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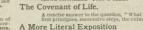
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## Peace Jubilee in the Menagerie.

#### A SATIRE.

THE BEAR has turned a summersault, and the Lion, amazed, smiles at the performance. In the Czar's note, proposing an international discussion as "the most effectual means of insuring benefit to all people, putting an end to the progressive development of the present armaments, "he says:

It is the better to guarantee peace that they have developed in proportions hitherto unprecedented, their military forces, and still continue to increase them, without shirking any sacrifice. Nevertheless, all their efforts have not yet been able to bring about the beneficent result desired—pacification.

We are surprised that the peoples of the world should have so misinterpreted these symbols of universal peace. Not knowing exactly the language of symbolism, it is not so strange after all, that the world should have regarded these demonstrations as preparations for war. All of a sudden, Russia has discovered that to threaten the world, and especially Great Britian, with armies and navies, is not having the desired effect. It has suddenly been revealed that commanders of great navies and captains of ships hanker after the glories of victory, and are ready to fight for the emoluments.

The Bear has just turned a summersault, the Ball is no longer enraged at the red flag, and the Lion wants to make his nest with the Eagle. It is Barnum's happy family over again. The Eagle is just screaming congratulations for the maintenance of Spanish honor, while "Gen. Miles is ready to back up his charges against war department chiefs," according to latest reports of the press. The Spaniards and Americans are eating bananas and cocoanuts with the baboons, and the Bear and the Lion want to make mince-pie of Chinese rats; but the Czar wants the most of the pie, though he prefers to get it without further increase of British and American navies, and augmentation of their military powers. How can there be any more war, with so many indications of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and the waving of the olive branch?

It has turned out, all of a sudden, that commercial greed and religious intolerance are chimeras and visions of the night, and that these peaceful plenipotentiaries who are gobbling up the world, want it just for public distribution to the common brotherhood most especially, that they may make their common Father's joy complete in the universal recognition. Lombard and Wall streets are getting ready to meet the demands of the hungry throughout the world, and to pour their accumulated treasures into the lap of the expectant multitudes. It is beatifying to know that the conflict of "capital and labor" exists only in the imagination of the pessimist, and that the predictions of prophecy to be fulfilled at the latter day, are but the visionary vaporings of abnormal and eccentric cranks who were ignorant of the laws of progressive evolution, of the relation of cause and effect, and of the "Higher Criticism."

## The Coming of the Lord in the Fulness of the Gentiles.

ONE OF THE great mistakes regarding the coming of the Lord, made by those who profess to desire his coming, is that pertaining to the significance of the expression, "fulness of the Gentiles." Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to a little leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened. Leaven signifies vitiation; as pertaining to doctrine and life, it implies their prostitution. The leaven referred to in the parable was the ten tribes of Israel, absorbed through intermarriage with Media, Persia, and Assyria, the lump into which it was placed. The influence of the leaven was to be exerted until the entire lump was leavened—that is, vitiated, or until the entire lump should have become transformed to the quality of the substance hidden in the meal.

The purpose for which the Lord provided for the carrying away of Israel, was not merely that they should grow and multiply in secret, but that their influence should be a transforming one with the nations in which their infiltration was accomplished. If there is a distinct prediction in the Bible-one in which there is involved no ambiguity-set forth in metaphor, illustration, and typical fulfilment and parable, more than any other, it is the fact of Israel's and Judah's metamorphosis and transformation to the Geutilecondition, before that ultimate transformation by fire through which the nations are to be purged for the final triumph. The fulness of the Gentiles signifies uctiling less than the times determined upon Israel.

The eternal law of God ordains the salvation of the race. Every being in the universe will ultimately reach the great white throne (pure, immortal truth), and will become a king and a priest unto God. The very devils in hell, through the power of Christ, will be transformed to angelic life, and through angelhood, to divine sonship, thus becoming the sons of God. It is through this divine policy that it was essential for the prepared people to enter into unity with the Gentile, which through Israel's influence was to become leavened to the corresponding prostitution of Israel. The Jews who rejected Jesus looked for the coming of the Messiah with as much earnestness as any today who pofess to look for his appearing; and he will be as thoroughly misunderstood and as completely rejected when he announces his advent and authority, as was the Lord by those who pretended to love his appearing then.

## On the Point of the Sword.

#### The Standard of Life and of Truth.

IN ONE of our exchanges we find the following articles of belief:

We believe in and teach the universal Fatherhoad and Motherhoad of God—the universal brotherhoad and sisterhoad of man; that one life is immanent in the universe, and is both center and circumference of all things visible and invisible; that one intelligence is in all, through all, and abyve all, and that from this infinite life and intelligence proceed all light, love, and truth; that the life of Jesus the Christ shows forth the perfect ideal nuto which all must eventually attain, \* \* This platform is broad enough for all friends of the higher life to stand upon.

The puzzling feature of the above proposition is this: How can Jesus the Christ comprise the ideal standard of righteousness for the publishers and editors of a work, the belief and doctrine of which they deny in their articles of faith? Jesus said: "I am from above; ye are from beneath." "I came forth from my Father; ye are of your father the devil." If the Lord did not know what he was talking about, he constitutes a poor ideal. If he did know, and taught what he did not believe, he was a liar and hence could not be a very reputable standard.

The determinate purpose of all the twaddlers of "mental" and "Christian science," is to deny the Godhead of the Lord Jesus. There will be no universal brotherhood. Hell is one half of the universe. The genius who presides over it is a liar and the father of lies; he is also the author of mental science as taught by infidels, of "Christian science," and of theosophy. God will save all people through the Messianic law, but the debris of heaven, which is the product of the wastes occasioned by the activities there, will be rejuvented, and through the laws of reproduction (generation and reg meration) will be restored to sonship. In this restoration will merue the Father-Motherhood of God and the sonship of that portion of the race redeemed from the thraklow of satan,—the brotherhood of the sons of God.

