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

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*In the name of humanity,
Korsh,
(By Mrs. P. Stead.)*

October Eighteenth, Eighteen Ninety-Eight.

Fifty-ninth Anniversary of the Year of KORSH.—Great Peace Jubilee in Celebration of the Liberation of Cuba, Porto Rico, the Ladrões, and the Philippines.—Spanish Evacuation of Porto Rico.

Communism the Goal of Economic Progress.

EXCEPT in name, there is little difference between the government of England and that of the United States. They are both so called Constitutional governments. The House of Lords, in England, differs little from the House of Lords (the Senate) in America. The House of Commons is much like our House of Representatives, and the Queen of England and Empress of India has not so much power as was exercised by the President of the United States during the recent Chicago strike, when Cleveland ordered out the regulars to strike down innocent citizens in opposition to the Constitution and laws of the country, which he was sworn to enforce and protect.

Our country was inaugurated as a Commonwealth, which means a wealth in common; but it has turned out to be an oligarchy, controlled by a foreign syndicate of bondholders who entertain the utmost contempt for the thing called the popular voice, and, we would add, not without some very sensible reasons.

The maelstrom into which we are so rapidly merging in both the old and the new world, is not due to the form of government as between monarchical governments and the Republic, but rather to the principle upon which the world conducts its pursuit of happiness. It is the world and its methods against the Lord Christ and the principle he represented and the institution he inaugurated. The world at large, both in the old world and in America, is distinctly Antichrist. This principle, in its application to the affairs of the world, is not exclusive of the so called church of Christ, but the church itself, having adopted pagan principles and methods, is more pronouncedly antichristian than the pagan world throughout nominal Christendom.

The Lord was communistic, and established a communistic church and following. He did this because it involved the principles of equitable collection and distribution. When the church degenerated and went over, body and soul, to paganism and the devil, selling itself to satan, it took up the competitive system and entered headlong with the hell-begotten institutions of paganism, to slaughter the Christian system and the gospel of peace.

There is nothing too foul—if there is money in it—to be instituted and fostered by syndicates and governments under the guise of Christian civilization. The kingdoms and republics of the world have gone to the rot, and not the least rotten is the great Republic of America. Koreshanism and THE FLAMING SWORD are let loose to wage war on the prostitutions of this degenerate age, in the restoration of the principles philosophically enunciated in the days of our Lord and his primitive disciples, but to be scientifically and practically applied now at the time of their resurrection.

In order to apply and enforce the laws of righteousness as purposed in the original establishment of communism by the Lord, it is of pre-eminently paramount importance that the people of God should so relate themselves in co-operative and organic unity as to render it possible to fulfil the great principles upon which hang all the law and the prophets. It is for this reason that the Koreshan System urges the rapid gathering of its people into communistic and co-operative societies, where there may be instituted the beginning of that divine fellowship with men, incorporated in the personality of Jesus as the archetype and germ of the resurrecting kingdom. We regard, as one of the first steps toward the consummation of the Lord's purpose in planting himself in the race, the construction of a local city wherein may be gathered many of the firstfruits of the new dispensation.

In the enterprise of constructing the great maritime metropolis, it is essentially important that the site selected should embrace facilities and resources commensurate with the purpose in view. An open and free intercourse throughout the world, by water communication, is of the greatest importance; in fact, without this the world's greatest city cannot be founded. (See FLAMING SWORD of August 5, 1898, Koreshan map of the world.) In building the new natural Jerusalem, we shall not pattern after the cities of ancient or modern times; the only likeness will be that of contrast. The modern city is the characteristic hell; the new city will be the heart of the new world as it will obtain after the heavenly Jerusalem has descended and established itself in earth. We quote from our pamphlet, entitled "Scientific Colonization. Plan for the Immediate Relief of the Masses."

It is the purpose of the Koreshan Unity to inaugurate the construction of a great city. There are millions of men, white and black, in the United States and in other countries, ready to enter into the united life system; and as it is a fact that when bodies begin to move, they do so in the direction of least resistance, we are indicating the most natural channel and preparing the objective point for the greatest movement the world has ever witnessed. It must be remembered this is not the speculator's boom. It is the preparation for the establishment of an industrial system, destined finally and by revolution—not riotous, but peaceable—to extend throughout the world, and to have its center of operation in Estero, Lee Co., Florida. The principles are socialistic, communistic, and co-operative.

The construction of the city will be of such a character as to provide for a combination of street elevation, placing various kinds of traffic upon different surfaces; as for instance, heavy team traffic upon the ground surface, light driving upon an elevation of its own, pedestrianism upon a plane distinct from either, and all railroad travel upon distinct planes, dividing even the freight and passenger traffic by separate elevations. There will be no dumping of sewage into the streams, bay, or Gulf. A movable and continuous earth closet will carry the debris and

offal of the city to a place thirty or more miles distant, where it will be transformed to fertilization and restored to the land surface to be absorbed by vegetable growth. There will be no smudge or smoke. Power by which machinery will be moved will be by the utilization of the electro magnetic currents of the earth and air, independently of steam application to so called "dynamoes." Motors will take the place of motion derived from steam pressure. The city will be constructed on the most magnificent scale, without the use of so called money. These things can be done easily when once the people know the force of co-operation and united life, and understand the great principles of utilization and economy.

The world now is one great system of disorderly extravagance. A horde of money kings, with their henching middlemen, absorb and waste the energies of the wage slave living only to eat and sleep. The doom of the money oligarchy is sealed. The sovereign people are opening their eyes to the fact of their bondage to the bondholders. Wage slavery will pass away with the roar of the coming revolution. The laboring masses who now—under the guidance of undeveloped labor leaders—strike for higher wages, will make the final strike against the wage

system, and a new nation will be born in a day. Not only will a new universal declaration of liberty be annunciated, but human destiny will be fulfilled in the reconstruction of society. The new bond of unity between God and man will constitute the bulwark of organic life and progress.

The impulses actuating the Koreshan Unity toward the planting of the New Jerusalem at Estero, Florida, have not the slightest tincture of the ordinary speculative element. The great mad rush for the almighty dollar, and the almost universal desire of the human mind and heart—with the concomitant tendency to slaughter the neighbor in "business" operations—to become rich at the expense of the competitor, preclude confidence in any declared philanthropic purpose.

There is one universal grab for gold; one frenzied howl for that which has been exalted above all the gods, and for which, in the great scramble for its accumulation, every principle of righteousness is repudiated and every human tie ignored. Despite the fact that gold is the one and only god apparently approved of men, there remains one body of people whose interests are for men; and it is the purpose of this people to provide a spot in earth where shall begin that influence which will destroy the power of gold.

