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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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The Science of Mental Therapeutics.

Part IV.

Phenomena Not Explained by the Dual Mind Theory; Transmission of the "Subjective Mind;" Baptism of Jesus; Raising the Dead; Spirits in Swine.

OBJECTION is made to the fluidic theory of Mesmer. But suppose we analyze more critically the laws and processes of psychic transmission, from the standpoint of practical demonstrations in the Lord's personal experience. We have in mind an illustration of the absence of any possibility of suggestion in a case with the following record:

Now when he [Jesus] came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, young man, I say unto thee, arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

Where was this man's "subconscious mind," and upon the basis of what law was he raised from the dead, but by virtue passing from the Lord to his unconscious remains? In another instance already noted, the Lord said: "I perceive that virtue is gone out of me." In the case quoted from Luke vii:12-15, will any man imagine that the process was radically different, and that virtue (dynamis) did not go out of Him? In still another case, we have a more striking illustration of the departure of dynamic power from a person, and a more definite basis of analysis. At one time the Lord met a man in the country of Gadara, who was surcharged with some kind of pneumatic or psychic energy (from the record we conclude it was pneumatic force), and who by the power of this force was made to cry out:

What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. (For he said unto him, come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.) And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, my name is Legion: for *we* are many. And all the devils besought him [for this was the kind of dynamis possessed by the man] much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there a great * * * herd of swine feeding; and all the devils [spirits] besought him [Jesus], saying, send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, * * * and were choked in the sea.

How is this for "suggestion" and the subjective mind? What became of this subjective mind that entered the swine? and what entered the man to fill the void?

The modern counterfeiters of the power of the Lord nineteen hundred years ago, will quote the record of the Lord's sayings in so far as those sayings bolster up some antichristian theory, while they denounce the very fundamental principles made most prominent in that ancient testimony. What was it that passed from John the Baptist, when John saw the Lord coming through the throng bordering on the river Jordan, where the great prophet was baptizing, and was made conscious of the Lord's Divinity through the descent of the pneuma (spirit) in the form of a dove (type of regeneration), lighting on Jesus? Was it the passing of the pneuma (not psyche) from John to Jesus? or what was it? Who shall answer? It was the Voice of God, the veritable Logos, the spirits of the dead which John had gathered into himself, into the vortex of the resurrec-

tion. He had aggregated them for the express purpose of transposing them to the Christ of God, for immediately afterward John was taken and cast into prison, and what followed is conclusive evidence that John had lost his prophetic power.

Just as the evil spirits had departed from the man of Gadara, by the thousands, so the divine spirits departed from John, passing into the Lord and leaving John destitute of the power of prescience; for he sent two of his disciples to Jesus to know if he was the Messiah, or should they look for another? This was after the spirit of prophecy, formerly in John, had declared the Son of God, and also after that spirit, or thousands of spirits, had entered Jesus. This was the reason John, while the prophetic spirit was still with and in him, said: "He must increase, but I must decrease." By what power were these spirits made to transpose themselves from one person to another? and is there any similarity between this case and the doctrine of modern hypnotism?

It is not generally known that energy is a substance. Modern chemistry and the false theories regarding electricity are leading the mind astray. Mental energies are the product of the destruction of matter; but while they are substantial, they are not merely fluidic activities, for they comprise spiritual entities. The human body is the product of the digestion of the substantial material which it appropriates, but through the appropriation, the substances metamorphosed become the aggregate form and general conscious entity of the structured organism. So every spirit inhabiting the interior mental spheres of organic life, is the product of appropriated energy. Every mind is constituted of thousands of spiritual beings, and these beings either dwell in the cells of the external cortical area, the internal area, in the central cellular groups of the encephalic mass, or in the locations of the various organs of the body; but no spirit can exist independent of external or material organic structure. Organism is the substantial basis of all spirit life, and the channel through which all pneumatic and psychic phenomena are manifest.

There never has been an instance in which a psychic phenomenon was not the result of operation in and through a physical basis. Every psychic and pneumatic influence upon what the "subjective mind" theorists

have denominated the subjective mind, has been exerted through the instrumentality of the physical organism. The operator operates through his own organic structure, not necessarily from his "sub-conscious mind," but by and through the voluntary operations of his exterior intellectual and affectional functions; and the so called objective mind upon which the influence is exerted, is also within a physical organism.