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THE ABOVE notice is conspicuous in Freedom. Twenty-eight years ago, the Founder of Koreshanity began to promulgate the doctrine, that right here in this material world, with these bodies now existing, through the application of known physico-psychic law, known and taught through the propaganda of Koreshanity, natural immortality would be insured. This has been constantly urged through the Koreshan literature during all this period of years. This has been and is the leading doctrine of THE FLAMING SWORD size of the GUIDING STAR, which preceded THE SWORD by two and one half years, when it was merged into THE FLAMING SWORD. Not only is the doctrine of immortality here in the body tanght through the Koreshan propaganda, but the science of life is also taught; and we herewith aver that The FLANKG Sworth is the only periodical that does or can teach the science of immortal life in the body. The sceret of this science is committed to only one person in the universe today, and through this one, to as many as shall be baptized through his theorrasis, which constitutes a primary element of the science.

#### Modern "Peace" Cry a Delusion.

THE PROPHECIES could not meet their fulfilment without the struggles and efforts of the pence atany-price party; for the cry will go up, "Pence and safety, when there is no peace," before the final culmination. Nothing in this universe can bring the universal peace desired, but the Spirit of the Almighty pervading the heart and soul of man. The Spirit of the Lord Christ was communistic; the spirit of those who cry "peace," is the spirit of commercial greed. The Czar of Russia has been reading the signs of the times; the resources of the government of the United States have assured him that she can quadruple her army and navy, and that England may double hers. To meet this power of military and naval expansion, would be more of a strain upon Russia than she is able to sustain; therefore the spirit of secular, ecclesiastical, and commercial sovereignty which has inspired Russia to create a great army, inspires her to suggest universal disarmament as the most certain means of consummating her purpose to gobble up the world. Rest assured that it is the spirit of the devil. There will be no peace until the plagues are delivered, and the vials of wrath are emptied. When peace comes, it will come through another spirit than that of Lombard and Wall streets, or through the world's commercial greed. The end is not yet, but the world

If the present Christian church and Modern Christiauity comprise the fruits of the Lord's mission, then his mission is a failure and his structure a total wreek.

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## View of the New Astronomical and Geodetic Work.

BY PROF. U. G. MORROW.

FOUR HUNDRED years ago, Columbus discovered the new world. A new hemisphere has been opened to the view and to the experience of humanity. The center of interest and of progress of the great West has been in the territory of the United States, nutil now the possessions of the great Republic span half the circumference of the globe. We are living in a period of remarkable developments; the nineteenth century has witnessed the climax of scientific research—the genuine, all-embracing, and startling discovery of the New World, the Cellular Universe, the Hollow Globe!

It is a greater thing to discover the form of the universe than to touch the shores of new continents. To bring back to man the knowledge of Universology, is greater than the establishment of a national republic. Men have been honored for these achievements; and yet a greater work has been done than the popular mind has yet recognized; a greater discovery has been made, and a greater man stands upon the threshold of worldwide fame, of honor, and of life! Twenty-eight years ago Konzesu, through the discovery of the great cosmogonic form, stepped forth from the darkness of fallacy into the light of the living Truth, the dawn of the New Era!

Slowly, quietly, as in obscurity, the System of Universology founded in 1870 has gained adherents, while the notoriety of Koresu has flashed from east to west on the basis of distorted conceptions of the ubiquitous and now almost disreputable newspaper reporter.

Amid untold difficulties, harassed by enemies and hindered by ignorant curiosity seekers, KORESH has been successful in sending forth his truth into the world to bear fruit, until now THE FLAMING SWORD, the most advanced, intelligent, scientific, and reform journal in the world, is being appreciated by thousands. We are now inaugurating a system of propaganda that will enable us to reach the world's millions; it is coming slowly and surely.

The premise of the Koreshan System, the fundamental fact that the earth is a concave cell, has been conclusively and absolutely demonstrated to be true. Greater than the trans-Atlantic expedition of Columbus is the first survey in all the history of the world, to determine the true contour of the earth; it is a greater thing to destroy the gigantic fallacy of modern astronomy than to found it! The successful achievement of the public demonstration of the earth's form, involved the invasion of spheres which were previously impregnable; it was an event as hazardous, in its plane, as was the voyage of the three barks upon the stormy Atlantic. More important than all the literature of fallacy is the unique literature of Koreshanity, which reveals the mysteries of the ages, and discloses to the world the truth of the universe, of man, and of God. We are publishing the most startling work of modern times; on the basis of the facts presented, we challenge the world: they are the facts of geodetic survey, of specific observation and experiment, the facts of comparative analogy,

the laws of optics and of perspective foreshortening. This remarkable work will soon be ready for the public. We append to this article the Contents of the new book, the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, or the Earth a Concave Cell, giving a brief advanced view of our astronomical and geodetic work, which many of our readers have been anxiously expecting for a few months. As we write, the advanced pages from the electrotype plates are before us on our desk. The style is pleasing, manifesting clearness, scientific knowledge, judgment,

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We have had enough democracy and republicanism. Democracy is the chaos of preparation, the transitory condition from effete royalty to the Theocracy, the Empire of righteonsness. There will be established, in the near future, the Theocratic form of government, and instead of democrats, we will have Theocrats. "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." ability, and mature deliberation. It is one volume in two parts. Part I, a masterful production, is written by the Founder of the Koreshan System. Part II is by the writer of these paragraphs. In writing the teu chapters of the second part, we have lived over again, with a delight we cannot describe, the two years' experimentation and observation in the North and in the South. The facts observed, satisfying in the extreme degree, we never can forget! We have clearly and vividly benned them for the benefit of the world.

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Early Christianity had for its basis of incentive, the immaculate life of our Lord. Those who followed him purified their lives. As a result of the operation of the Holy Spirit, sensuality was precluded from the church because the disciples of the Lord left *all* to follow him.

The truth of the Word is the blood of the new covenant.

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## Observations and Reflections.

#### BY AMANDA T. POTTER.

WHY ARE atheists as a class so honorable in their business dealings, or, why are men so honorable in their business dealings atheists? are mooted questions easy of solution. The atheist is one of that per cent of mankind endowed with a strong materialistic tendency, a healthy conscientiousness, and a more or less marked intellectuality. He would scorn to join a church for the emoluments of its membership; if he speaks at all he must utter his convictions, and he early has plenty of them to utter. In him the spirito-natural is unbalanced toward the natural or material. Primarily, he does not believe in God, who is spirit, because he cannot see him: Secondarily, he does not believe in, and comes to abominate the pretended "just God" of the modern Christian, because a set of pseudo God-worshipers desecrate in themselves every characteristic they profess to revere in God. We find him dealing justly with his fellow because of inherent honor, and we find such tendency strongly reinforced by his disapproval of the practices of churchmen toward each other.

