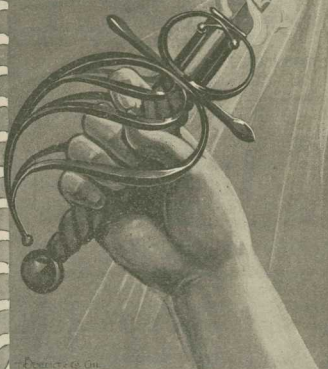


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The Future of the African Race in America.

IN APPROACHING this subject, we know we are brought face to face with a deep-rooted racial prejudice, for we shall somewhat radically depart from the popular opinion regarding the settlement of this more than national question. The race problem, so far as it relates to the Negroes of the southern states, is not only pitiable, but of the profoundest significance. There are about eight millions of colored people in the United States, a great preponderance being in the South, where they are rapidly increasing in population. The Constitution of the United States makes no distinction between the whites and the blacks regarding citizenship, yet notwithstanding this fact, the Constitutional rights of the southern blacks are systematically disregarded, if not openly violated by the passage of state laws in opposition to Constitutional statutes.

There is a divine purpose in the transplantation of the Ethiopian from far-off benighted Africa to the civilizing influences of the Anglo-Saxon in America, yet to be realized, and we shall herein set forth, comprehensively and prophetically, the specific character of that predetermination. Regarded from the purely human point of view, involving the supposition of contingency, there are three distinct courses open in the future career of the people in question. The first is conflict and annihilation; the second is transportation, and the third is miscegeneration (race amalgamation). The first two are not to be considered, for neither of them is consistent with the principles of the supreme prescience and providential direction of the progress of the human race, as indicated in the careers of the Hebrew and Christian civilizations.

The Hebrew and Christian civilizations mark the medial (middle) line of racial descent, and Abraham

more than any other man belonging to the purely natural phase of specific proliferation and advancement, employed the principles and applied the laws of ethnic superiority. While the world at large, in his as in every other age, has relegated the possibilities of procreation to accident, through the impulse of sensual gratification, Abraham—under the wise supervision of the divine inheritance—predetermined and applied the procreative law. He predetermined the development of a peculiar race, into which must be poured the richest blood of the most diverse ethnic character. He precluded from his own impulses the possibility of any sex desire and every propensity aside from that of transmitting his own life into a nation ordained of God to become the regulating blood of all nations. His first offspring was Ishmael, the son of a black woman, the handmaid of his wife Sarah. From this descent sprang the dark Arabians, the first offspring of the Noatic age; this Oreb (Arab, raven) being the first bird of passage sent from the ark into the world after the deluge. The ethnic infiltration and admixture of Chaldaic blood with the offspring of the black handmaid of Sarah, provided for the subsequent constant absorption of the Ethiopian of Egypt into the formation of the Arabic nation. This comprised a partial bleaching out of the black race, imparting to it a deeper attraction for the white, destined ultimately to enter into a more generous ethnic infiltrament. This was the providential method for that subsequent racial union, in which Ethiopia should become Israel.

Jethro, the high priest of Midian, was not only an Arabian, but he was the direct descendant of both Hagar and Keturah,—both of these women being the maternal progenitors of Abraham's posterity. The

Midianites were as much the offspring of Abraham as were the Hebrews themselves. Moses married the daughter of Jethro (Raguel), who was as strictly the offspring of Abraham as was Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel. An event fraught with as specific importance as any recorded in history, is that by which thirty-two thousand of the Midianite virgins were preserved for intermarriage with the Jews at the time of the Hebraic destruction of the Midianite people. In this is an historic record of the creation of thirty-two thousand Israelite mothers, in whom were commingled Ethiopian, Egyptian, and Hebrew blood, the dark blood largely preponderant, to be infiltrated into Jacob's and Isaac's channel of Chaldean transmigration streaming through the great oceans of human life and progress. In the face of the prescient criterion of Abraham's provisions for the generation which should arise and pronounce him blessed, shall we ignore this providential and scientific appropriation of that which God and nature have created and endowed? The law of ethnic amalgamation and infiltration inherent in the very constitution of life itself, is the resource from which the very Eternal perpetuates his continuity.

The people occupying the country round about Sinai (the geographical country) constituted Mount Sinai, of whom the physical and geographical mountain was but a figure. "For this Agar [Hagar] is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children." What is to be understood by this express declaration of the apostle, that Hagar is Mount Sinai? Hagar here referred to does not imply the individual (vidual) Hagar, the handmaid of Sarah. In this co-ordinate allusion, she is placed in contrast with the free woman who is denoted as the Jerusalem which is above and free, declared to be "the mother of us all." The woman by whom Abraham had one son, was the New Jerusalem. The woman by whom he had the other son, was Mount Sinai, who is said to be Hagar. This cannot refer to a physical and geographical mountain. What, then, is the reference? Obviously, it refers to the Midianites of that locality where Moses obtained the law from Jethro or Raguel, the high priest of that people called Mount Sinai because descended from Abraham through Hagar. We can only conclude, then, that as "Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia," Mount Sinai was the product of the coalescence of the Chaldean with the Egyptian handmaid, she being the black Egyptian as indicated by the color of the race,—it being a black people. But this Hagar was the Jerusalem which then was, and which also was in bondage with her children. Paul did not refer to the Jews in Jerusalem, but to the ten tribes which had previously incorporated the Midianites (Mount Sinai), and which were carried away and absorbed by the people to whom he was carrying the gospel. This people ultimately became the Germanic family.

It will be noticed, by a careful application of the foregoing analysis and synthesis, that the black blood of the Egyptian, progressively developed in the Arabian-Medianite, constitutes a proportionate quantity with

the Germanic Anglo-Saxon; for Mount Sinai (Hagar) is not only in the Germanic race, but has been carried forward by transmigration to the present Anglo-Saxon, into America, where Mount Sinai (the place of the law) will finally be recognized. This shows conclusively, God's method of transposing any type of manhood from the fixed type of any stage to the progressive type of any other. The divine method, or if preferred, the laws of ethnic progression as found to obtain in natural development, is through amalgamation. Commingling with the blood of the Ethiopian-American is that of the descendants of Moses, through the posterity of the Ethiopian woman whom he married when in command of the Egyptians, at the age of twenty five years.

Moses found the law in "the thick darkness, where God was." In the type, Moses went up to Midian when he fled from Egypt at the time he killed the Egyptian. He remained there forty years, under the instruction of Jethro (Raguel). He returned to these people after delivering the people of Israel from their bondage. He was then eighty years of age. In the antitype, the life of Moses having descended through generations of the Ethiopians, will be found in the African people of America, where will be found the responsive notes of the divine recognition of the white Shepherd. In this response of the black blood, God will be found in the thick darkness. See Exodus xx: 21.

And the people stood afar off [as the white world of today stands afar off from the recognition of the Shepherd]; and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

That is, the dark race. See also Solomon's Song, 15:

I am black but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar [Kedar means a black people], as the curtains of Solomon. Look not upon me because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me; my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Isaiah xlv declare, 1:5:

The merchandise of Ethiopia shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, surely God is in thee.

This has reference to the Ethiopians who came over in chains to this country, and who constitute the merchandise of Ethiopia.