Hudson tells us that the subjective mind "is a distinct entity, possessing distinct powers and functions, having a mental organization of its own, and being capable of sustaining an existence independently of the body." Why, then, does not Hudson operate on these subjective spooks without the intermediation of the physiological structure, through which, so far, his experiments have been conducted? Why did not the spooks, the *devils* driven out of the man of Gadara, and which immediately passed into the swine, try a little of that independent existence which Hudson says they are capable of enjoying? Because they could not exist independently of some kind of a structured physiological and material form and basis of existence. Those spirits entered the living brain cells of the swine, and were transformed from human spirits to the spirit of the swine. And what is more reasonable—following out the lines of analogy, and accepting the fact that the external forms of animal life are transformed to human, and, per contra, the forms of human life are transformed to animal, this transmetamorphosis taking place constantly in the food appropriations of the two kingdoms, the animal and the human—than to think that the spiritual spheres of the two kingdoms are subject to a corresponding transposition?

Hudson is wrapped up in the modern fallacy of the non-substantiality of energy. This is the rock upon which he goes to pieces. We deny the possibility of spiritual or psychical life of any kind independent of the physiological and material form in which it resides, and through which it performs its functions. All spiritual life has its basis of operations in the material, hence we say with the apostle: "God is in the generation of the righteous;" and again, to those in whom the Word is manifest, "Ye are the temple of God, because God dwells in you."



All the Difference in the World.

We have before us a neat little monthly issued by the Self-Knowledge Pub. Co., Baltimore, Md.; \$1.00 per year, 10 cents per copy. On the title page we notice the following: "Devoted to the unfoldment of the divinity in humanity on all planes of consciousness in spirit and in truth for truth's sake." One difference between

the claims of the monthly in question and THE FLAMING SWORD, is in the fact that while *Self-Knowledge* is devoted to the unfoldment of the God in humanity, THE FLAMING SWORD gives some attention to the extraordinary advancement of the unfoldment of the devil in humanity, while it does not forget to speak of the final evolution of the sons of God.

Celibate and Marital Orders of Koreshanity.

The Virginal and Marital Divisions Differentiated; Purpose and Possibilities of Each in the Establishment of the New Era.

After studying the Koreshan System for one year, and finding it a Universology, in contrast with all other modern sciences, I have a strong desire to become, in time, an active member of your Unity. I understand the merits of the Industrial Co-operative Union of America, and agree with you that effective training and practical results of the Koreshan Universology will not be realized in the ordinary mind so long as the same is imprisoned in the present slavery of the industrial wage system. For this reason I advocate your practical establishment of the Co-operative Union. Now, do you wonder, or can you guess why I am offering you my service?

But right here I see obstacles in my way, explained in the two words in your teachings, "Celibate and Communital." I would or could not claim the full comprehension of Koreshan Universology, if I would not recognize the great truth involved in these two principles. The duty, the responsibility, of making a living for my family and to educate the children in the right direction, is a duty which with me reigns supreme. You may stand as high as you wish, but you will never succeed (and probably you may have no desire to take such a difficult stand) in inducing a man with a family to sacrifice his own children for the general welfare of humanity; this welfare must be brought in harmony with the ideal of that duty a man feels he owes to his own life blood. I could comply, in fact, we do comply with the second principle regarding sexual relations, not because Koreshan Universology teaches it, but because we feel and know it to be true.

Now I ask, as the disciples of the Christ nineteen hundred years ago asked, "What shall I do to be saved?" I could use my own judgment, but I am asking for advice. Will you give it to me?—B. B., Portland, Ore.

WE WOULD call attention to our general division of the Koreshan System into two orders, the primary one being virginal, the second or lower general order is marital. One of the provisions of the marital order is that people who are married or who desire to enter into and remain in the marital relation, are at liberty to do so, while at the same time they are identified with the Koreshan movement. This lower order of Koreshanity is monogamic, in this particular differing nothing from the common system of marriage as it obtains throughout the world, and especially among the so called Christian nations and peoples. There is, however, this distinction: We advocate a higher standard, founded upon certain defined physiological laws which the world will ultimately not only come to recognize, but will be compelled to enforce.