King Solomon was the fulness of the principles which compose the typical Shiloh—the peaceful one, the Gol-man, and his sovereignty expressed the apex of natural glory possible, prior to the reign of the Antitypical. Form and function, which embrace all things either of miversal or special existence, only spring into manifestation through the sowing of the seed of that manifestation. Solomon and his wonderful kingdom constitute in a sense the planted seed that will eventuate in the fulfilment of the prayer: "Thy kingdom come." Solomon's kingdom was but a type of the regal splendor of God's kingdom to be established in the earth.

No country in the scope of history has furnished and fostered such abundant and gigantic schemes for the production of colossal fortunes for the few at the expense of the many, as has the United States. This boasted activity, so vigorously in evidence, is one pole of an axis that is heaping up a balancing force which will be as Deific in its results to the race as the present power is satanic; for the new heavens and the new earth (new church and new state) will have their inception just where the old heavens and old earth (old church and old state) ultimated their iniquity and were swept out.

'I do not believe in giving up anything we have gained by this war; on the contrary, I believe in holding on to all we have gained, and reaching out for more." That was the policy of Towser, as with meat in month he trotted the plank that spanned the stream; but seeing the other dog in the water with meat in mouth, caused Towser to forget to "hold on," and, alas! he had to begin life anew.

The Public remarks with good sense and candor: "The people of Spain ought not to pay the bonds. The bonds were never issued for their good." Neither were the United States bonds issued for the good of that portion of the people of the United States who are expected to redeem them. If the intent toward him may decide the responsibility of a Spaniard, why may it not decide the responsibility of a Yankee?

"If ye love me, keep my commandments," has become a dead letter. The church communicant openly avows that none but the Lord can keep the law, and complacently turns the whole job over to him; but just hint that he loves anything else better than his God, if you wish to hear the bees buzz!

And why not a paternal government? From whence come the objections? Do the starving and homeless fear a system which will make it possible for them to house and feed themselves? Or does the sneer proceed from those who fear that some adjustment will deprive the platocratic robber of his revenue?

"Thou shalt not steal" is the weekly (weakly) echo of thousands of pulpits to millions of pews, whose occupants are either waxing wealthy by successful plunder, or are bewailing their non-successful efforts.

## European Monarchies Endangered by American Prosperity.

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

If that mischievous financial policy which had its origin in the North American republic during the civil war in that country should become indurated down to a fixture, then that government will furnish its money without cost. It will pay off its debts and be without a debt. It will have all the money necessary to carry on its commerce. It will become prosperous beyond precedent in the history of the civilized governments of the world. The brains and the wealth of all countries will go to North America. That government must be destroyed, or it will destroy every monarchy on this globe—London Times.

WE SUSPECTED as much, but did not look for so frank an avowal from a great organ of aristocracy. If, says this authority, a financial system would make a people really prosperous and independent, it should be destroyed even if its ruin involved the destruction of the nation that adopted it. According to the common theory of government as accepted by our fathers, a government that does not make the people (all the people) prosperous has no right to exist.

Note the admission of this mouthpiece of aristocracy: that this people's money would make the people successful and powerful to the imminent peril of kingly governments, which, by natural and necessary inference from this statement, stand in the way of the people becoming prosperous and independent. That is, in order that monarchy may survive, the people must be kept in ignorance and poverty, and their usual concomitantsvice and crime. Now note another fact; that, through the machinations of European bankers, especially British, in connection with those at home, this money that would exalt America to be the ruler of nations to the destruction of monarchy, has been set aside and practically destroyed, so that, even in times of peace, when, by contrivance of the money power, more money was wanted, instead of availing ourselves of it, as we had done many times before, we added to our already intolerable load of bondage. War, of course, furnished a ready excuse for another loading up of the same kind. The people's credit is abundant security on which to base their bondage, but their sovereignty must have no weight in paying, although more than ninety-five hundredths of all money obligations are paid without the aid of anything that is even called money.

Banker's paper, that is in no sense money, is all right to pay debts, but not the paper of the sovereign people, although the highest authority on commercial law declares that money is the only "sovereignty in the market." That would free the people from bondage to bankers and make them formidable to kings, as well as money-changers, who are of little necessary use except to bolster up their unjust power. Of course, an apostate church is the real stay of such a condition of injustice.

"Though hand join in hand," as in this case, "the wicked shall not go anpunished." It is the entire and complete enthronement of king gold that makes England and the other monarchies regard us with more complaisance, and be more willing that we should be counted among the nations. But in so falling away from our own logical principles of finance, we are only preparing ourselves to share their inevitable fall. Truth and justice are mighty, and their completa triumph is imminent and irresistible.

## Social Economics and Metaphysics.

#### BY W. H. PAVITT.

How OFTEN a truth is spoken by some one who comprehends it not! The following choice bit of wisdom, taken from a mental science exchange, illustrates this quite forcibly: "Mind is the vehicle of spirit, but it can either be a garbage wagon carrying refuse to a place of burial, or it can be a chariot of fire with an angel of light for its charioteer." The writer then goes on and proves to his readers what an enormous garbage cart he is running. He states that matter is indestructible, that spiritual things can be discerned by the natural eye, that the soul does not need the physical media of the brain to receive and transmit its messages —and much other rot along the same line.

Contrast this with the truth that the brain is a great alchemic laboratory; that matter is not indestructible; that every atom of matter in the universe is capable of being destroyed as an atom of matter and transmuted to its corresponding energy; that energy is constantly being destroyed and precipitated as matter; that the change is constantly going on, and that the equilibrium of the entire universe is thereby sustained. Thought is generated in the brain by the destruction of fibre and tissue, which are matter. This matter is furnished by the food which is appropriated and transmuted into blood, and carried to various parts of the body to become bone, flesh, fibre, tissue, grey matter, and finally transmuted by the brain cells into thought or spirit. It can thus be seen what kind of garbage reaches the stage of mentality which furnishes the intellectual pabulum of the journal under consideration.