By what process will the Afro-American become infiltrated with the white race? This is one of the great questions of the age, and involves a physiological and ethnical problem, the solution of which is only in the province of a divine prescience. The ceremony of circumcision, instituted under the deepest religious sentiment, made the Israelites the special people of the Most High. The infiltration of the lost ten tribes made the Anglo-Saxon the greatest commercial nation of the world, an accomplishment resulting through the absorption of the ten tribes into Media, Persia, and Assyria. The Germanic family, of which the Anglo-Saxon is the representative, is the product of the absorption of the Medo-Persian Assyrian, into which had previously been absorbed Israel, which had also absorbed the Egyptian and the Midianite. Circumcision has made the Anglo-

Saxon; circumcision will make also the coming great and chosen people of God. The coming institution of a greater ceremony will apply to the female as well as the male. In order to comprehend the utility of this ceremonial as pertaining to the female, the operation of

the law of circumcision (as set forth in Koreshan literature), in its application to the Jew, should be thoroughly investigated. It was an institution of the Almighty, and must therefore embody profound principles of physiological, ethnic, and religious moment.

The Universal Language.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

WORD or language is the concrete, consecutive expression of thought. Hence if thoughts are spirits that once existed in the material world, it must logically follow that words are also conscious and intelligent entities.

The calamus scriptorius, or writing reed, situated in the medulla oblongata, transmits the energy of ideas through the pneumogastric nerves to the organs of speech. The function of speech is invested with wonderful interest when considered in relation to Koreshan Psychology and Ethics. Homer did well to define our race as "word-dividing men." Conversation is indeed, in the deepest sense, more than a pastime, more than a fine art, more than a means of education. In every interchange of ideas, there is a transmission of spiritual entities from one mind to another, according to the laws of attraction. There are no accidents, no chance encounters, and a deep significance underlies the most unexpected interviews, the most casual greetings. Life shows itself replete with solemn meaning and dignity when the torchlight of Truth flashes from the interior recesses of the divine consciousness upon what is apparently trivial and commonplace. Some perception of reality was evinced by Goethe, who declared that he never came into the presence of a stranger without mentally interrogating, "What can you teach me?"

Every new member who is drawn by the laws of mental affiliation to join the central nucleus of the Lord's people, comes bringing an offering of spiritual help and support needed by some or all of the body. The Lord accepts the humblest service. As Whittier says:

Yet, weak and blinded though we be,
Thou dost our service own;
We bring our varying gifts to Thee,
And Thou rejectest none.

Each new comer has his or her distinctive quality of thought (spiritual entities) ready to clothe itself in corresponding language. Those who are capable of calling out and attracting to themselves the highest quality will receive the greatest blessing. Those who reject the offering, repelling it by harshness and criticism, will find that action and reaction are equal, for the laws of physical or mental force are like the laws of the Medes and Persians. What matter, if the use performed by the stranger seem unimportant judged by ordinary standards? It is written that the Lord, who is the discriminator, looketh at the heart. The Koreshan standard of judgment is not natural, external, and fallacious like

that of the outside world, but from within, where Truth sitteth in the holy sanctuary.

Jesus said that for every idle word men speak, they shall give account in the day of judgment. The word judgment is compounded of *jus*, right or law, and *dicare*, to proclaim. The time of judgment is when the law or truth is spoken—that is, during the period of a Messianic manifestation. *The hour of judgment strikes for every human soul, the instant it is brought in contact with Koreshan truth.* Some are led to study the doctrine; others (how much greater the responsibility entailed) come at first under the immediate influence of the Messenger. Henceforth, every word that passes the lips relative to the subject, is fraught with far-reaching consequences. Peter, who denied the Lord with an oath, was forgiven, but he went out and wept, O, how bitterly! Those scorching words seemed branded in burning characters upon his soul. The disciples of the Lord cannot afford for one instant to become a medium for the expression of antagonistic, retrogressive grades of spiritual life. Too late, alas! they find that every careless, idle, selfish word must be accounted for with throbs of anguish.

It was Peter who afterwards indited the following admonition, in immediate connection with the warning that the day of the Lord should come as a thief in the night: "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness."

Holy conversation is by no means confined to religious topics; but, whether it sparkle with repartee, bristle with epigrams, or shine with intellectual acumen, whether its function be amusement or instruction, its tendency must be upward, in line with the things that make for righteousness; it must be free from grammatical vulgarisms, personalities, and offensive slang. Despite the false standards that render wealth almost omnipotent in social circles, there still exists an unwritten code founded deep in the truth of being, whereby ability to speak the English language with purity and elegance remains a test of admission to the society of noble minds.

The science of Biology as interpreted by Koreshan truth, teaches that "the germ and sperm of reproduction conform in special characteristics to parts of speech, being active, passive, or neuter, corresponding to language itself." The calamus scriptorius not only transmits language to the organs of speech, but is related to the originating brain center of reproductive force.

Every person then, is an expression of thought or a word, but unfortunately a word belonging to a dead language. The state of mortality is a state of death, and although the central ego is transited from the material to the spiritual world, then back to the material, through successive incarnations, it is forever dying to one stage of experience in order to enter another. Life begins through union with the Divine. There is no life in man until the spirit of God breathes into the dust of the ground. Previous to that, every man is in his selfhood, and the language of self is a dead language.

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "Jesus was living language," a Word of the universal language which is love. There was a time when the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. Then love reigned supreme, and truth and good were united. This was order in the age of gold; but unity yielded to discord, and the confusion of tongues ensued. Each nation came to speak its own language and seek its own pri-

vate and selfish good as opposed to the universal good. Men said: "Let us build a city and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven." Here is the direct inversion of truth. They sought to scale heaven by material and earthly means other than the appointed Word, which came down from heaven to impart his life substance for the upliftment of humanity.

There have been of late, several attempts to construct a universal language compounded of the best elements of the principal spoken languages. Volapük figures as the most successful of these efforts, all of which are especially significant at the present time, as vague, restless gropings after universal concord. They cannot succeed, for the principle of arbitrary manufacture as applied to language is false. Language is not mechanical but spiritual, and when by a fresh inbreathing the Divine spirit of Unity from above, humanity stands forth redeemed, then, as on the day of Pentecost, every man shall hear his neighbor speak in his own tongue, for all will speak the Word of Love.

The World's Coming Great Awakening.

BY REV. BERTHA S. ROOMER.

THE WHOLE human race—a body of death consuming in the fires of hell—constitutes the grave of the lost souls of those dead in trespasses and sins. To-day, a great Light is shining in this chaos of darkness, uncomprehended. Truth absolute, life-giver of the universe, confronts the dead, both small and great, saying, by the voice of her Messenger, "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Before the great white throne of Eternal Wisdom he stands and cries, his voice sounding through this wilderness of sin: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." In his hand, to guard the way of the Tree of Life, is the search-light of THE FLAMING SWORD of scientific truth.

Truth is the fruit of universal knowledge, of a perfect knowledge of the universal laws of a universe of known form and functions. The fruit is the inheritance of him who has exercised the supreme power of the universe,—that love which is the fulfilment of every law of divine being. That truth is present, true science makes manifest; her Messenger and possessor is causing this science to go to and fro in the earth, to awaken the world to the consciousness of the divine presence and the righteous demands of her laws.

The intellection of truth is "Jehovah's awful throne," before which the hearts and lives of men are weighed in the balance and found wanting the one thing needful. By it our hearts are laid bare. The refuge of lies in us is swept away, and we are humbled before the altar of the love which has attained truth, to honor her and us by the totality of his sacrifice, in the shedding of his blood for the remission of our sins.

Truth, irrefutable, glorious truth, is the imperial

awakener of all who sleep in their graves, the corruptions of mortality. She awakens, to slay in order to make alive. She awakens, to destroy and create anew. The adoration of her doctrines in the beauty of holiness, is salvation full and free from every law of sin and death. In the joy of obedience to her behests, is found the life that is life indeed. Her revelation, unveiled by the garments of her prophet, priest, and king, would overwhelm us in our weakness through bondage to the ceremonies of mortality. It is the culmination of mercy and supreme tenderness of love, that her high priest and ours is one with us in condition to be touched with a feeling of all our infirmities, while serving her as her seed and Savior. He enlightens us to receive her, with the science of her life, the laws of her being, the radiance of her glories. More than this we cannot bear, till conjoined to her by the sacrificial love of her high priest and ours.