What Is the "Impersonal Christ"?

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

IN A recently published letter, written by one of the devotees of "Christian Science," and addressed to the author of "Science and Health," the writer makes the following peculiar statement: "I am learning too, that only those who follow in your footsteps can understand the great labor and travail through which you have passed in giving birth, in this age, to the impersonal Christ."

Was it the impersonal Christ who walked and talked in the streets of Jerusalem; who was crucified on Calvary; who rose from the tomb of Joseph and who converted his body to spirit which baptized the church on the day of Pentecost? Or was it a veritable, living, breathing personality, God made man, the Word made flesh, who declared: "I will come again and receive you unto myself"? The disciples saw Him disappear as a man. An angel assured them he would come again in like manner, as a man,—not as a principle, an abstraction. "Christian Science" erroneously teaches that Christ is a principle, not a personality, and by that teaching it condemns itself; for it is written, every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of Anti-christ.

The Humanity of Deity is the only doctrine calculated to satisfy the deepest longings of the soul. The suffering God who has measured the depths of human anguish, who knows our weakness and our temptations, who has been purified and disciplined through ages of re-embodiment until he overcomes and sits down upon the throne of intellect, appeals both to reason and heart, presenting a conception that stimulates as a constant ideal and inspiration.

"Christian Science" has seized a great and indubitable truth, the power, in certain cases, of mind over matter, and leaped from this to the false and illogical denial

of the existence of matter. "You can never expect to be well," said a member of the cult, solemnly, "so long as you persist in believing in the existence of matter."

Another letter published by the same paper, thanks Mrs. Eddy for the great demonstration afforded by the fact that the loss of life in the recent war was so small as to excite astonishment, and "according to report, out of four hundred fever cases, all of them recovered and were afterwards placed at the front, because they were better than before the illness." But what about the loss of life among the starving, persecuted Cubans the last two years? Why did not the "impersonal Christ" prevent the horrors that have sent a shudder through the civilized world? Why not simply "treat" the Spaniards to evacuate Cuba, and avoid a war altogether?

We believe that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, a *personality*, to renew the life of the world and bring life and immortality to light. We believe that the divine life is always inherent in a personality through whom, in every age and at stated intervals, it is communicated to the world according to the actuations of immutable law. The "impersonal Christ" is a myth. The greatest thing in the world, the spirit of love that prefers the neighbor in honor, the spirit of divine communism, as different from the love of money that rules the world as light from darkness, does not pervade space. It cannot be evoked from the silence. It pertains to natural humanity no more than the equality of bearing the best fruit pertains to the wild shoot that springs up by the wayside, before it is grafted. There is but one method of introducing this spirit into the world of humanity, and that is through the Lord's divinely appointed Messenger, the *personal* Christ.

The Pilgrim and the Ancient of Days.

Part V.

BY W. H. PAVITT.

"**V**ERILY," remarked the Pilgrim, "I know the words you speak are the words of truth for which I have sought long and earnestly. In my search throughout the earth for 'the hidden treasures of secret places,' the mysteries of Mithras seem to me to be pregnant with deep meaning, though I confess my inability to unravel them."

"Of a truth," answered the Sage, "within the rites of Mithras is contained much wisdom for which the world vainly seeks. There are various opinions prevalent as to the identity of Mithras. He is called the Persian sun god; is considered the same as Osiris of Egypt, the Assyrian Venus, the Arabian Alhita, the Greek Phobus, and the Demiurgos."

"By whom were these rites founded? I have seen it stated and denied, that Zeradusht founded them among the ancient Persians, to inculcate the principles of the religion he established among them."

"Zeradusht or Zoroaster (who, it is claimed was a contemporary of Moses) was thought to have been a prophet of God to the Persian people, and the founder of these rites; but it is evident that they have come down to us from a still more remote antiquity. Some considered Zoroaster and Mithras identical, others deny it; though of this, little is definitely known. The ancient Persians worshiped Mithras as the Sun, the god of Light, also the Lord of Generation. Herein we find a symbol of the anthropotic sun, the Divine serpent, Wisdom."

"I have read, O Sage, that Mithras was represented as a young man holding in his right hand one horn of a bull, which he presses down with the knee, while plunging a dagger into his neck, and a dog, standing near, seems to lap up the dripping blood. This symbol has been interpreted to mean, that the dagger plunged into the throat signifies the penetration of the solar rays into the bosom of the earth, by which all nature is nourished; the last idea being expressed by the dog licking up the blood as it flows from the wound; yet I feel that the symbolism means much more."

"How a degenerate age makes the Word of God of none effect through its traditions, and loses the truth while holding to the ceremonies which teach it! The young man signifies the male generative principle; the bull is the symbol of the liberty of commerce; the horns are powers; the bended knee signifies the highest aspiration; the whole (read aright) means that the power of generation is held in strength and fidelity, subject to the will, which conserves the liberty of all commerce (more especially sex commerce), the strength of which is directed to the shedding of blood for the remission of sins."

"The dog," continued the Sage, "means a spy. Caleb (dog) was one of the spies sent out by Moses to spy out the land of Canaan. The spy is one who has advanced or developed far enough to desire to partake

of the sacrifice: 'Except ye eat of my flesh and drink of my blood ye have no life in you,' expresses the meaning of the symbol, which is also commemorated by the breaking of bread and drinking of wine, in one of the degrees from which tradition supposes Melchizedek received the idea of substituting the breaking of bread and the drinking of wine for the sacrifice of slaughtered animals."

"O wonderful Sage! surely God has taught you, for none speak the meaning of parables and mysteries like unto you. I now understand how Christ was a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek; but tell me, what was the significance of the initiatory rites being conducted in caves?"

"This symbolized the process of gestation in the cell or egg. The walls of the caves were covered with signs and constellations of the Zodiac; there were seven caverns, six of them filled with darkness, wild beasts, thunder and lightning, and every horror; the last one full of light, glory, and a throne, where the Initiate was given the *sacred word*, the *golden serpent*, the *kara*, or conical cap, the *candys*, or loose tunic of Mithras, on which were depicted the celestial constellations, the *zone*, or belt, containing a representation of the figures of the zodiac, and the *crozier* or pastoral staff."