"There is no peace, saith the Lord unto the wicked." Just now, when the nation is rejoicing and holding peace jubilees, a voice from the pastcomes to us saying: "They shall cry peace, peace, when sudden destruction cometh upon them." William Llovd Garrison, behind prison bars for voicing sentiments of freedom, when asked by a friend what he was doing in there, replied: "What are you doing outside? No man with a thought in his brain that is for the good of humanity, has any right to be outside of a prison." Wendell Phillips tied to the mouth of a cannon and dragged through the streets by a howling mob, represented the spirit of peace which liberated 4,000,000 slaves. The spirit of peace cannot settle upon a nation until justice be done. By an infernal manipulation of the tool of commerce, the liberation of the blacks fastened a greater bondage upon whites and blacks than the curse of chattel slavery. The peace which the U.S. is just now celebrating is only a lull in the mighty tempest that is raging and will rage until justice is established in every domain of activity. No weak attempts at compromise with fraud or fallacy will avail. The work of promulgating the doctrines of Koreshanity will continue in spite of cravens and cowards. We know that we have to face all the powers of hell incarnate. Our cause is righteous, and we ask no quarter of the enemy. The conflict deepens. The one who will take peace from the inhabitants of the earth is here.

It would be better for all concerned if some writers who pretend to expound socialism, or what Christianity does or does not teach, would get a slight comprehension of the subject they endeavor to handle before they, attempt to teach it. A writer in an exchange says: "Christianity has taught that we must individually reform ourselves, that we must do what good we can to obviate the results of the present system, and that we must moralize the conditions under which it is carried on;" and then concludes that, "after 1900 years of the teachings of Christianity with no visible improvement, it would be a good idea to try something else."

Here is where the trouble resides: The world and the church—having no more conception of Christianity or of true socialism than a "digger Indian," and who are utterly ignorant of the life, character, and mission of the founder of Christianity and of the only socialism worthy of the name—fill papers and magazines with inane vaporings. The idea of doing what good we can to obviate the results of the present system, while doing all in our power to perpetuate its hellish hold upon human life and human endeavor, is only equaled by the idiotic advice to try something else than the teachings of Christianity, when the teachings of Christianity have been dead to the world for 1500 years, or until they were recently brought to light and life by the Founder of Koreshanity.

#### All is good, there is no evil; All is God, there is no Devil.

This reminds us of a little circumstance that occurred some years ago. We were living in a house which was also the abode of a mental scientist, who harped upon the fact that there was no pain; that such things existed in the mind only. We were somewhat amused one day to see him prancing around his room with an aching tooth, and we gently reminded him that it was all in his mind, and that he should change his thought. In a half-hearted way he agreed with us, and claimed it was all imagination. Nevertheless the tooth did ache, in proof of which he had the offending molar extracted!

That species of insanity which finds its expression in a desire to accumulate a few grains of worthless, glittering sand still comes to the surface. Klondike is still heard from, and the hunters who are salted in the brine pool, continue to hope. By their labor men accumulate vast warehouses full of every kind of merchandise, and their stupidity prevents them from devising any plan whereby they can equitably exchange those goods and supply every human need without first wasting energy in digging a worthless yellow rock from the bowels of the earth wherewith to buy and sell. Verily, we are a civilized nation of progressive idiots!

The newspaper fraternity is exercised over the fact that one man-eating shark has been seen in the waters around New York. They seem to forget that the worst lot of man-eating sharks ever heard of, have their headquarters in Wall street in that same city.

## In the Editorial Perspective.

#### BY THE EDITOR.

THE KORESHAN SYSTEM is specifically a system of discovery, of reason, and of logic throughout; it is the antithesis of all modern thought, and does not contain a single conclusion that is in harmony with the modern systems. It demonstrates its truth through thousands of lines of human experience, physiology, sensation, observation, and relation. When KORESH announced to the world that all energy is substance, he proclaimed the key-note which, if the "scientists" were rational enough to comprehend, would furnish them the absolute proof of the fallacy of all popular systems. There are minds narrow enough to assert that there is nothing in the Koreshan System; that there is not even a semblance of truth except the Koreshan Geodetic Survey. Such minds are not capable of comprehending the laws of form. No proof, however absolute to the mind that is able to rationalize, can appeal to those who ignore reason and logical processes of reaching conclusions. There are thousands of evidences that the universe exists; evidences of the perpetuity of life and being, of cause and its effects; these evidences are the language of the Almighty. Millions of people are not able to comprehend what they mean -however strong the evidences are in themselves concerning the character of God and his creation, they are NOT understood by the "scientific world"! The Koreshan System is not dependent upon mere mechanical demonstration for its support. Whether we begin with analysis, synthesis, analogy, or comparative anatomy; or whether we pursue lines of research in alchemy, in physics, in optics, in geology, or in physiology, pathology or metaphysics; or whether we observe the movements in the physical heavens, or all phenomena above or on the earth; or whether we take the science of human history and

ethnology; or whether we take philology, the science of language, or etymology; or whether we examine the ancient legends, traditions, myths, and Bibles; or whether we take the laws of propagation of life on every plane, the laws of cause, and subject the same to a critical analysis, we find facts in demonstration of the truth of the Universology of KORESH; from all departments of life, existence, and experience come the *unmistaka-ble* evidences of its absolute truth.

John Clark Ridpath, the modern historian, looks into America's future and sees the spectre of imperialism, with ominous signs of the coming revolution, impending like a cloud on the horizon. It has gained impetus through the burning desire of America to girt the world with power, and to enlarge its borders. Why should it not do so? This eminent writer looks upon the spectre with awe, in fear for America's freedom. That depends upon whether the spectre is one of righteousness or of bondage. We too, see the future of America; we view the coming imperialism that will fasten itself firmly upon the continent of America and bind the world into one government with irresistible power, and crowd out the old-time institutions. We have seen this picture for so long that others are obtaining faint glimpses; we see it vividly, in its true colors, life, and reality; we see real scenes of human history. America's coming imperialism is the natural result, not of the national mind as known to the world today, but of the rational mind involving the destiny of humanity. The coming American imperialism is the imperialism of absolute righteousness. It will come with the last convulsions of the impending revolution, after the death of the old order. It will be the dawning of the new era, the

coming of the great Theocracy of the Almighty in the earth, for the manipulation of human affairs. Its policy will be that of aggressiveness; its sceptre will be swayed over land and sea, and from pole to pole. It will be Liberty clothed in new garments, living in the new Day!