Steadily, persistently, all the forces of the universe operate to bring this present evil world to its great awakening before the awful majesty of truth, by whom the glory of the Lord will be revealed. Wars and rumors of wars multiply; terrors will intensify, till the hearts of men fail for fear of things coming upon the earth.

The quickened intellects of men will be used in the great heading up of conflicts, to devise abominations of desolation beyond all hitherto known in mortal history, until the sure word of prophecy is fulfilled, and there shall be a time of trouble such as was not since there was a nation. As evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, instinctively knowing the time of their power is short, the lusts of the flesh will burn hotter and hotter, until it will seem to the waiting church of Christ, that

moral darkness has reached the limit of depravity, and the point of terminal transformation, is inevitable. Crime heads up in the culmination of desecration, the despoiling of the temple sanctified by the indwelling truth.

Thus far and no further can the tide of hell's damning devastation rise. Then rises truth, in the person of her faithful martyr, slain in the streets of the great Babylon of Gentile fullness. She rises to speak peace to a sea of wreckage and desolation; a sea of multitudes, peoples, nations, and tongues. She speaks the only peace sustained by the everlasting arms of almighty love, in which the nations of the earth learn war no more, and delivers up the kingdom of righteousness to the eternal Father of being.

It is the science of law that conveys the gospel of the kingdom. The great awakening comes through a simultaneous realization of the awful consequences of false science in every domain of thought and

action, and an intellectual comprehension and practical demonstration of true science in thought and action.

Agencies for the culmination have been in preparation for ages, and are fast ripening for utility. Laborers for and with the Lord's Anointed, and also enemies who oppose his truth, are already crying, "Here am I! send me!" Millions will rush to arms in their final service to the money power, and a little flock, a chosen generation, a peculiar people, zealous of good works, will have their eyes opened by the Anointed of Elohi, to behold that holy city, the New Jerusalem, clothed with the power and glory of the spirits of the just made perfect in organic unity, and will say, if God be for us, who can be against us? Strong in the strength of wisdom and understanding, heroic in the heroism of the Almighty, this little flock will fight to be crowned with victory, and secure the inheritance of the land. Truth, the victor in heaven and earth, will deliver up the kingdoms of this world to the Father, that God may be all and in all.

The Destiny of the Philippines.

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

NO AMOUNT of nursing and educating and training can make anything out of a people whose life has gone into the sere and yellow leaf that betokens decay and approaching dissolution. From what we can learn of the portion of this people who have made some progress in civilization, such is not the condition of the natives of these islands. Such being the case, a country that has ruled them for centuries, leaving the mass of their inhabitants in the condition of rude savages, has demonstrated its unfitness for such rule.

God makes no mistakes; and it is in accordance with the eternal fitness of things that, in this time when all things are to be made new, the old thralldom of greed and sham and oppression should cease. A people whose thirst for gold has impoverished every land over which it has ruled, including itself; whose religion is of the same selfish, bloodthirsty type as its politics, could not fail to beget in a rude, common sense people under its forceful sway, not respect for its authority nor reverence for its religion, but contrariwise, aversion and hate. What then shall be done with these people so suddenly to be freed from their old time oppression? Shall they be given back to their former tormentors? Never. A people that utterly fails for long to perform the just functions of government, should no longer be permitted to govern.

Should these islands be sold to some other great power, perhaps less oppressive and inhuman in its greed for gain, and possibly better fitted than Spain to govern them justly, under the plea of securing an indemnity for a war that we have undertaken, avowedly not for gain? I think not. Shall we aid them in their inexperience and poverty, to set up an independent government of their own? Surrounded as they are by covetous and powerful nations, and beset with numerous

internal foes, if such a government stood for a twelvemonth, it would be by the aid of some nation powerful enough to overawe their enemies. Such arrangement would not be a happy one, neither for themselves nor for the protecting nation. The expense to both would be very great. The only right and just, and the inevitable way is for these people to become a part of the great and mighty nation which frees them from their oppressors, sharing its benefits, glory, honor, and power, which, when that event of destiny is accomplished, the union of the power of Ephraim and Manasseh, under the auspices of the younger, will be entirely invincible, especially so with the latest born of the mighty empires, close at hand and friendly. Under such conditions, these people need never fear danger, and will be left free to develop into that for which they evidently have the capacity,—a great and prosperous and civilized people.

And then, in the development of the new kingdom of righteousness soon to be set up in earth, for which present events, though the actors in them comprehend and intend it not, are preparing the way—these new people may, in the providence of God, be the centre from which and the medium through which the evangel of the new age may go forth to illumine the darkness, religious and governmental, that now fills all the earth in that quarter. Man proposes, but God disposes. And it cannot be otherwise than that the Almighty Ruler of the universe has a distinct purpose in the unexpected events which are now taking place. He rides upon the storm, even though it be of human passion, and there need be no fear that he will not shape its results, probably not at all to the liking of the men that are now his instruments for producing them.

The hoary despotism of Spain is not the only time-honored abuse that will encounter its Waterloo before

the present wonderful, historic drama closes. Honest, untutored savages are more hopeful material out of which to make future sons of God than a bigoted, treacherous, priest-ridden, effete race of men, burned out with lust, who suppose themselves to be the most intelligent and pious people on earth. Nay, their very savagery may have been designed by an overruling providence to keep them from being so filled with the conceit that implicit reliance upon a false religion begets, as to be beyond the influence of the true when it again came to men in the earth. God's ways are not men's ways, and his thoughts are not their thoughts. Their very name is, probably, suggestive of their future destiny. The Greek words from which it appears to be derived, mean lover of horses. The horse

in the Bible is the symbol of the understanding of the Word. This is the Word that was with God, and that was God. This may mean that these people are, in the providence of God, now to come to a knowledge and acceptance of the true God.

While in the transition state from the evil present to their destined future of happiness and peace, in order to avoid future constitutional questions, it will be well for them, in imitation of Mexico, to entirely destroy the power of those organizations, misnamed religious, which have been responsible for much of their past oppression, by confiscating their property. Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light;" and any institution that imposes heavy burdens, by that same token shows that it is not of God.

The Doom of the Republican Party.

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

IN A recent speech in Philadelphia, Mr. Wanamaker, according to the *World*, is quoted as saying that:

The political religion of the nation is falling lower and lower under insults to intelligence, violation of law, and reckless darning of unscrupulous bosses. There are measureless depths of misfortune for this nation and the state, if the continued use of corporation and public moneys, and the dispensation of federal and state patronage continues to be controlled in the interests of office-holders, to hold office for themselves and to benefit those who desire to keep government contracts, or maintain particular protections through the money given by which elections are decided.

He predicts a new political party as the result of Laws continually despised and disregarded, legislation conceived for blackmailing purposes, speculation by public officials in trusts and other stocks, while tariffs and other financial bills are pending.

Mr. Wanamaker's utterances come with added force because of his interior knowledge of what he speaks, from his comparatively recent experience as republican Post-master General. If additional evidence

were needed to show the utter corruption of present politics, it might be found in the report of the committee of the Ohio legislature, which charges that Mark Hanna, whose corrupt use of money carried the last presidential election, is indebted to bribery for his seat in the U. S. Senate. Truly the prophet's description graphically depicts the frightful condition of the man who epitomizes the state of today!

"The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head, there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."

Only death and speedy destruction can be the portion of such an one.