"The seven caverns" continued the Sage, "symbolize the seven days in the creation of man in the image and likeness of God. The tunic (upon which were found the celestial constellations and the signs of the zodiac) represents the great cycle of Mazzaroth, or God's descent into and reproduction from the hells—the creation of the heavens and the earth—as well as a representation of the solar year. Mithras was considered a symbol of the sun, and much solar symbolism clustered about his name, doctrines, and initiations. The analysis of his name, in the numerical value of the letters of the Greek alphabet which composed it, was equal to 365, the number of days in a solar year. It also symbolized the great year of man, a complete cycle, a wheel."

"I have read of a talisman which shewed 'a man blindfolded, with hands tied behind his back, bound to a pillar on which stands a gryphon holding a wheel, and have desired to know its true inwardness.'"

"This is the most beautiful symbolism of the ancient Mythic rites, and holds within its full interpretation the key to the law of immortality. The gryphon signifies vigilance; and the Persian gryphon was half lion, half eagle. The lion signifies the power of commerce in all domains; the eagle signifies knowledge, and also the power to tear into pieces. The wheel is a symbol of the sun. The wheel held in the hands of the gryphon shows that the will and affections hold the sun subject to the knowledge of the eagle and power of the lion to conserve the energies of sex commerce and

heap them up, to the end that the beak of the eagle may tear into pieces the Son of Righteousness by theocrasial fire, which will lead into light the blind humanity bound to the foot of the pillar.

"The man blindfolded with both hands tied behind him (bound to the pillar), shows that he is of that humanity which, though blind, will labor with fidelity of intellect, with will and affections bound to the support of the great truths of immortality, and who awaits the outpouring of the energies of the transmuted Son of Righteousness which will baptize him into light [knowledge], and transform the mortal flesh to immortality."

"Wonderful are the words of wisdom by which you expound the meaning of these mystic symbols! Tell me,

I pray you, the significance of the golden serpent, which was placed in the bosom of the Initiate, and is considered as a symbol of regeneration."

"The serpent signifies wisdom, whether it be true or false. Because the serpent casts its skin annually, it is considered an emblem of regeneration; but it has a deeper meaning. The serpent casting its skin, symbolizes the progress of the ego in successive embodiments in its experience in the belly of hell,—each body being successively cast off as experiences ripen it for a new incarnation, until in the fulness of time, error is eradicated, wisdom becomes pure and true—the golden serpent—Divine knowledge, and the Initiate is absorbed into Deity, becoming one with God."

Observations and Reflections.

BY AMANDA T. POTTER.

THE DOCTRINE of absorption into Nirvana, held by the Hindu devotee, is identical with the absorption of the body of the Lord Jesus, through transmutation to Holy Spirit, into the people who comprised his church, always with this difference: The Hindu concept and practice are incompatible. Our Lord was absorbed; the Hindu neither was, is, nor can be. In the schisms which arose among the Jaina of India, one party to the breach declared for absorption as common property of male and female; another party claimed it as the unique possession of the male, which premise has the support of a foundation principle of Messiahship.

The supreme function of the male organism, as regards sex structure, looks to that generation and conservation of potencies which make, primarily, to the incorruptible dissolution of the visible body—its transmutation to the invisible, or spirit, and secondarily—in order of consecration—to the inspiration or absorption ("Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life") of that spirit by those persons whose stage of progress enables them to receive Life.

Self-appointed female messiahs are occasionally in evidence. The Hindu could instruct them of *alter ego* they must become through the process of re-embodiment, before hoping to pose even as acceptable frauds before a people possessed of so much as a smattering of the Messianic law.

The male form generates and diffuses the overshadowing or vitalizing principle on all planes of life. The sun, the great vitalizer of the alchemico-organic universe, is male in the aspect of its transmission of vivifying forces. In the beginning of each dispensation, God manifests in a male human form (God flows into man), which becomes the Messiah of that age. When that form passes from sight, the ego flows into and becomes one with the Central Consciousness, while the transmuted body flows into the prepared human recep-

tacles: "God constantly outflows to man, and man constantly inflows to God—into God. This is absorption into Nirvana."

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"The unpoetical side of Protestantism is, that it has no woman to be worshipped." Unpoetical, illogical, untruthful! No phase of life, whether proximate or remote from the Great First Cause as originator, is evolved independently of the maternal function. The Lord Jesus, by whom "all things were created," was by John declared to be the bridegroom who had the bride. The Woman and the Father were both principles inhering in and component of the divine Jesus. As bearing upon this subject, an earnest soul in search of truth will carefully compare these two selections occurring in the same book: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jere. xxiii: 5, 6). In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name wherewith *she* shall be called, *the Lord Our Righteousness.*" (Jere. xxxiii: 15, 16.)

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Professing belief in the purity of the Virgin Mother of our Lord, modern Christians condemn Koreshanism because it inheres celibacy. This chaste principle of both Mother and Son, they conceive to be a means in the hands of satan to besom all flesh from the earth. "The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save"! By his own righteous method he produced the One who declared to those generated in the world-ap-

proved way: "I am from above." "Ye are from beneath." "I proceeded forth and came from God." "Ye are from your father the devil." "Except those days [the days of satan's propagation] should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved." Wearnestly wait—for His "hand is not shortened, that it cannot save."

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Before the fulfilling of another century, unfoldment along the lines of Koreshanity (the establishment of God's kingdom of righteousness in the earth) will cause the eighteenth day of October to mean more to the world than it now does to the Koreshan. Human processes are as unswerving to ultimate determinations, as are those of vegetation; and not as accident, or unmeaning incident, does the Koreshan note that the Peace Jubilee of Chicago, as well as the control of San Juan and all other Porto Rican ports by United States officials, is set for October 18.

The abolition of chattel slavery in the United States did not give the colored race equality before the law. The white race has not yet achieved that condition. Money has more nearly approximated such goal than has either white or black. While the character of mankind, white and black, calls for our code of man-made law, there will be no equality before it.

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The science of universology, little studied and less understood, is the groundwork of all symmetry of form, harmony of relation, and potency of function which are to characterize the coming kingdom.

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God's complete speech is himself and all lesser things.

In the Editorial Perspective.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE WORLD will not always be in bondage to abnormalities and perversions of sense and function. When truth illumines the world, it will be glad again. Then the question will not be asked: "Is life worth living?" The time is coming when we shall not say such hard things about humanity; not that the eternal truth will change, nor yet that we will change our relation to it, but that the *world* will be changed. A glad day is coming, but mankind must first approach yet nearer to despair. That rescue is most highly appreciated which comes when the last ray of tangible hope is gone—when there is nothing remaining of the old bondage that is not repulsive and realized to be inimical to the interests and progress of every man. Then the race will lend its forces to the reconstruction of the new era. While we are condemning the corruptions and fallacies of the present dispensation, we are inaugurating the means of their destruction. The world must pass through the hideous tunnel of murky darkness before merging into the light of the new age, and must feel the terrors of revolution! Teachers of fallacy must come to realize that their systems are inadequate and their efforts futile. The weakness, darkness, and ignorance of the present evil world must give place to the vigor, light, and knowledge of the ages to come. No hope can be brighter than that foreshadowed in the Koreshan System; none other is more tangible. The conditions of the new world will be real. There is but one thing that will bring them, and that is the *truth*, with all it implies. While others are waiting for the world's great Jubilee to come of itself, Koreshanity inaugurates that which will create the universal peace, recreation, and happiness of mankind.