"The higher grows out of the lower in an ever-ascending scale of creation, and hence, out of the animal man must grow the spiritual man, who is the channel of God's manifestation and work," says an exchange. The mere evolution of the higher out of the lower is a fallacy-an impossibility. There is no such thing known in the universe as the superior originating in the inferior. Effect is no greater nor less than cause. There can be no evolution of the higher out of the lower, except through the planting of the higher in the lower, as the seed in the soil. The only way in which the divine man can come to humanity, is through the regeneration of himself through the planting of his life in the segregated humanity. Seed when planted can, through the process of death and germination, generate energies which will circulate throughout the plant during the period of the growth of the plant; but the seed when borne on the plant will be exactly like the seed planted. Consequently, when the divine man comes he will be God's manifestation, and will perform his work, not as an essence, but as a tangible man. When Jesus comes again he will be 144,000 personalities, not one man; the one was planted to reproduce thou-

There is a growing tendency of modern times to attribute to physical energies, divine attributes and characteristics. It is thought that all energy, in whatever domain it is active, whether in the mental, physical, animal, or in the alchemicoorganic world, is God. If it is atmosphere, it is God; if it is electricity, it is God; if it is electricity, or magnetism, or gas, or gravity, or light, or heat, or anything that vibrates, it is the active force of the divine intelligence ! Man is full of energyvery bad energy, mostly. Of course, the theory makes easy the claim that every thought is God's thought; and every act the act of the Almighty. It is wonderful how God could so far forget himself as to allow himself to get into so many different mental conditions and general hallucinations as are manifest in the nineteenth century ! He has been lost in the maze of fallacy, and in the intricacies of the perversions of himself, but with the coming of truth he has awakened. If the thoughts of the people were the thoughts of God, and the voice of the people were the voice of God, indeed and in truth, he would be in a state of hopeless and helpless idiocy. We have no respect for the modern gods!

It is a common and fallacious conception of mental scientists that there are two men in one; that the inner is good, while the outer is bad; that in order to become free, we must assert the rights of the inner man. This is called character development. There is no such development; it is a fallacy founded upon hypotheses, and supplies a quick route for the initiate to make the most astounding claims concerning his goodness, his power, and his kinship to the Almighty. We have demonstrated over and over again, that the resurrected man is both male and female, the same as every seed is male and female, capable of reproducing itself through its own functions. Until that state is reached, none can claim to be sons of God. No mortal, divided man or woman on the plane of death and segregation can claim any divine nature, inside or outside, any more than the atoms of the soil can be the seed, or can partake of the nature of the next higher kingdom, before the particles are absorbed and appropriated by the seed. The mortal man is the offspring of the devil; not the superstitious devil,

but the actual, tangible man, the embodiment of evil and corruption.

It is often wondered what is behind the Koreshan System to give it such a power in the field of human thought and progress. The pages of THE FLAMING SWORD are alive with the most advanced and brilliant thoughts expressed in dignified form. One does not meet such mental dynamis every day. There is something to it-something appealing to the reason, and secretly, to the heart of the truthseeker. The Koreshan writers write from the standpoint of a demonstrated premise; we reason from key-notes and principles-we have the truth. We view the world from the central point of circumspection ; we employ logic ; "we rationalize ; we employ the principles of analogy, or synthesis, and of analysis, as well as the evidences of the facts of nature. We are positive, and hence we generate a positive force, and express it in every line. The Koreshan System is moving with greater force and momentum than ever before in all its history, and its progress is invincible!

Some minds fly into a fury when they discover that they cannot teach us anything. They come to us with a load of taffy, and then leave behind them echoes of unpronounceable epithets. What is the trouble? No trouble with us; it is a pleasure to study every feature of universal existence, and all phases of expression of mind, and of human experience. The trouble is with the other parties—they can't teach us; they are not *able*. It is the galling situation of the failure of ignorant conceit!

Human thought expresses itself through the myriads of forms of universal life; every form in which there is life and function; in the mineral, the vegetable, the insect, the animal, or in the man, is the expression of a specific kind and character of thought.

Thought is substance; it cannot be obtained from books or periodicals, but from the mental spheres, which respond to the mental vibrations created through interpreting the letter or symbol of thought.

The millionaire says it is better to receive than to give; the proverb, "It is better to give than to receive," applies only to the producer of wealth.

"Christian Science" cannot distinguish the difference between spirit and matter. They are materialists; they think all matter is spirit.

There is a likeness between time and the conditions of mortality; in the descent of humanity into the tomb, one weak follows another!

We can vex the world with scientific demonstrations; the modern astronomers convex the world with fallacy.

The miner has the pick of the mine, but the capitalist has the pick of the world's wealth.

Every dollar gained by the millionaire is lost to the producer of wealth !

Many people complain because the vengeance of justice is hard to endure.

If some modern reformers were real donkeys, they would bray less !

The clergymen have failed to float the world with theological kites.

The weathercocks of the churches are adjusted to regulate the wind.

## Query, Chat, and News Department.

#### Koreshan Cosmogony vs. Copernican Hypotheses.

EDITOR OF THE FLAMING SWORD .- MY damaging "admission," so ominously foreshadowed in a previous issue of THE FLAM-ING SWORD, is now disclosed. It appears that I have admitted that "mere appearances in the physical heavens" constitute all the evidence I have; but the careful him, that no such admission appears in my communication. Of the words above quoted I used only one;- "appearances." The omission of reference to terrestrial evidences of rotundity was due to the fact that for the moment the issue under consideration was between Copernicus and Ptolemy, both of whom believed the earth to be convex. As between Copernicus and Koresh, the figure of the earth becomes the one and only question. If it is concave, then there is not the slightest evidence of any of the details of the charted celestial mechanism. They are one and all assumed, because considered necessary to the primary postulate of a concave earth. And when the issue is concavity vs. convexity, the terrestrial appearances alluded to become perfectly legitimate evidences, and they demonstrate convexity to those who hold the belief in perfectly rectilinear beams of light, which belief, however, is correct only with rays passing through a homogeneous medium.