If Wanamaker secures the office of governor of his own state, to which position he now aspires, it is to be hoped its politics, which have been of the most corrupt kind, will be improved; but nothing will save or permanently benefit so desperate a patient, and the quicker all is over with him the better it will be for all concerned.

In the Editorial Perspective.

BY THE EDITOR.

COUNT TOLSTOI makes a severe arraignment of modern science in the July *Arena*. He points to the ground claimed to be covered by all the research of modern times, and sees no beneficent results. Neither modern astronomy, physics, chemistry, biology, nor sociology has contributed anything to satisfy the longings of the human heart for truth, nor supplied anything that the world really needs. The astronomer peers into the heavens and undertakes chemical analysis of the stars, and to map out the constellations, but does not tell men how to live. We have seen the physicist count the number of vibrations of light, heat, and the X-ray per second; the chemist makes new compounds and nostrums; the biologist cultivates bacteria, looks through the microscope, and vivisects frogs and dogs, but tells us nothing about life. After all that so called medical science

has boasted, confusion reigns, and there are now a score of schools of medicine that pour poison into the stomach; vibrate the system with electricity; inoculate the blood with bacteria; inject elixirs under the skin; beat and rub the flesh in the massage fad; inclose the sick into the abdominal cavities of freshly killed bulls, and a thousand other things; but what good do they do? The world is full of inventions; modern ingenuity—has it benefited the world any? Tolstoi says No, most emphatically, when he writes: "If the structure of society is evil, as it is with us, where a small number of people rule the majority and oppress it, then every victory over nature inevitably serves only to strengthen that power of oppression. And this is what takes place." The fools of the world—those who are illusioned to the greatest extent, are experimenting with humanity and inflicting

injuries upon it. The esteemed and learned Count puts forth his efforts, he says, in recognition of the bankruptcy of experimental science, and therefore sees the absolute necessity of adopting some other method! Good for Tolstoi! He has read THE FLAMING SWORD for some years past.

The United States Geodetic Surveyors have destroyed the last vestige of all the old so called proofs of the earth's convexity, in the latest conclusion that the earth is not a globe, but is in the shape of a spinning-top, large in the north, and pointed at the south pole. This entirely removes it from the spherical form, but it is supposed that we are still on top!—no, not still on top, but whirling with great rapidity! That which the world has fondly hoped was a harmonious system of science, is now dashed to pieces. It was considered that one of the most certain proofs that the earth is convex is the "shadow on the moon" during the lunar eclipse, which is said to be always circular, no matter what the position of the earth may be; as nothing but a globe could always cast a circular shadow, it was argued, the earth is a convex globe. Now that it is tetrahedral, it could never cast a circular shadow! On such an earth Proctor's efforts were expended in vain; if the earth is shaped like a top, the uniform declination of the pole stars for equal distances traveled north and south would become impossible, while all the measurements of degrees of longitude, by the most expensive apparatus and skilful operators, which show the earth to be about 25,000 miles in circumference at the equator, and uniformly smaller at every parallel of latitude north or south, are cast aside as not worthy of consideration. These new conclusions are reached by Prof. E. D. Preston, and others of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. A new phase of the old fallacy will now develop; modern science will utterly confuse and confound itself, because its basis is hypothesis and conjecture. Astronomers have worked for a century now on the basis that the earth is a convex sphere, slightly flattened at the poles, and now there must be a revision of the text-books. Beautiful, exact science! Wonderfully wise astronomers! Remarkably rational following!

For the first time in the history of Chicago there has been a suspension of all the daily papers in the city. Two or three of them have each nearly a half million circulation, but even they have had to succumb to a simple obstacle. For a few days at least there will be fewer distortions and perversions of facts than usual. While these papers are suspended, it would be a good time to reform! In the suspension of these dailies we have but the manifestation of some phases of the difficulties connected with the labor question. The press of Chicago represents millions of dollars capital; the stereotypes in these establishments have asked an increase of wages and fewer hours, and other concessions. Upon refusal by the managers, the entire fraternity went out on a strike; by suspending for a few days the companies lose hundreds of thousands of dollars rather than make the concessions and pay each employe seventy-five cents more per day! It is a contest between the men who steal the products of labor, and the men who help make the wealth of the newspaper syndicates. The stereotypes are entitled to every cent they earn; but greed steals nine tenths of it.

Science is the truth of all things manifest to the understanding. There is but one true science; that science is integral, and must therefore originate in one mind, not in thousands. One complete system must be the expression of science. Koreshianity is the only complete system in the world, and THE FLAMING SWORD is its exponent. The Koreshian System solves the problems that in other schools are only discussed, not concluded. If you want to know how to read human character; how

to interpret the motives of man; how to deal honestly with your neighbor; how to conserve your energies; how to begin the pursuit of happiness; how to understand the mysteries of the universe, and the laws of mind, being, and existence; how to interpret the history of the past, the present signs of the times, and how to read the future by infallible law; how to conquer your passions and overcome death, read THE FLAMING SWORD. It will tell you more truth in a word than all the "mahatmas" of the Himalayas and the spirits of the dead combined can tell in volumes!

The world is rapidly approaching a revolution. The popular mind is rapidly changing and forming new conceptions—breaking away from old and established customs and beliefs. The church is breaking up, and agnosticism is the inevitable result. Men are beginning to realize that they do not know anything for certain. That which was held to be true fifty years ago, is denied today. Frauds and humbugs are multiplying daily, and mental bacteria are hatching by the millions. The masses are in a state of inanity and insanity. How fearful are the times! What is the matter with the world? we hear asked on every hand. Let the church answer! Let modern science answer! Let the modern reformer answer! They will not—they cannot. There is but one solution; that one solution is published to the world in the form of Koreshian Science. The false prophets and teachers cannot understand it; they could not understand truth nineteen hundred years ago.

There are remarkable lines of parallel between the church today and nineteen hundred years ago. History repeats itself; steeped in fallacy, the church then was corrupt, and it is so today. There are modern as well as ancient Pharisees. Now as then, men despise the truth, and for exactly the same reasons. The modern church ought to tremble at the scathing rebukes and denunciations of Jesus; whatever he said of the church then is applicable now. In the church, in sex, and in commerce we have the three world-wide prostitutions. Woes are coming upon these three forms of desecration of life and order. There can be no universal order until the great triplex system of hell is destroyed. The time has come for a new church, for a new system of sex relations, and for the establishment of a new social and economic system, founded upon the scientific laws of organic unity.

Recently, the Spiritists of America undertook to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of so called spiritual manifestations. Near Rochester, N. Y., fifty years ago, rappings were heard in the home of the Fox sisters, and the noises were soon interpreted to be supernatural. Since that time Spiritism has developed. The Rochester convention was widely advertised, and ten thousand people were expected to be present; the time came, and less than one thousand convened. The receipts were about \$1,500, while the expenses were about \$7,000, leaving over \$5,000 to be paid by the promoter of the scheme. The convention was a failure; interest in the claims of Spiritists is declining, for the reason that they have done nothing for the benefit of humanity, and the public is unable to distinguish between the real and the fraudulent manifestations.

When man is perfected he is saved—redeemed from death and mortality; he then involves the universe; he has become converted to God. When starch is converted to sugar, it is no longer starch but sugar. When a man is converted to Christ he is Christ. There is coming a reckoning with the millions who claim to be sons of God. When we compare the character of the genuinely converted, through processes of resurrection into life, with what disgust we must look upon the blatant, sacrilegious falsifiers who stand upon the street corners and sing

hallucinations about being saved, redeemed, washed in the blood of the Lamb, purified and made whole, without having a single mortal characteristic or sensual tendency eradicated from their systems.