The church is becoming somewhat Moody on the subject of Bible study. Moody poses as the founder of a school of investigation of the Bible, but he seems never to notice some of the stunning blows it contains for Moody! The more the modern mind looks into the Bible, the less it feels disposed to obey what it enjoins. Curious effect that, but nevertheless true! The law of life is written there, and people do not obey it—they do not try. They say that they cannot obey it, and want to transfer the responsibility thereof to the shoulders of the perfect Man who lived nearly 2,000 years ago. A generation cannot progress by

looking backward; present mind, not that of the past, concerns us; present thought only is of use. What Barnum's business was to the world, Moody's is to the modern church; and we never think of Barnum without thinking of his famous explanation of his success. And somehow, we chance to associate the name of the popular "evangelist" with that of the great showman!

Man does not rule the world, nor even half of it. It is significant, at the close of the present dispensation, typical of the coming of the new woman to preside over the seven great divisions of the future ages of universal peace, that seven women rule two thirds of earth's population, either sitting on the throne or constituting the power behind it. The Empress of China stands at the head of over 400,000,000 people; next in the scale of importance are Victoria of England, and the Czarina of Russia; then the Queen-regent of Spain, and the Queen of Italy, and finally the Queen of Roumania. It is significant also, that all of these feminine rulers are of the old world. The new world, growing out of the old, is America; in the West the new woman must appear. It may be an honor to rule the world in mortal gloom and darkness of the world's long night; but it is a greater honor to rule in peace, in the light of the New Age. The world needs a new Mother!

Restitutionists have much to say concerning the generation of a new race, or the restoration of man to his original perfect condition. They have it that billions of people who have died in the past are going to come to life again in some way—some perfect and some not so perfect. We have never known of the generation of anything without a matrix of generation. If billions of people are to be resurrected to human activity and external consciousness in so many personalities, where are they coming from? From whom and from what are they to be born—from the earth, the air, or the sea? Of what material are they to be made? If billions of people can be created without a mother, why didn't the Almighty adopt such a plan in the first place? If the present race of humanity began with a *perfect mother*, is it not likely that *she* will be resurrected to be the mother of the *new race*?

The modern church loses sight of a necessary half of the divine generative functions while misconceiving the other. It is wonderful how a fatherhood can exist eternally without a co-ordinate femininity or motherhood! We hear a great deal about the Father and the Son, but nothing about the Mother. We find female functions manifest in every plane of existence. Nothing can be generated without the functions of the male and the female. Every energy generated is produced through the operation of the laws of generation; every thought has its father and its mother. The universe itself is male and female. If it is absolutely essential that these functions inhere in every form of life and existence,—if they are necessary to every activity as the *effect*—how does it come that the Motherhood must be excluded from the Cause?

Columbus sailed from Spain to the West, under the conviction that he would find the garden of Eden. He hoped to find the Indies; tradition placed the ancient garden of Eden in the archipelago to the east of a great continent. The point of his first discovery of land was in the West Indies, the veritable Garden of Eden of the New World, scientifically located by the Founder of Koreshanity. By a strange coincidence, Ponce de Leon afterwards searched through Florida for the fountain of eternal youth, in which is now located the site of the New Jerusalem, or the future capital of the world. The mediæval expeditions and discoveries, while prophetic, actually and practically paved the way for the greatest achievements of human intellect and industry.

The English language contains over 250,000 words—75,000 more than are contained in the German, French, Spanish, and Italian combined. A word expresses thought, and thought is substance; consequently the Anglo-Saxon peoples, the English and the American, involve the lines of genuine progress in thought and life. America is not only the highest product of etymological progress, but of ethnological as well. The fact that it is the racial focus of the world is an index to its destiny. That quality of mind which will ultimate in the manifestation of the perfect race necessarily moves along correspondential lines. The manifestation of divine truth will be at the climax of intellectual attainment and focus of racial elements. The establishment of the divine kingdom will be in America.

The trouble is not in the claim to being the Christ, that arouses the religious world; for there are thousands who are claiming to possess the wisdom and attributes of divine sonship, and to possess the occult Fatherhood within them. There are hundreds who say, "I have the truth; I am the true teacher. I am God; I am the Christ"; and they flourish. The objection is not to the man who makes the *claim* merely, but to the man who claims to be the *only* TRUE one, and who acts as though he believes it! There is but one true Messiah for every dispensation, and he possesses the prophetic credentials. Jesus suffered for his claims, for his *egotism*—because he dared to tell the truth and to declare that he was the only true teacher!

The key-notes of the coming Republican campaign, as announced by the leaders, are "sound money, protection, and expansion." In the last campaign they pledged themselves to work for the adoption of "unsound money," provided other nations were willing! "Sound money" means money upon which bonds are founded. Protection means protection for the millionaire, but not a particle of protection for the producers of wealth. The simple expansion of territory, however righteous it may be as the result of liberating oppressed peoples from the hands of tyrants, without bonded control by the men who hold the millions, would cut no figure in the republican war-cry!

A fog-dispeller has been invented to clear away the fog in the path of steamships. A blower is attached to a horizontal outlook pipe; the current of atmosphere dispels the fog for a little way, but it does not let in the light of the sun. The world is lost in the fog; there are hundreds of inventions for slightly agitating the mental fog; every one having a new idea is blowing his own horn under the delusion that he is clearing up the fog for the whole world;—but the fog still remains. Koreshanity is the genuine fog-dispeller.

Italy cannot agree to the universal peace propositions, because she has difficulties at home. The kingdom of Italy and the great power of the Catholic church are on the brink of moral and other hostilities. The church is determined to have Rome, and is seeking to force Italy to select some other city for a capital. In centuries past, armies have fought for the pope—and they have fought for kings; and how can Christian (?) countries pursue their *usual* vocation of war if universal peace is declared?

No question is settled until it is settled right—until the absolute truth concerning it is discovered and applied. Truth does not come by chance. Truth that is to work the freedom of the world must involve the knowledge of not only what is to be done, but also the means of its accomplishment.