You refer to evidences of concavity contained in past issues; but 1 have not been either a regular reader or subscriber to your paper till quile recently. A friend, however, kindly loaned me a back number containing as 1 suppose, was the visibility of one monitain from mother 400 miles distant. A list of lighthomes was also given with heights, actual limits of visibility, and the supposed theoreical limits, the latter being in all cases less than the actual. These phenomens were heralded by the starting announcement in headlines as "impossible on a convex earth." Under the assumption of perfectly rectilinear lines of sight, or rays of light, the statement would be true only for 800 miles diameter. It would seem estimates, for the limit of visibility was only somewhat increased; the horizon still intervened.

But there is no need for calling the estimated diameter in question. You have not the monopoly of the curved line of sight, except when its convexity is toward the adjacent surface of the earth. It has long been known that when light passes may be dense, or the contrary, the refraction of the atmosphere causes it to curve with concavity lowards the earth, according to the same laws that govern the performance of lenses, and is just as sure to the place as a telescope is to do fix work. object to the eye over a horizon that would infercept a rectilinear beam.

As for the instrumental tests of concavity, neither time, health, nor means would

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permit me to make or assist in making any such; so for the present 1 must wait for others to do so; in the meantime, I trust I express a very strong belief that the fabrication of an instrument that will run a line straighter than a ray of light is an impossibility. Your instrument may seem to show what you want it to, but how do you know its line is rectilinear, since there would be nothing to test it by, the ray being unit?

When your book is out I will secure a copy. Yours, PROF. J. W. T.

It matters not whether the appearances in the physical heavens are all that are claimed to substantiate modern astronomy, or whether they are taken in connection with appearances on the earth's surface, the conclusions are not and cannot be positive. It is held by advocates of the old school, that there are no direct proofs of the earth's convexity; that the evidences that the earth is convex are "cumulative and circumstantial"-they are hypothetical. The system that is founded upon hypotheses cannot be positively true, even if that system were the only one promulgated. The system that is absolutely demonstrated is absolutely and positively true, and consequently precludes the possibility of any other system in existence being true ! The Copernican system was founded upon a guess; it was originated in the "dark ages," and condemns itself. The Koreshan System is by virtue of this fact it condemns all other systems.

Every fact in the universe, when appealed to as evidence of the form and function of the universe, must invariably reveal the same form. All facts, when understood in all their meaning and relations, indicate the same form, because the earth cannot have two different forms at the same time! Viewed from the standpoint of the old, the new is always wrong. Fallacy is the false view of things; it is a false interpretation of things that are and of things that are seen. The Koreshan System teaches a system of optics and of physics. It overthrows the perverted science of optics; it revolutionizes the field of physics. We have the science of how we see, and on the basis of such a science we declare that the visual impressions of all phenomena of the physical heavens as we receive them could be produced only by the sun, moon, planets, and stars in orbits convex to the earth, in the spherical heavens within the concave sphere!

The Koreshan Cosmogony has a demonstrated system of astronomy. The difference between Copernicus and Koresh is not concerning the figure of the earth alone, but concerning all other facts and phases of universal existence which depend upon the difference of conception of universal form and function. When understood, all of the phenomena above us demonstrate as unmistakably and conclusively the concave form of the earth, as do the facts of the Koreshan Geodetic Survey and specific observations on the surface of water. All of the details of the "charted celestial mechanism" are conclusive and faithful in their testimony; they are one and all scientific factors in the demonstration of the earth's cellular form. We assume nothing; our conclusions are not only in harmony with the facts of the universe, but with themselves. The System contains no contradictions, no missing links, no weak points. The Koreshan Astronomy is as complete and perfect in its details as the human physiology; in fact, the Koreshan Astronomy is the physiology of the universe. We know its parts, and the functions of all its parts.

Mechanical survey is not the only form of demonstration we have. We resorted to the simplest geometrical and mechanical principles and facts, because even the "scientific" mind has not been able to comprehend the simplest laws of alchemy, nor the simplest laws of optics and perspective foreshortening. When we now announce to the world a demonstration. we mean the simplest demonstration, an unquestionable one, a demonstration from which all elements of uncertainty and refraction have been precluded. The System was demonstrated when it was founded by KORESH twenty-eight years agoby optics and optical experiments; by alchemy; by human physiology; by comparative anatomy and analogy; by the laws of synthesis; by scientific analysis; by the sum of all ancient legends and traditions and Bibles; finally, by demonstrations made during the past two years; besides all the facts of geodetic survey and scientific experimentation and geographical research the world over.

We are well aware that the astronomer and the surveyor hold to the incurvation of light through a refractive medium, but we dispute the statement that it is known that such refraction is *concave* to the earth's surface. That depends upon the form of the earth's surface; it is concave, and consequently the refraction is *not* concave to the earth, but more nearly parallel with the already curvating surface. We are well aware also that by the most carefu, and painstaking work, the ratio of such refraction has been obtained. We know what this ratio is, and in justice to the other side, and to save ourselves from getting tripped up by our opponents, we have, in all our calculations concerning facts of observation quoted from others and made by ourselves, made the allowance designated in the standard works on astronomy and surveying. Besides, we knew a thing or two when engaged in the work of experimentation; we not only foresaw that such objection would be made, but had heard it made before. The Professor knows very well, and admits that refraction can only obtain where there is a difference in the atmospheric density. Our observations were made at the water's surface; a number of instances found the telescope on the water, through which observations were made of objects on the surface of the water 5 to 7 miles distant. In such cases there could be no difference of temperature, no difference in hygrometric conditions, no difference in density: and there is not a hygrometer, hydrometer, barometer, pyrometer, heliostat, transit nor telescope in existence, applied scientifically under the circumstances of our experiments, that would justify the Professor's conclusion . that refraction obtains and causes the lines of light to curve over the hypothetical bulge of the surface of water !