Reformers who are working to change only a few conditions in the social world without reference to other things in human affairs, are endeavoring to put patches on the old garment of humanity. Offering patches to the world as the desideratum of the nineteenth century, is not only an insult to the truth and humanity, but it is an infallible index to the mental status of the reformers who are able to devise only patches, and not an entirely new system of truth. The new age will not be clothed with the filthy garments of the present world; the new humanity will not wear patches, nor obsolete styles!

Americans may not be popular in Iceland. There is a great disparity between the moral and social character of the Norsemen and the people who are taught to defraud the neighbor and steal the products of labor. The government of Iceland is over one thousand years old; it must be a happy country, for there are no prisons, no crime, no locks nor bars, and moreover, no police. In all the one thousand years' history of Iceland, only two cases of larceny have been known among their people. They have no paupers, nor tramps, nor millionaires.

The reason the Koreshan System is out of harmony with everything else in the world, is because the originators of schemes and theories are not able to put a sufficient number of correct ideas together to form a complete system; because they cannot begin with a single fact in the universe and relate the same in all lines of sequences, to every other known fact; because they are not willing to take a premise of fact as a basis of conclusion—in fact, because they do not reason; and the reason they do not reason is the same as why they do not fly!

New ages are begun by new men. Knowledge cannot be obtained in the past; the Jews tried that nineteen hundreds years ago and missed the mark. Present truth is clearer and nearer than the past. The entire modern church is looking backward, straining the eyes to perceive the distant perspective, dimmed by the mists of ignorance; it is an evidence of retrogression. When the Almighty establishes a new church, you may be sure that he will wipe out all the religious frauds of the nineteenth century!

Truth is authority; its principles are absolute, and its conclusions infallible. The world is afraid of infallibility; it is ready to repudiate all authority; it does not desire the elements of truth today any more than it did nineteen hundred years ago, when it repudiated the claims of the man who had the truth and spoke with authority, and not as the popular teachers.

The Koreshan System is not founded upon the opinion of any man concerning the character of the Founder of Koreshanity. It stands upon facts; opinions will never contribute to its success; they can never cause its failure.

A reformer's little scheme may be a beautiful patch with flashy and gaudy colors; but how about the stuff he is sewing the patch onto—is it all right? The man who says yes, is a back number. So is the patcher.

The Almighty has to do with only seven churches; he must therefore repudiate the several hundred churches of today which claim to be able to perform divine service.

The universe we live in is the only one in existence; do not spend your time and energies endeavoring to find the way out of it—there are no homes in the skies.

There are two kinds of people who have swelled bellies; both kinds are intoxicated by spirits—alcoholic and egotistic.

The process of "turning the world upside down" is involved in the scientific, religious, and social revolution.

The world can never be judged in righteousness except by an absolutely true and certain standard of truth.

Spain might send Camara to Santiago and to Manila to photograph the wrecked Spanish navy!

You may be sure that the man has not the truth, who does not know absolutely that he has.

Society ought to ostracize the Copernican system of astronomy; it is guilty of "bad form."

The infant political parties are making more demands than they are calculating to supply.

When the millionaires begin to "trust" everything, their methods are not to be trusted.

The fourth of July is for the purpose of perpetuating the patriotism of toy fireworks.

Query, Chat, and News Departments.

BY THE EDITOR.

Explanation of the Moon's Phases.

I am curious to know how the Koreshan theory explains the phases of the moon. If you have anything written on the subject, I should be glad to receive same.—W. L., Birmingham, Eng.

A number of scientific articles on the relations of the solar and lunar spheres, appeared from the pen of KORESH in Vols. 5 and 6 of THE FLAMING SWORD. These articles go into details concerning the functions of the sun and the moon. A comprehension of a number of principles of Koreshan Alchemy is necessary to an understanding of the changes of the moon. The menstrual system of the female is analogous to the menstrual system of the alchemico-organic universe. The "bowels

of the earth," the system of metallic plates with their intervening mercurial disci, comprise the *real* moon; the firmamental plates which environ the universe are the "round tires" of the moon. Outside of the sea of hydrogen is the lunar sphere, a great belt over 18,000 miles in circumference, formed by the storage process; the lunar sphere constantly receives impressions from the earth through the seven planetary spheres in the physical heavens. The lunar sphere is the culminating and aggregate product of the planets; she is the final receptacle of the seven fluxions, and by this process is renewed every 29½ days.

The explanation of the phenomena of the moon involves the science of lunar photography. The moon as we see it in the physical heavens, is the reflection of the outermost mineral strata lying contiguous to the uppermost metallic strata; the reflections of the energies are from the silver strata, passing through all the superimposed earth layers, and picturing them upon the great lunar sphere. In common photography, lunar caustic or nitrate of silver is used to develop the pictures. In the physical universe, we have the levitation of silver energies through the various carbonates and nitrated substances, and the result is a composite pic-

ture or gravosphere of the whole earth. The visible moon is the transposed expansion by reflection of the lunar sphere, the pole at a single point in the lunar belt. The moon has the appearance of a convex body; it is the exact representation of the earth viewed from the *outside* of the mineral strata; in this way we can *actually* see through the earth's shell by ultra-penetrable rays reflected in such a way as to expose the view from the *outside*. Consequently the moon is convex; it is a partial materialization of the crystalline energies of which it is composed. A great diaphragm extends north and south, and divides the lunar sphere into halves. A lunation of the moon is one rotation of the sphere and diaphragm. The relation of this diaphragm, or the relation of the hemispheres to the solar circumradiations, determines the lunar aspects or phases. One lunar hemisphere is A, and the other is B; when the moon is in the center of A's area, it is near the sun, and the moon is dark; when in the center of B, it is opposite the sun, and the moon is light or full. At quadratures, the diaphragm between the light and dark hemispheres is turned edgewise and in plane with the meridian at 6 o'clock morning and evening. The moon always presents the same picture on its light side. The lunar sphere always faces the same concave surface, and therefore always shows the same picture.

The Genuine Science of Cure.

In the Editorial Perspective in issue of June 10, you criticize the diagnosis of disease by the photomicroscope, and exclaim, "What a travesty on the genuine science of cure!" Would you please inform us fully and definitely what the genuine science of cure is, according to the Koreshan philosophy? Also kindly say whether you have tested it or seen it tested and demonstrated.—J. N., Mankato, Minn.

Koreshanity is the science of life. The application of the laws of life in the process of overcoming death, constitutes the universal panacea. Knowledge of the laws of life, demonstrated by the form and functions of the physical universe, and the laws of human physiology, is the only standpoint from which the diagnosis of the world's disease is susceptible of being made. The world is afflicted with one disease—mortality, as a result of wanton waste of sex energies. The genuine cure of all disease lies in the destruction of the powers of death, and the restoration of man to health and life, and involves the process of conservation and use of the sex energies in higher domains of the mind. The conservation of sex energies by a central nucleus, and the scientific determination of those energies to the

positive pole of the biological battery, is preparatory to the application of the genuine cure to all who recognize the character of their disease, and obey the laws of life. The process of salvation of the world began nineteen hundred years ago, by the transfusion of the energies of the body, soul, and spirit of Jesus the Christ, into the personalities of his following. This planting of himself in his people will culminate in the renewing or resurrection of life at the end of the dispensation, through the knowledge of the principles, and through application of scientific laws of immortality. Man is not genuinely cured until he is made immortal. The only instance of immortal existence in the universe for the past 6,000 years, was the man Jesus. The cures effected at the present time are only partial adjustments of functions of mind and body, which are accomplished by the transmission of mental energy, directed through desire. It is simply negative response to the mental vibrations of one of superior vitality, without comprehension of the law of the same, either on the part of the positive or the negative mind. This kind of cure is abundant in the world. It is not a divine gift; it is not an impartation of divine energy, but gross and mortal substance; some men require a healer who desires sensual enjoyment to find ready response in the mind of like character; even the devil can work cures. The specific knowledge of the laws, principles, and energies operative to produce the cure, is evidence of divine wisdom; Koreshan Science is the only genuine interpretation of mental and psychic impression. Restoration to normal mortal functions has been accomplished in numerous instances by the Founder of Koreshanity; but it is a greater thing to change the nature of man and to eradicate the cause of all disease, without exception, through scientific diagnosis and the transmission of the essential dynamics of life to resurrect the world, than to cure systemic derangements.