The world possesses a disregard for ancient things. Never mind, the universe existed away back there, and was as good as it is now, if not better. Youth is more vigorous than old age. Judging from the condition of things, there are too many *ancient* things in the modern world.

It requires the sun to bring the day. The coming of the new era will be through the brightest intellect. We have seen men strike a spark of intellectual light, and imagine they had seen the sun of the future ages!

According to modern astronomy, the earth is as much in the heavens as any star in the firmament. Then what would be the good of going off to some other place—some difference in the climate?

Existence is the expression of being; if the universe contains all existence, it contains God, else God does not exist. God is not extra-cosmical; he is *in* the universe of humanity.

It is an argument for most reform papers that they show which way the wind blows;—but even straws may do that!

As long as the scientists cannot analyze matter, they cannot tell what is the matter with the world.

There are too many lines of business cast into the sea of humanity with baited hooks at the end!

McKinley prosperity seems to be the same whether it is attributed to tariff, war, or peace!

When a commercial sucker gets caught in a net, we may suppose that he is in-seine.

When speculators desire to raise the price of wheat, they put it up in elevators.

The universe does not contain the earth; the earth contains the universe.

The only time a man owns himself, is when he is self-possessed.

Money is bad blood in the system of commercial circulation.

The peace commissioners are discussing Manila paper.

Zionism is preparing for the world's great Jewbilee!

The devil is running a race—the human race.

Query, Chat, and News Department.

BY THE EDITOR.

Other Worlds than Ours?

I have read a few copies of *THE FLAMING SWORD* and have been very much interested in it; (1) only at first I looked upon it as a stupendous lie in fundamental principle;—a lie conceived by a stupendous intellect. Be that as it may, *THE FLAMING SWORD* is unique, and is growing more and more interesting. I have changed my mind about it, and if it has positive proof that our little earth is cellular, (2) it might be that it is itself, as a whole, a vast planet belonging to another planetary system outside of it, in the same manner as it has been conceived by some minds, that the interior of our sun is a small universe of itself, containing an atmosphere and planets, and inhabited by sentient beings. It is certain that it cannot be conceived to be simply a solid globe emitting light and heat. (3) *THE FLAMING SWORD* asserts that the cellular wall of our little universe is about 100 miles thick. This assertion seems to be unreasonable as regards the thickness, for such a vast shell would not be proportionately of the thickness of a soap bubble.—L. D., Montgomery Ala.

(1) We are pleased with the above letter, —the frankness with which the writer expresses himself. Our request for the "first impressions" of our readers concerning the Koreshan System is bringing out some interesting thoughts. Our readers are taking a personal interest in this department, and we trust they will not object to our joining in occasionally, where difficult points are touched. The Editor may reveal something of his impressions years ago when he first came in contact with the claims of the System and its Founder. The world is coming to recognize the fact that the Koreshan System was not originated by some weak-minded fanatic, but by "a stupendous intellect." This is indeed a worthy tribute to the world pays the Founder of the only System of Universology in existence. As a representative of the System, *THE FLAMING SWORD* is the unique journal of the world. We thank you for your kind words.

(2) We commend the Koreshan Astronomy to your careful study. When it is thoroughly understood, some features of the old system which press themselves forward into your new view of the universe, will be precluded. When the functions of planets—mercurial discs in the seven divisions of the "bowels of the earth,"—are understood, no analogy is furnished for supposing that a globe, either solid or hollow, could be a planet of some other and larger system of worlds.

The laws of the relations of form make any part of the modern astronomy absolutely impossible. We demonstrate that the alleged motions of great bodies or globes through space, such as the modern mind conceives the planets in their hypothetical relation to the sun to be, cannot possibly be true. There is nothing in the entire realm of existence that constitutes a foundation for the conclusion that there are other worlds outside the one in which we live. There is only one supreme Cause; and that one Cause expresses itself in its ultimate and outward physical form as an organic unity, complete and perfect, sustaining no relation to anything outside of itself. Consistent with the meaning of the word universe, it involves and evolves itself; there could be no more. See reply to C. B., Salem, O., in *SWORD* of April 22.

(3) The thickness of the shell of the earth is to the diameter of the cell as one is to eighty. We arrive at the conclusion that the earth's shell is 100 miles in thickness, through a knowledge of the specific gravity of the substances composing the strata. The laws of specific gravity not only determine the emplacement of the strata, or their position and relation to each other in the scale of static balance, but also the thickness of each plane or stratum. If we take the difference in the depth of the atmosphere and the ocean in comparison with the difference of the specific gravity of air and water, we deduce a ratio from which, when applied to any other stratum whose specific gravity is known, we may determine its approximate thickness. The sum of our estimations is about 100 miles. The shell of the earth is more than 100 miles in thickness in the Zodiacal belt in the earth, which contains the orbits or race-tracks of the material planets in the interstices of the laminae or strata of the shell or firmament of the universe. The shell is thick enough. When each plane is materialized in its static plane it weighs nothing; it is at rest. The universe is not subject to the strains of rapid locomotion and enormous pulls of "gravitation" to which the Copernican system subjects all its worlds.

More of Blodgett's Blunders.

I am delighted that you concluded to handle this man through *THE SWORD*. I enclose a letter I received from him this morning, containing more criticism. You see the points he tackles. I am urging him to keep them coming, for the sooner the better.—R. O. S., Monroe, Wis.

We covered the points of criticism of the Koreshan Geodetic survey, enclosed in your previous letter, in last issue of *THE SWORD*. He says, "But you will find that he will not notice it." You will doubtless have no difficulty in demonstrating to him that we have noticed it! He quotes from his letter to us in *SWORD* of June 3, another point that we did not notice, where he finds "no earthly reason why, When he [Prof. Morrow] found it necessary to finish the survey with a telescopic view, he did not adjust his instrument near the end of his rectilineator survey, instead of going back three fourths of a mile, and so avoided the imperfections of the visual line for that distance, except that he had got the down grade at the stakes he used to suit him, and those at the end of the line he had already gone over would not suit his purpose so well. Are not these suspicions well taken?" We should say they are! but the suspicions are unfounded. We did not take the telescope back three fourths of a mile as he alleges, and no report he has contains such information. The facts are, that the telescope was as near the end of the mechanical survey of the line as the focus of the telescope would admit,—about 700 feet from the apparatus itself. This distance was required to place the point of the altitude of the line at the last adjustment of the rectilineator, and the Gulf horizon in the same focus of the terrestrial eyepiece. We have written Mr. Blodgett to please study carefully what we have to say, so as to avoid making so many blunders concerning what we did in our work; if he would do this we wouldn't have nearly so much to answer!