We are sorry that neither the Professor's time, health, nor means will permit him to extend his investigations along the lines of actual test of our statements. But for the present, let it be remembered that his objection against the results of our Geodetic work assumes the form of "strong belief" only. As it stands, it is "strong belief" against positive demonstration, and positive knowledge of the capabilities and invariable results of the apparatus employed. We know that an instrument capable of extending a line straighter than a ray of light can be constructed, not only because the principles upon which it is constructed force the conclusion, but also because by actual tests in actual manipulation of the apparatus, we demonstrated that it did extend a right line. We did this by referring the last results to the first-surveying a distance and returning to the initial point, without any deviation observable through the microscope applied to the fine lines on brass plates recording the altitude of starting point. In our survey, the apparatus employed not only seemed to show what we desired, but also what we showed beforehand that it would accomplish, and also what it must inevitably and invariably show upon repetition of the survey.

All of the facts of the survey, we have

detailed in our work now ready for the press. We commend the study of this volume to our esteemed friend, and here express our further hope that his investigation of the System may continue to "all the ramifications of conclusion, that he may be able to see the System in all its completeness and perfection, as well as in its parts.

# The World's News.

Wednesday, Aug. 24.—Gen. Shafter and staff leave Santiago de Cuba; quiet reigns on the battleground; Gen. Lawton in charge.—Gen. Linares sails from Santiago for Spain; Spanish soldiers enburking for home.—Storm brewing in U. S. navy and military departments; outrageous scandals, ill-freatment of soldiers, and partiality in tion returns without finding the Swedish adventurer.—Pana, III, strike continues to make trouble; operators importing negroos; citizens hold indignation meetings and threaten war.

Thursday.—Secretary Alger visits Montank, L. 1., to investigate alleged army abuses; makes startling discoveries; scissors red tape and orders contorts for the combine is runnered.—Brentano's international book concern on the point of failure; asks for a receiver.—Reported plot of Washington officials against Gen. Miles; he has dared to criticise war department.

Friday.—Corrupt politics placed incompetents in charge of Santiago; startling evidence of ill-treatment and neglect of the sick and wounded increasing.—Ex-Gov. Mathews, of Indiaus, paralyzed.— Creek Indians, dissatistied with U. S. treatment, preparing to emigrate to Mexico.—MeKinley takes a vacation.—England continues definint attitude toward Bussia.

Saturday.—Disastrons fire in Danville, Ill., coal mine; only 18 men rescued. —Ton of fire-works explodes in Porter works at Minneapolis; 6 persons injured. —Commodore Watson and ensign Blue to assist Lieut. Hobson in raising wrecked Spanish vessels at Sautiago de Cuba.— Klondike steamer with men and gold, arrives at Victoria, B. C.

Sunday.—American interests in China may lead U. S. government to intervene to actile Anglo-Inssian dispute.—Spain pleads for removal of ashes of Columbus from Havana to Spain.—Transport Scandia sails from San Francisco for Manila, with \$1,00,000 for soldiers and saliors.— Pope reported better.—Anglo-Egyptian army in Abyssinia, ready to meet the dervish forces of King McDick.\_Dig watch factory.—Insurgerats in China and in the Philippines are disbanding as satisied with American occupation.—The Borchgrevink south pole expedition ready to sail from England.

Monday.—Illinois troops soon to be mustered out of service.—Breach between Gen. Miles and war department widens; talk of court-martial for Miles; incompetent war department, and even the administration may suffer for neglect of duty.—Russian peasants starving.—Chicago man dies in a vapor bath machine.— Shots and bloodshed in the Pana, III, strike; guards fired upon by striker; non-union men in danger.—Czar of Russia astonishes Europe by suggesting the disbanding of all European armies and compact of universal peace.

Tuesday.—Europe doubts sincerity of the Carr; only a ruse to gain a point on England.—Malietoa, king of Samoa, dies of fever.—Social science convention at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—Gen. Booth and the Pope applaud the Czar's plan for universal peace.—Palse propher Talmage says the millennium has come and the sword will rust in the scabbard.—"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then andden destruction cometh myon them,"

# In Reform Journals.

#### Money of Civilization.

If a merchant in "making change" offers a customer his choice of gold, silver or greenbacks, nine times in ten the customer will choose greenbacks. People do not want coin moncy, be it gold or silver. It is a relic of barbarism.

When a "merchant prine" transported his goods on camels' backs, gold and sitter answered well enough for a medium of exchange; but when a "merchant prine" of modern times sends a twenty-five cent telegram across the continent, and in less than a week a string of drays drive up to his door and unload goods enough to crash the backs of a thousand camels, he wants something besides gold and silver.

Gold and silver are good enough for the interior of Africa, or the wilds of South America, but civilized nations have no further use for it. It is passing out of existence. The railroad, the telegraph the newspaper, are crowding it out.

Coin money originated five thousand years ago among the Lydians, when people used crooked sticks for plows, tod out wheat with oxen, converted corn to meal in a stone mortar, harvested their and lived in teots and dup-outs. It may have been good then, but it is not good now. People of today want and will have some kind of paper money—tokens of credit that will serve as a medium of exchange. This is not only sound in theory, but it is demonstrated as a fact in actual to held up in the treasury wallts and bank yaults.

The question to settle is: What kind of paper money shall be used ?

<sup>1</sup>We say: the best! If you can find anything better than full legal tender money issued by the general government in specific and limited quantities, then tell us what it is and we will vote for it. Bank money is a fraud and a same and should never again be used in the United States. Greenbacks have never failed. They have stood the test more than thirty years and have proven the best money ever ased. They depreciated (compared with gold when first need in vanito pic e-bylocks when first need in vanito pic e-bylocks of the whole world combined to ruin and destroy what they, institute thenfer for all these. But made a full legal tender for all the more the new first tender for all debts, public and private, they will never depresented and private, the will never stable and more than the stable and the stable me. The green back is a new factor in the great world or so in the stable and civilization, and to erush it out will be to thrust mankind back into the gloom and they of the Dark Ages.—Norion's Monthly,

#### THE REIGN OF MAMMON.

## The American People Are Slumbering Over a Volcanoe.

The more any man analyzes this question of mammon worship, the clearer he will see that "the love of money is the root of all evil." Bear in mind that interest is the sacrifice demanded by this money god. The worship of the true God teaches: "Over no man anything." "Give to him that asketh of thee, and him that would borrow turn not away." "Ob good and lend, hoping for nothing."