How Does Illumination Obtain?

Observing your patience in giving information, I will ask a few questions, which you may answer at your leisure. Does KORESH claim illumination by special divine appointment, or through his knowledge of the laws of progression. And if through his knowledge of science, how did he obtain that knowledge? Was it through ordinary processes of investigation, or by some special method? I like THE FLAMING SWORD, not merely because it gives new ideas, but because it exposes deception and fallacy in science, church, and state.—W. T. D., Kingston, Tex.

Science is knowledge; all science is truth in ultimates; all truth is divine. All ordinary investigation of the phenom-

ena of the universe is not adequate to solve the problem of the universe, for the simple reason that without the central key, the mind cannot know the relation of the part which is investigated, to all other parts of the universe. The process of illumination then, must be special and extraordinary, and must obtain from the interior. All thought is substance; thought travels in the direction of desire. In the sensual man there are vortices of *hell fire* which constantly attract sensual entities, which supply the fuel for the generation of sensual energies. The quality of desire determines the character of mental inspirations. The man who has the noblest aspirations, in the fulness of times or cycles, is the man of destiny. If the mind induces through desire a mental vortex in which the vibrations are more *intense* than in any other mind, it will attract all the entities from spheres of thought that are progressing toward the vertical apex of destiny. This process, while special and extraordinary, is natural, and results in the involution of entities from every sphere which are capable of being attracted into the central vortex. This result obtains at the end of long cycles. The transposition of the thought-substance from the will to the intellect is intellectual illumination, which means mental lumin from within. Such an illumination obtains at the culmination of all cycles, in the man who has passed through all the experiences of the universe, and has completed his career or re-embodiments through all cycles of a given grand cycle. The Koreshan System is the outward expression of that vortex which is the absolute antithesis of the fires of sensualism. Entities inbreathed from the higher spheres become knowledges when the interior consciousness enter into conjunction with the external cortical cells of the brain, the pediment of intellects. If that vortex attracts all the entities susceptible of responding to the vibrations, it produces the only illumination that is possible until the knowledges thus resulting are transposed by theocratic baptism from the one mind to as many as respond to the truth which the one mind proclaims.

The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

As for myself, I must say that I take to the Koreshan doctrine like a duck takes to water. I like the positiveness of your assertions, the rational arguments, and the scientific constructive features. Was not Emerson acquainted with, or a believer in the concave theory of the earth's structure? Some of his writings are entirely on that line, as for instance: "Reverberates through the earth from side to

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side, and ever the whipper is undone."—W. R. W., Social Crusade Co-operative Store, Chicago, Ill.

I enclose remittance to renew my subscription to *THE SWORD*; I do not wish to miss a number. I have been reading the most advanced thought I could get hold of for years; but *THE FLAMING SWORD* is the best I have ever found on the subjects treated. I feel much more at home in the new world than I ever did upon the old one. I have tried to interest a number of my neighbors in your work, and succeeded far enough to cause the letter written to you by W. H. C., of this place. —W. S. T., Belden, O.

Having become very much interested in *THE FLAMING SWORD*, and wishing to investigate Koreshan Science, I enclose remittance for the paper and books and pamphlets.—F. D., Washington, Pa.

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Chat With Readers.

You have often wondered how the Almighty created man! The story of Eden as interpreted by the popular church, is familiar to all. When the church tells you anything, you cannot know that it is so for certain—it seems too irrational and too mysterious to be above suspicion. Do you wish to get a satisfactory view of 24,000 years ago—to comprehend the processes by which the Adamic man was created? The processes involve the destiny of Africa and America; they are tangibly linked together. The greatest war of the western republic was fought over the negro. He was the slave, then the citizen; his destiny is amalgamation with the white race, through processes of physiological law, applied scientifically. The Adamic man was created by a great scientist 24,000 years ago. Today, Koreshanity holds the key to ethnology; it is the genuine system of prophecy—of divine prescience. If the first article in this number, by KORESH, be studied carefully, the light of creation will dawn upon the reader. The creation of man is about to be repeated. You can observe the present, and view what took place in pre-Adamic times. The creation of the new race, right here in the earth, is to be the crowning act of science!

The new book, *THE CELLULAR COSMOGONY*, now in rapid preparation, is a work presenting the direct and absolute demonstrations of the earth's concave form, upon which the entire system of Koreshanity is predicated. Part I contains three chapters from the pen of KORESH, outlining the principles of the form and functions of the universe and demonstrations of the laws of vision, and explanation of optical illusions. Part 2 is a direct line of argument concerning the contour of the earth, beginning with the simplest geometrical principle, from which every step in the line of logic is a statement of demonstrated facts obtained through a long series of specific observations, experiments, and geodetic survey conducted during the past two years. The work contains full and complete de-

tails of all the experiments, copiously illustrated by numerous diagrams. It is the most remarkable work on the science of earth measurement ever issued. It will contain about 200 pages, price 25 cents. Our friends have done well so far; we have advance individual orders for 1,000 copies. This number does not include copies to be sent to agents. This good beginning evinces a wide circulation, when it is published and pushed energetically before the reading public.

THE FLAMING SWORD is not scavenging the world for opinions or new ideas to fit the Koreshan System. The System is the same now as it was when it was founded, and will continue to be the same. There is no room for improvement, for the reason that it is integral. *THE FLAMING SWORD* has behind it the information concerning the universe and everything in it, and is disclosing that information as rapidly as it is desired and understood. We know of journals which, after having started out with some new idea, came in contact with *THE SWORD*, got a smattering of a few of its conclusions, and patched on as much as the original hobby would admit, and then came out with something entirely different from the first. A number of new journals as well as old ones, have found *THE FLAMING SWORD* a "bonanza"—a source of information not to be found elsewhere. When you read this journal you know that what is presented is without distortion. If you find something in other papers, having the semblance of truth, it is so twisted out of shape as to be worthless. A single item of truth without the whole system will never benefit you a particle!

Under the head of "The World's Great Awakening," REV. BERTHA S. BOOMER looks forward to the coming of the world's great jubilee, when man has awakened to a knowledge of himself and his relation to others. While condemning the evils of the present time, the Koreshan System portrays the happiness of the Golden Age, when mankind will have been freed from the bondage of ignorance and greed. The dawn is here, and our hope is in the tangible. We are nearing the birth of the new age, and the establishment of the new Kingdom just beyond the impending revolution.

Language is the expression of qualities of life; language is natural, and can never be artificial. In 1879, Schleyer, a German priest and linguist, invented Volapuk, or the "world-language." Its motto is, "Menad bal, puk bal,"—one humanity, one language. It is founded upon fallacious principles, and is wholly artificial. The subject of the universal language in its deeper, psychological rather than the philological meaning, is discussed this week by LUCIE PAGE BORDEN. The article is an excellent one, well written, and moreover, it is easy to comprehend.

The reason *THE FLAMING SWORD* is so

different from all other journals in the world, is because it has the advantage on the point of observation. Truth opens the eyes; in fallacy the eyes are closed—the functions of intellectual perception of truth are obliterated; if it were not so, there could be no darkness in the world. Popular papers are adapted to popular eyes. *THE FLAMING SWORD* is too bright for them—it is too dazzling!