He says that he does not claim that he has proved in his criticisms that the surface on which we dwell is not concave, but that he has proved as conclusively as anything can be proved logically, that the Florida survey is a fake. The way he sees it, of course it's a fake! but when he gets the facts concerning the survey arranged in some order of comprehension in the way they are given to him, it will prove to be quite another thing. We have been conclusively demonstrating this long while, that his survey of the air line is a fake! His picture of it is distorted. He is not fighting the real thing, but only his conception of it. Strange that a man should so fight his own subjective creations! It's a way he has of falling out with his own blunders; they are none of ours.

First Impressions of Investigators of Koresshan University.

A Stronger Leaning Toward the Cellular Cosmogony.

In response to your cordial invitation extended to readers of THE FLAMING SWORD, in your issue of Sept. 3, to write you their first and present impressions of KORESH and his System, I submit to you a few candid statements.

(1) After reading a few numbers of THE FLAMING SWORD, together with a half dozen tracts, (about five years ago,) I was distinctly impressed with the ability, earnestness, and thorough conviction which pervaded the writings of KORESH. Yet I did not think that his somewhat petulant criticisms of persons and systems, either comported with his doctrine concerning good and evil, or with true balance and greatness of character. In this respect I felt to contrast him with that noble poet, Walt Whitman, whose attitude of universal charity placed him in helpful relationship and sympathy with all peoples and all times.

The Cellular Cosmogony from the first, impressed me as containing the germ of a great truth, which I accepted on probation. I was already prepared to accept the Koresshan concept of Theo-Socialism. The Messianic claim of KORESH, though evidently sincere, I did not consider valid. Neither can I accord exclusive merit to KORESH for his alleged scientific discoveries, since scores of sensitives in this generation, are more or less opened in the scientific and mechanical province, and are simultaneously making analogous and often identical discoveries, each laborer thinking, in the meantime, that he has a monopoly of the whole field, and that others borrow from the amplitude of his materials. The field over which KORESH ranges may be large, but I have the conviction that his domain is comprised within certain set limits—one octave in the series of universal harmony. The pivotal man has not yet appeared.

(2) After reading THE FLAMING SWORD attentively and with great interest and pleasure for the past five years, I have not materially modified my first impressions, save to discover a stronger leaning toward the Cellular Cosmogony. While the Geodetic Survey cannot be ignored, still, a plurality of experiments, in different localities, are required to secure complete and undoubting conviction, even in candid and impartial minds who have been schooled in current systems. All honor to the man who is the pioneer in this hitherto unknown country! but, considering the history of the past, he should not marvel because others are reluctant to follow. When a babel of voices is shouting, "Come this way! I carry the Light!" the wise man feels to restrain his impulses and test the ground, inch by inch, as he advances.

I most heartily endorse the concept of

KORESH, that matter and spirit are co-related and convertible, the one into the other; likewise, that there is simultaneous inbreathing and outbreathing, or movement from the inner to the outer pole of universal nature, and vice versa; that waste and renewal balance each other; that the universe is an eternally self-perpetuating whole,—all of which I believed before I ever heard of KORESH. But I must say that I regard the assumption that the universe is limited to a single cell, or a single world, as illogical, even upon KORESH's own premise. But the discussion of details cannot enter into this brief summary.

(3) Again, from my present standpoint, two phases of teaching are providentially provided, as preliminaries and forerunners of the Messenger; and two teachers have been opened interiorly into two distinct but complementary domains of the super-sensuous world, to prepare the way for the advent of the Lawgiver. These domains, for convenience, may be called the *celestial-natural*, and the *spiritual-natural*. The latter embraces science and symbolism. It may be conceded that T. L. Harris occupies the first, and that KORESH occupies the second. The interior opening of Harris occurred more than ten years earlier than that of KORESH. Harris is a poet, and makes his appeal to the heart. KORESH is, by psychic genius, a scientist, and makes his appeal to the rational faculty. Each seems to be commissioned to perform a separate and distinct class of preliminary labors. Moreover, it is permitted that each of these teachers should have the persuasion that they occupy the entire and universal domain. Doubtless the "Lord of the harvest" will get a better day's work from each by indulging that persuasion. It seems also permitted that each regards himself as somewhat *Messianic*, and may—perhaps each is a branch of that larger Personality. Moreover, the little group at Estero, may—if faithful—be incorporated as integral members in the larger series when the Master comes to establish his kingdom in the visible degree. The "stars" are not yet wholly separated from the "wheat," even in the published utterances of these two teachers.

When the hour shall be ripe and fitting, I believe the real Messiah will appear to deliver the world from bondage. He will cross the "Border" by a mode distinct from natural birth, as we now know it. He will come with his kingdom and reign as King of the Normal Order. The world has learned to hate kings, since the sovereigns of the earth have grossly inverted the kingly office and functions. This coming King will be the fulness of the celestial and spiritual degrees, borne forward and realized on the natural plane. He will be the loving Father and Mother and Guide, taking the great sorrowing world in his arms, where it will find protection and peace and rest.

The forerunners who are pushed out to prepare the way, must needs bear crosses and suffer divers persecutions. We will not join the ranks of the persecutors, but rather hail the light they are commissioned to bring to the world,—broken and refracted though the rays may be. It is for them to turn up the human soil and deposit seeds of the New Order. The Master is yet to come and reap the field.—E. WHIPPLE, California.

Behold the Truth—I have Found It!

"First impressions?" Mine were, "The knowledge of the universe is authoritatively taught in Koresshan University. Behold the truth! I have found it!" The Koresshan principles of promulgation are eternal. The truth is authority, and cannot be refuted. I had previously entered that thoughtful sphere, the beings of which thirst for wisdom. I ardently sought the truth, never wavering, never faltering, for said the Christ of God, "My word is truth. * * Seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Of a truth it has been opened! The vastness of the whole has been given to one mind; a light shines for all humanity; for all those who will accept the truth!

Continue on, O FLAMING SWORD! for the Lord hath spoken it, and hath brought Thee into the world, a means of imparting unto all nations the Living Water! The present-day philosophy, pertaining to the "higher life" and the mind of the Infinite, leads one just far enough to lose him in the mazes of a bitter hell. Its sum and substance is but chaff. The SWORD is built upon the Rock of Ages!—C. D. SHELLEBARGER, Ohio.

Prizes Koreshanity as a Jewel.

