—Spanish nat reign of covers,—Spanish nat reign of covers,—Spanish naturally panie at coveractic by Americans.—Wild panie at Manila; insurgents massacre Spaniard and defy Dewey, who has not enough men to control on land.—Troops hasten to Cu b a, and exciting war news may be expected this week.

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