From our point of reconnaissance, the entire field of the enemy is exposed to view.

THE FLAMING SWORD is a weapon of war!

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The World's News.

Wednesday, June 29.—Third expedition to Manila sails from San Francisco.—Reported that 20,000 Spanish soldiers have reached Santiago.—23,000 Philippine insurgents surround Manila.—Sigbee's cruiser St. Paul disables torpedo boat Terror at San Juan.—Gen. Merritt sails for Manila to act as military governor.—Yale college confers title of LL.D. upon McKinley.—Senate passes resolutions honoring Lieut. Hobson and companions for bravery at Santiago.

Thursday.—Six transports with 3,000 troops sail from Tampa to reinforce Shafter.—Schley's squadron merges into the fleet under Sampson.—Spaniards destroy bridge and approaches between Santiago and Aguadores to prevent use by Shafter.—Prof. Gark Morrill, government weather man, goes to Cuba to fight hurricanes and prevent injury to warships and transports.

Friday.—Wild rumor in Madrid of Spanish great victory at Santiago.—Shafter captures a few forts.—Reconnaissance by balloon at Santiago.—Spain proposes to court-martial Admiral Montojo for Manila disaster.—Unconfirmed report of all day's battle at Santiago; outer defenses captured by Shafter, and Spanish troops driven to the city.

Saturday.—Report of Santiago battle confirmed; U. S. troops now surround city proper; Sampson bombards Morro castle, reducing it to ruins; other forts demolished; intense excitement in the city.—Chicago daily papers suspend publication; stereotypers are on a strike and begin a determined fight.—Papers from other cities sold by the thousand at 5 and 10 cents per copy.

Sunday.—Shafter cables for hospital ship; reports loss of 1,000 of his soldiers in battle of Santiago; Spanish loss greater; enemy driven from all entrenchments.—Two Spanish vessels taken as prizes near Manzanillo, C. U. B. a.—Dr. Mendez Capote, vice president of Cuban republic, arrives in New York.

Monday.—Cervera's fleet is destroyed at Santiago; makes a dash to run through blockade; is met by Sampson's ships; catches fire, except papers on board, which are wrecked.—News received at 4th of July celebrations with great enthusiasm.

Tuesday.—Reports of destruction of Cervera's fleet confirmed; Sampson cables news of complete victory.—Infanta Maria Teresa, Oquendo and Vizcaya, Furur, and

Pluton destroyed; Cristobal chased 69 miles and surrendered.—Admiral Cervera taken prisoner, with 1,300 Spanish marines; Sampson loses only one man.—Shafter gives Santiago until today noon to surrender; upon refusal will bombard the city; British consul asks Shafter to delay another day, to admit of removal of non-combatants.—Rapid war developments expected; San Juan and Havana yet to be taken.—Forts at Havana almost impregnable.—No Chicago newspapers yet; strike still on.

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In Reform Journals.

GOLD FALLACY EXPLODED.

A Few Authorities.

When all our paper money is made payable in specie on demand, it will be proved the most certain means that can be used to fertilize the rich man's field with the sweat of the poor man's brow.—Daniel Webster.

Whatever a government agrees to receive in payment of the public debts, as a medium of circulation, is money, no matter what its form may be; treasury notes, drafts, etc. Such bills or paper, issued under the authority of the United States, are money.—Henry Clay, in the Senate, 1812.

Gold and silver are not intrinsically of equal value with iron. No methods have hitherto been formed to establish a medium of trade equal in all its advantages, to bills of credit made a legal tender.—Benjamin Franklin.

Bank paper must be suppressed, and the issue of the circulating medium restored to the nation, to whom it belongs. Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies.—Thos. Jefferson.

Money—the national medium of exchange for property and products—is a combination of legal power, expressed upon metal, paper, or other substance. It has legal power to represent value, exchange value, measure value and accumulate value by interest. The material upon which the money function is impressed, becomes a legalized agent, made to express its four powers, or properties, and render them available in business transactions.—Edward Kellogg.

The theory of the intrinsic value of money has been abandoned by the best writers and speakers.—Encyclopedia Britannica.

Metallic money, while acting as coin, is identical with paper money, in respect to being destitute of intrinsic value.—North American Review.

An article is determined to be money by reason of the performance by it of certain functions, without regard to its form or substance.—Appleton's American Encyclopedia.

Falling prices, and misery, and destruction, are inseparable companions. The disasters of the Dark Ages were caused by decreasing money and falling prices. With the increase of money, labor and industry gains new life.—Hume, the Historian.

The failure of charity is inevitable, mainly because no quantity of organized charity, however great, and no quality, however good, can accomplish social regeneration. Like an efficacious medicine applied on a wrong diagnosis, whilst it sometimes seems to allay the distemper, it really changes and generally aggravates it.—Proudhon.

Reflect upon it! For humanity's sake, just consider! The whole business of mankind is included under two heads: First, making or producing; second, dis-

tributing or carrying. One is as important to life and comfort as the other. And yet, within our age, for the first time in human history, this last great department has become the absolute property of a few men. Men! you do not see it, or you could not tolerate it another month. Political despotism is nothing to this.—Clark Irvine.

The ugliest fact that confronts us under our present industrial organization, is the fact that at almost any given moment, there are in this country hundreds of thousands of able-bodied and honest men, with women and children dependent upon them, who would be glad to work steadily every day, yet whose one great anxiety in life is because their employment is uncertain, interrupted, or wholly precarious.—Review of Reviews.

How Riches Are Acquired.

The commonest method is to exploit the brains and labor of others; to give little and take much; to buy cheap and sell dear; to take advantage of the ignorance of those with whom one deals; in other words, to be an elaborate system of craft and elevation of larceny to a fine art. To take advantage of a number of workman, victims of the competitive system, by compelling them to accept wholly inadequate wages that a large aggregate profit may be made out of their earnings, is a system which can hardly be dignified by a better epithet than spoliation. Only the other day, a large employer of labor in the Midlands was showing a friend over his works. Presently they paused in one of the yards between the various buildings. Pointing to a workman some little distance from them, the employer said, "That man earns me 45 a week." What wages do you give him then? "I asked the other, "Sixteen shillings a week," was the astonishing reply. This rate of profit would, of course, rapidly result in the accumulation of wealth, other conditions being equal; but exploitation of such a flagrant character could scarcely, we think, be justified by any other code of morals than that which obtains among modern capitalists.—Progressive Review.

"Scientists" Cannot Explain Sun Spots.

According to a theory recently advanced at a meeting of the Royal Dublin society, the sun spot constitutes the first stage of a change of condition in the sun which is visible to us. The dark spots or patches seen through the telescope are ever changing and shifting. They have always been of great interest to scientists, mainly because no rational explanation of them has ever been given. This new theory is that changes of temperature cause a precipitation of liquid. This may be supported, and to an extent absorbed, by gaseous matter of a very high density. This would cause a mass, more or less dark, especially if the liquid were opaque and insufficient quantity to cast a heavy shadow. The report says: "The reflection of the photograph at the edge, and the inrush of gaseous matter over the covered area, will, it is believed, explain the appearance of the penumbra. The re-evaporation of the liquid constitutes the disappearance of the spot." These spots consume about eleven years in growth. When they reach their maximum in number and intensity, magnetic disturbances of considerable moment affect the earth.—Ex.

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As Editors See Us.

That Catechism.