You have asked your readers to give their first impressions on reading your publications. I have always possessed a great desire to obtain truthful information regarding the conditions of life after leaving the mortal body. In the first place, many of your words were beyond my comprehension, and I threw the paper down without giving it any thought.

After a short time I picked it up again, and on seeing your questions and answers, I immediately became interested. As page after page passed before my eyes, I grasped their meaning with ease, although far superior to anything I had ever read before. I felt that at last I had found a pearl of great price; and made up my mind to thoroughly test my jewel and find out all of its virtues. The result is, they are numberless, and far-reaching in their magnificent qualities, and no jeweler can I find, able to assay its value to me. Since I have found this gem, so highly do I prize its possession, that there is no crown so costly, no mansion so grand, that I would not leave in humble recognition of my King.—Mrs. SADIE DUNN, Pennsylvania.

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The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

I highly appreciate the fearless, independent spirit exhibited in THE FLAMING SWORD. Some say that if it is a religious journal it ought to advocate religious views only. I think quite differently. To be truly a reform journal it should advocate the truth and expose error in every department of society. Please continue THE SWORD to my address as long as you publish it, and I will try and find a way to pay you for it. You may send me a dozen copies of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY as soon as ready for delivery. I think I can

dispose of that number. I will give you all the aid in my power in the circulation of the Koreshan doctrine. May you long be spared to labor for the downfall of fallacy and the promulgation of the Truth.—C. D. F., Graham Mines, W. Va.

PUBLISHERS FLAMING SWORD:—We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a number of THE FLAMING SWORD, and if you choose to send us your publication regularly, we will gladly give it a place on the files of our library. Our public journal room contains over 1,100 journals from all parts of the world. These periodicals are constantly referred to by persons in search of specific information, and it follows that publishers and advertisers have here a very wide sphere of publicity; and we think that it would be to our mutual advantage to have THE FLAMING SWORD on file. Yours respectfully,—W. P. Wilson, Director Phila. Commercial Museum.

THE FLAMING SWORD teaches a more excellent way than any other Christian journal. It exceeds all others in wisdom, purity, love, and truth. It has the power to make old things new, and to transform men into Gods; mortals into immortals. THE SWORD declares the whole counsel of God, in the beauty of holiness, for the benefit of all the earth. There is not one person in all this great universe that is able to prove Koreshanity a false religion. Koreshanity has come to stay, and I praise God for his good gifts.—Wm. A., Turbotville, Pa.

I have taken THE SWORD for four or five years, and I cannot afford to miss a number. I believe it either improves with age, or else I am enabled to understand it better by constant study. I find many people who are so wedded to other doctrines of theology that they dare not read THE FLAMING SWORD, or in fact, any of your literature—many of them apparently bright, intellectually.—Dr. C. S. M., Wells-ville, N. Y.

The extra SWORDS received; a thousand thanks. THE SWORD is laden with the cream of the world; it does my heart good to read it. I am eager to have others begin investigation. It contains the Truth. We need seek no further; it is all in THE SWORD.—Mrs. O. A. L., Bath, Me.

THE FLAMING SWORD beats all the others. Everything comes from the top—from the mountains of truth, from whence there is a perfect view of things, not clouded through mental defects.—E. E., Los Angeles, Cal.

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Chat With Readers.

One year ago, we were busy inaugurating the great work of the weekly FLAMING SWORD. We were successful in projecting the new undertaking amid many difficulties. For forty-eight weeks the journal has been published; every week, un-sheathed, with its brilliant, fiery flame, it has gone forth into the world to fight for the rights of man. It has fought well and has not lost a battle! We have taken no vacation; we have not missed a number. In the meantime, we have been successful

in publishing a faithfully of THE SWORD, our 200-page book, the CELLULAR COSMOGONY. We have overcome scores of difficulties; and the new book is now making its debut before a critical and so called scientific world. Within twelve months' time we have succeeded in putting forth two great glories of our propaganda work. We need a rallying; we face a world of millions who are against us; the work before us is stupendous, the greatest in all human history. We have to meet the spirit of competition; forces are leagued against us, and we cannot battle always alone. We believe in expansion; we must extend our possessions. You can put a shoulder to the wheel in the battle for the liberation of humanity. Your responsibilities increase with your opportunities, and there are more opportunities now than ever before. We are encouraged more than we can express, and our encouragement will extend to our sympathizing readers. Our interests are mutual as well as our sympathies.

The Pilgrim and the Ancient of Days, under the supervision of our contributor, W. H. PAVITT, are touching many interesting points concerning Egyptian and Persian legends and symbols, such as are involved in the rites of Masonry. This series, as well as others we have published, the Girl and the Vala, by REV. E. M. CASTLE, for instance, beautifully link together the true meaning of the symbols, as determined by the science of etymology and the conclusions of Koreshanity. The remarkable coincidences do not come by chance. The science of cause and effect demonstrates that the destiny of all progressive entities which have expressed themselves in ten thousand ways in the past, is Koreshanity. While the Pilgrim is learning from the Sage, THE FLAMING SWORD enables you to listen as well.

Our request for "first impressions" concerning the Koreshan University, is meeting with a hearty and interesting response. It is becoming an interesting feature of THE SWORD. Our invitation was addressed to all of our readers—no matter what be your attitude or relations to us. Many of you have had extraordinary experiences in the investigation of the System. Are not these worth relating? Some of you are in the Koreshan Societies and Institutions—we kindly invite you as well as others. The experience of a large number of individuals will give us an index to the impressions of the world in general concerning our work.

Though the THE FLAMING SWORD is worth many times its price per year, and the book should be sold for more than 25 cents per copy, and the matter contained in our general literature is invaluable, we will mail THE SWORD for one year to new subscribers, and send the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, the 200-page book, and all the literature advertised in our pages, for only \$1.60.

Have you received a copy of the new book? Orders are being filled, and you will soon have yours if it is not already to hand. Or perhaps you have not sent us your order. You need not wait longer—you can get it without delay. Send at once; the first edition will soon be exhausted. We are preparing for the second edition.

Do not begin another year of THE FLAMING SWORD with arrearages, if you can avoid it.

The new book is out!

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Coming Into the Koreshan Unity?

The best institution for education and co-operation in Social and Economic Reform. There is a place for everyone, every trade or business; extensive system of co-operative exchange now being organized. We need you; but don't rush in without knowing something of the situation. For full particulars as to membership, admittance, etc., in any branch of the Koreshan Movement, address, with stamp, VICTORIA GRATIA, Pre-eminent of the Koreshan Unity, or her private Secretary, VIRGINIA H. ANDREWS, 6310 Harvard ave., Chicago, Ill.