Mammon worship in essence is to make debts. By every possible device, in every conceivable way, make debts. Debt is slavery. When everybody is in debt then everybody is enslaved. This is the result of national debts. Everybody in that ration is bound, bounded, enslaved.

The reason why it was stated that the diseased state of the world had reached the last stage, is this: National dobts are never to be paid. They are to be permanent. They come to stay. It is the capsione, the climax of mammon worship. God's love of liberty, of freedom, is completely set aside. Everybody in the bonded nation is forced to pay interest, to sarrifice to this golden image.

Wars have been made to bond nations, and are used now to increase their debts. Our country is completely under the reign of mammon worship. This war with Spain will be made to produce another crop of bonds. While we pose as a nation of free men, who love humanity so well that we make war to free Cuba, we propose to increase the bondage of our own citizens and posterity at the same time. Every war increases maintoind debts. Every dub the another link in the chain at is system of bondage is permanent, the down of the race is slavery That is the culmination of our own mammon idolaty. The debts of the railroads and corporations are to be permanent too.

The policy of civil government everywhere defeats the worships of God. No nation on earth worships God. He designs the race to be free and happy. The policy non-ist to will be mean shark which makwhere is the agency to defeat this? If any party oppose bonds, debts, and interst, it is opposed by the church too. Why? Beenuse they both believes in interest. Beenus they both believes in interest, to our mammon god, is the tap-root evil to the world politically.—Rev. D. g(leaby.

#### Derision and Persecution the Argument of Fools.

All great reformers, as well as great discoverers, have been misunderstood and misrepresented, because they were so far ahead of the times in which they lived. People are so slow in changing their views, and in changing their minds from

the old opinions which they have formed, Take Columbus, for instance. How the people treated him and called him an old crank, and thought he was crazy, all because he had such different views from what they had. Columbus died in chains, and was buried long before the world recognized what he had done or could appreciate his great discovery.

Dear friends, let me summon to your thoughts those, who have fought and won in other fields. Look backward along the corriders of history and learn again the lesson of courage and of faith. Yesterday, John Brown going to the seaffold, the victim of what then seemed the lost cause. Today, John Brown's soul marches on in the loving memories of 4,000,000 enfranchiaed slaves, and his name the emblem of a nation's victory. Just to the same excess were presented, so the new reformers today are persecuted, because we are one and the times in se should be, or because the reformers are so far ahead of the common thinking people.

Now, we wish to say a few words about the greatest of all reformers, who devoted His life in trying to reform us from our sinfal condition. How Christ taught, day by day, yet was scornfully rejected and crucity national to the cross. He died that we might have life. He suffered that we sine, He was the grandends reformer, yet the people treated Him like a fanatic and put him to death.

We should study to keep up to the times, so that we will not make such blunders. We should keep posted and connect ourselves with these noble reformers, that we may better the condition of our country. Christ the reformer and giver of life was in the minority, yet He was right. A minority does not make a wrong thing right. It never has and never will. Some one has well sud: "The fanaticisms of yesterday are the reforms of today, and the splendic victories of tomorrow."— Rev. C. J. Harris, in *New Republic*, Washington, D. C.

#### PRIVATE PROPERTY.

#### In the Christian Social System There Is No Place for Private Property.

If we approach the social problem as apostles of Christ, then the question of private property is settled in advance. It is idle to evade or ignore Christ's passionate hostility, not only to individual wealth, but to anything to which even the feeling or thought of "mine" or "thine' could fasten itself. In the gospel of Christ, in his social ideal of the kingdom of Heaven, there is not a shadow, not a grain of sand, upon which the doctrine of private property rights can build itself. And everything that Jesus ever taught or commanded, or practiced, or required of his disciples, is in square collision with the doctrine. Whether private property be right or not in the final solution, it can have no possible existence if Christ is to be the social solver. However perplexing and maddening may be the problem of our individual lives, the problem of how we are to adjust our individual possessions and functions to Christ's communistic ideal while we have no communism to live in-we must yet face the fact that to ac-cept the existing doctrines of private

property is to reject Christ. Dreadful as is the strain this places upon our consciences, and the perplexing position in which it places us—holding us as it does toward the achievement of an ideal in a world that offers us no system in which to the strain of the strain of the strain truth of Christ's ideal, and set our faces towards it, if we are to be honestly his disciples and to be the apostles of his redemption. It was the teaching of both Augustine and Wyelife that private propry originated in sin, and these property rested upon political usurpation.—Rev. George D. Herron.

#### THE EXPLODED DEVIL.

Men don't believe in a devil now, as their fathers used to do;

- They have opened the door of the widest creed to let his Majesty through,
- And there isn't a print of his cloven foot, nor a flery dart from his bow,

To be found in earth or air today, for the world has voted it so.

- But who is mixing the terrible draught that palsies heart and brain?
- Who loads the bier of each passing year with ten hundred thousand slain?
- Who blights the bloom of the earth today with the fiery breath of hell?
- If the devil isn't and never was, won't somebody rise and tell,
- Who dogs the steps of the toiling saint? Who digs the pits for his feet?
- Who sows the tares in the fields of time wherever God sows the wheat?
- The devil is voted not to be, and of course
- the thing is true; But who is doing the terrible work which the devil alone should do?
- We're told that he does not go about like a roaring lion now,
- But whom shall we hold responsible for the everlasting row
- To be heard in Church and State today, to earth's remotest bound, If the devil by unanimous vote is nowhere
- If the devil by unanimous vote is nowhere to be found?
- Won't somebody step to the front forthwith and make his bow and show
- How the frauds and crimes of a single day spring up? We'd like to know.

The devil is voted not to be, and of course the devil's gone,

But simple people would like to know who carries his business on.

#### -New York Tribune.

#### Apostate Church Always a Curse.

Long before history began, the earth was decked with costly temples, and within them a well-fed and comfortably clothed priesthood sat enjoying, all unearned, the luxaries vouchsafed by toil and credulity. The reign of this parasitic world; and today, the hard labor of the masses, just saving a subsistence, is paying its tithes to the support of this great non-industrial class, and for the erection of costly edifices which the state exempts from taxation, and which serves no other purpose that honors may be paid and anthems as ung to imaginary delites, Wienrehie system, it presents us of the most extensive drains made upon the productive industry of the world.—Lester Ward.

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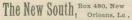
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