If our friend, the apostle of "Koreshanity," constructs his philosophy as care-

lessly as he does his comments upon his exchanges, it will be a little loose at the joints. He says the *Leader* protested against the recent school catechism business, and that he is glad that nobody knew anything about God, and therefore the questions are useless.—We did not base our protest on any such ground, nor did we condemn the questions, as useless. If any one could answer the questions as our friend claims to do "definitely," the information will be in the highest degree useful and valuable. But we fear that as the astronomy of Koresch savors of the Ptolemaic, perhaps his theology may go back to the Chaldaic or beyond.

Altogether, we guess our brother is a "back number." He goes on to say that our statement that the mystery of the divine nature has been too much for the greatest minds of the ages, "will be news to the people generally, for it is usually supposed that the theologians are thoroughly familiar" with the matter. Alas, brother, that you should say this! We do not know how Koresch has collected the suffrages of "people generally"; but if the literature of nations, old and young, is fairly representative, these questions have always been impossible of solution to the few minds which attempted the task, while the mass of people did their theological business by proxy. Differences on these matters cause no "news" to any one who has read history.

No question can be "useless" or valueless that has commanded the attention of the greatest minds of all time; but we do not see the propriety of feeding such strong meat to babes. If Brother Koresch will grapple the questions, and answer them "definitely," as he boastfully promises, he will transcend the heads of the benefactors of the human race; but, out of fear his philosophy belongs to the same ancient date as his astronomy. For his scheme of the universe is not new, except in its immutability. The old criticisms on the old criticism on a book seems to fit here—what is good in it is not new, and what is new is not good." We speak in sorrow, not in anger.—Labor Leader.

Celibate Chastity.

"Koresch" is bound to be antique, at all hazards. Here he goes back to monasticism, or backer yet: "Celibate organizations have existed in all ages. This chaste potency conserved and handed down constitutes the balancing power to counteract the evils of license. The same potency is yet to stem the tide of evil and deliver women from the curse of subjection." Yes, but look here, brother: if celibacy is good for you, why not for the rest of us; and after we have all accepted the doctrine and practised it, whence will come the women to be delivered from subjection? Josh! From "the monks of old" to the Ephraim brethren and sisters—and what a gulf is there spanned over!—what has been the outcome of celibate communities? Either the conditions described by Draper and Lecky or (of course) the self-elimination of the scheme. We fear there will be no propaganda for Koreschianity in the next century, if it is apostle's disciples take his advice!—Labor Leader.

—Dr. Teed, alias Koresch, Founder of THE FLAMING SWORD, who claims that the earth is a hollow globe, with a high life, and that the outer shell is pure gold, has some very ardent disciples near the Creek line. Koresch is the modern Messiah, and Capt. Jasper Hicks and John Grier are his prophets. Some of our preachers say that the reading of THE FLAMING SWORD helps lots of persons toward hell.—Stroud Star, Stroud, Okl.

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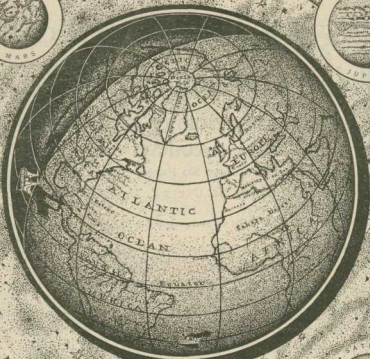
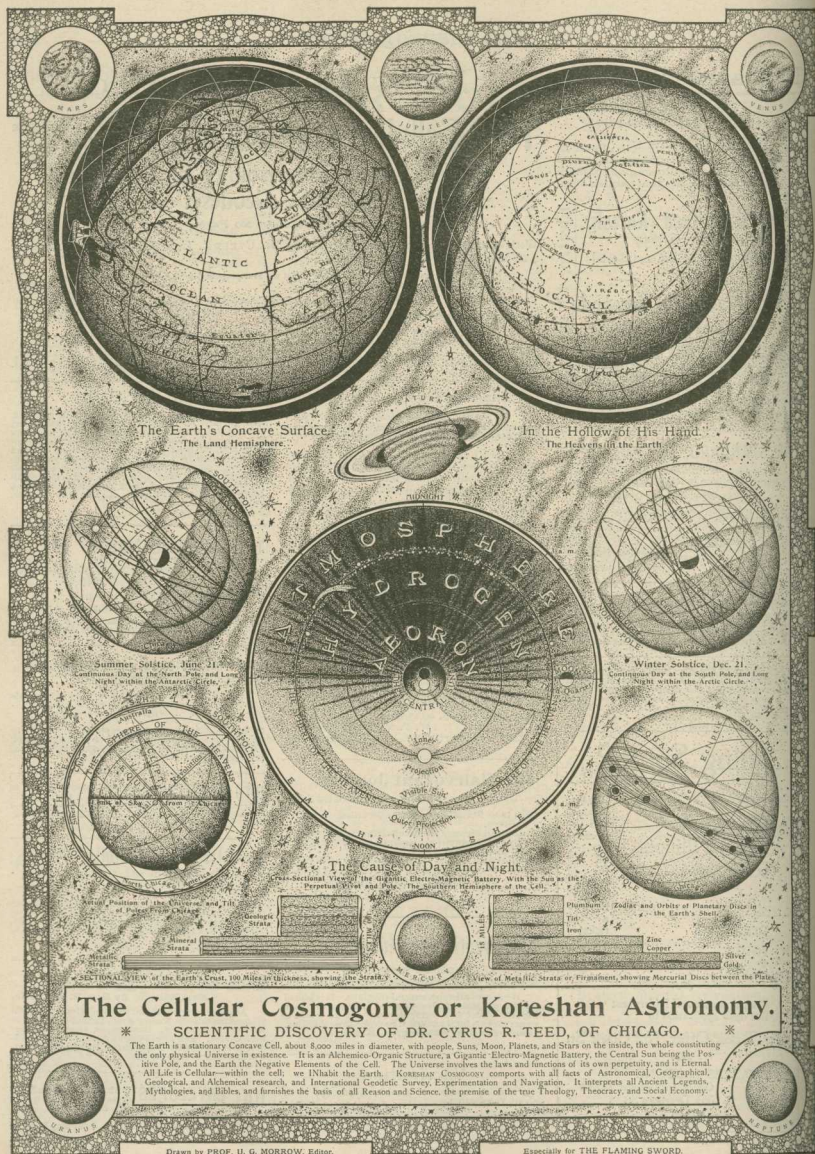
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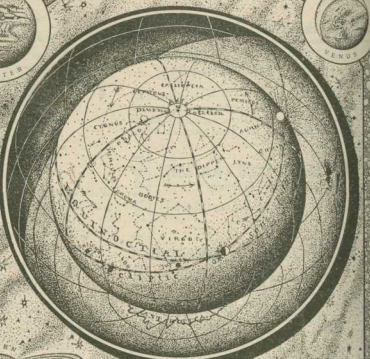
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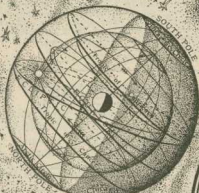
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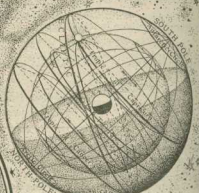
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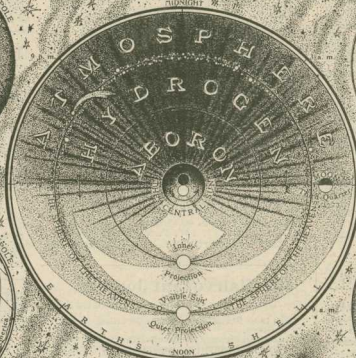
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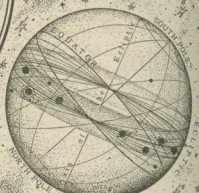
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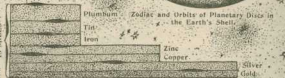
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