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The World's News.

Wednesday, Oct. 5.—Investigators of the war scandals conclude that alarming mortality in inactive camps was due to inexperience and needless exposure to weather.—Hold-ups busy at their vocation in Chicago, in daylight.—Minnesota Indians refuse to submit to terms of U. S. officers, and will fight; soldiers arriving to drive them from the war-path.—Heavy snows in northern Minnesota.—Yellow fever pauc in Mississippi; all travel prohibited; more tyranny of boards of health than required to cope with yellow jack.—Spanish-American peace commission at Paris making passes and feints preparatory to engagements.—Herbert Spencer, aged 78, reported very low at London.—Province of Catalonia wants to separate from Spain and become independent.—The big Zurich balloon ascends 20,000 feet and travels 183 miles; lands in France.—Court of Causation issues orders for new Dreyfus trial.—Conjunction of moon and Neptune.

Thursday.—Philippine emissary visits Washington in behalf of the cause of Gen. Aguinaldo.—Europe fearful of American possession of the Philippines.—Tailors begin a crusade against sweat-shops in Chicago.—Gen. Bacon and detachment of soldiers reported massacred by Indians at Bear Island, Minn.—W. C. T. U.'s in convention at Elgin, Ill.—Strained relations between England and the Transvaal district, South Africa.—Servia, hitherto the friend of Turkey, assumes the attitude of an enemy.—Czar of Russia attends funeral of Queen of Denmark at Copenhagen

—Press associations can't find out whether Chinese emperor is dead or not; assassination report a newspaper canard.—Powers of Europe give Turkey 30 days to disarm soldiers in Crete.

Friday.—New tariff schedule for West Indies under way.—Newspaper writers employed to boost stock markets, predict easy adjustment of peace terms.—Russia building four new warships.—Nine soldiers wounded and 30 Indians killed and wounded in first battle of new Indian war.—England and France in trouble again over possessions on the Nile; newspaper patch did not cover the ground.—A Jersey City Congregational church has a dancing class; hires a competent instructor in the terpsichorean art.—Virden, Ill., strikers quiet.—Conjunction of moon and Mars; moon in apogee; at descending node.

Saturday.—Indians failed to fight according to newspaper plans; outbreak only local; war department discredits reports of general uprising.—Philippine insurgents active in islands of Panay and Holo.—Mrs. McKinley's brother shot at Canton, O.—500 Christian Endeavor delegates convene at Peoria, Ill.—Russia endeavoring to gain possession of Red Sea.—Kentucky court of appeals decides that whites and blacks must be provided with separate railroad coaches.

Sunday.—Armour schemes to ship fresh beef to England in immense refrigerators on steamships.—Spain still in control of custom houses in Porto Rico and at Havana.—Emperor of Germany plans a trip to Jerusalem.—Boly of Yousouf, the "terrible Turk," lost with the La Bourgogne, drifts ashore at Sable Island, near Halifax, Can.—Aguinaldo, the Philippine insurgent and self-appointed dictator, writes the Pope, promising protection to Catholics.—England takes possession of a number of groups of islands near the Solomon islands.—Venus reaches greatest latitude south of the sun.

Monday.—McKinley orders guilty Minnesota Indians hunted down and punished.—2,000 Mississippians arrive at Chicago in flight from yellow fever.—Negroes burn a yellow fever patient to death in a church.—Vienna in a turmoil over city politics.—Persian Shah starts on his visit to the Czar.—Blanco refuses to obey Spain's orders; protest from evacuation commission.—State officials of Illinois refuse to protect imported miners at Pana and Virden mines.—Speculative business bad.—Conjunction of Venus and Uranus.

Tuesday.—Delaware Indians continuing their preparations to emigrate from U. S. to Mexico.—Turkey is pretending to yield to demands of European powers to evacuate island of Crete.—Norwegian relief expedition in search of Andre, returns, finding no trace of the aeronaut.—N. W. Engeltcheff, a Russian Prince, marries a Chicago girl.—France and England are endeavoring to adjust their African troubles.—Irish Fenellites opposed to Anglo-American alliance.—Knights Templars gathering at Pittsburg, Pa., for the great conclave.—Wheat advancing again.

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The October Monist.

The contents of the October *Monist* will be found to be of more than passing interest for the world of thought. There is a profound contribution *On the Foundations of Geometry*, by Dr. H. Poincare, Professor in the University of Paris, and the most distinguished mathematician of France. Dr. Poincare goes very thoroughly into the psychology and metaphysics of the subject, and the article may be regarded as a permanent contribution to philosophy. The general public, which has witnessed in the last ten or fifteen years the rise and fall of innumerable Volapuks, or universal languages, will be interested in knowing what has been really done by scientists toward creating a system of universal writing, or "pasi-graphy," as it is called. (Yearly, \$2.00. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co.)

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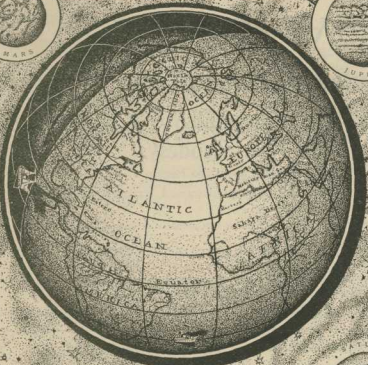
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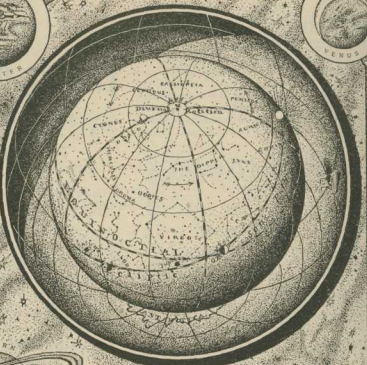
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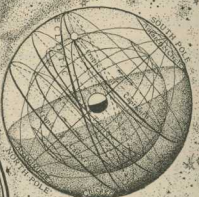
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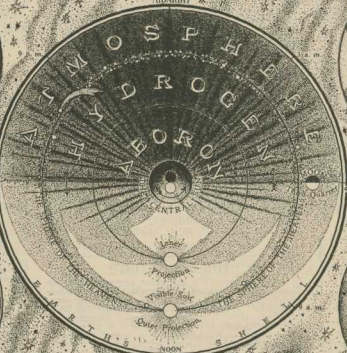
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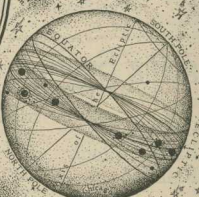
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