The sex functions are for the double purpose of propagating the race, and for generating a surplus energy which, when conserved according to certain higher physiological principles, will conduce to the physiological and mental perfection of those who know and apply the principles. No person, even in the marital order, should ever indulge the sex function for mere pleasure, and never for any purpose but that of propagation. Sensuality in the common marital life of the world is carrying humanity to ruin at a rapidly accelerating ratio, and the great waste of human energy, through the prostitutions of married life in the dissipation of the sex forces, is the fundamental cause of disease.

The lack of resistance to the encroachments of the destructive elements to sound physiological conditions, is due mainly to the fact that there is no reserve force, because the electro-magnetic and animal energies are dissipated through sexual excess. It is not merely and altogether the result of present excess, for the present humanity has inherited much of its defective resisting and conservative power through the sensuality of the past; nor can these inherited conditions be obliterated in the primary efforts to restore the race to its once normal social life. The perfection of the marital order depends upon the establishment, first, of the virginal, from which the marital will derive its supreme potency through the laws of psychic influx.

While it is understood by the students of Koreshanity that we have reached the end of the Christian dispensation; that there is impending the most universal revolution the world has ever known, and that all things are to become new, it should be distinctly known that we do not advocate the end of the world or its destruction as heretofore taught and believed in the so called Christian church. It is not merely the end of a dispensation, but it is also the termination of a twenty-four-thousand-year cycle. There will obtain great changes, but in many respects the world will progress on general lines intensely human.

Men and women will enter either one or the other of the general orders, determined by their degree of physical, moral, and spiritual development, and according to voluntary, not compulsory force. No person living in and practicing the principles of the natural and sensual propagative life, can become the firstfruit of the resurrection, nor belong to the redeemed who stand on Mount Zion and sing the new song, and who are redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. These are virgins (*vir*, man; *gin*, *gune*, woman), and are without fault;—these are the product of the absolute practice of a life of virginity. All people who overcome may enter this state, but *not* without overcoming.

Does Koreshanity separate families? Yes, just as effectually at least, as does Christianity wheresoever it enters new fields of exploitation and action. The great antipathy in so called heathen nations to Christians and Christian belief, is that wherever it goes it introduces dissension and separation. We teach the doctrine of the separation of the sexes, for all who can and will enter upon a higher plane of existence; and to such we offer a higher standard of perfection, yea, the *highest* standard; for to those who believe in His name and obey his law gives he power to become the sons of God.

These become the offspring of Jehovah, for they are the product of the Lord's planting in the race. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

It is the purpose to so provide for the development, education, and pleasure of the children and young people of the Koreshan Unity, as to place them, in all these respects, beyond the possible attainment afforded by the world under the competitive system now universally prevailing. We state our principles without giving personal advice in these matters; every man must be his own judge as to whether he can conform to either one or the other of the Koreshan Orders.

"What Shall I Do to be Saved?"

Every man is saved in proportion to his application of the laws of life. If he desires to enter upon the highest life, he must conform to the principles of the highest law. Every man is condemned (damned) in proportion to the extent of his violation of the laws of life. If he violates spiritual law, he suffers spiritual damnation so long as he persists in the violation, and to the extent of that departure. It is the same with moral and physiological law. Physiological damnation, which is disease and death, is in consequence of violation of physiological laws, and the damnation is proportionate to the infraction.

The Mystery of Adam Revealed in Jesus.

Comprehension of the Koreshan Cosmogony Necessary to a Perfect Understanding of Koreshan Theology.

THERE ARE a great many things regarding Koreshanity that the ordinary mind cannot comprehend. It is for this reason that there should come into the world a specific, great teacher who, upon authority, may declare certain truths, as facts, independent of argument, that the receptive mind may appropriate until the mental power amplifies sufficiently to grasp the doctrine in its magnitude. We are asked for further particulars about the translation of Adam, *et al.*

The personal Lord Christ, the Son of God, came into the world nineteen hundred years ago, when the constellation Aries was directly over the sign Aries; that is, the twelve constellations stood over the twelve corresponding signs in the earth. This relation of the signs and their constellations occurs once in 24,000 years. Twenty-four thousand years before the Lord came into the world, the same conditions existed in the world, and the same relations of the signs and constellations; therefore a man was born into the world corresponding in every particular to the Lord Jesus, the Christ of God. He was Adam. He was the beginning of the creation of God, which the Lord Jesus Christ was declared to be.

The Lord Jesus was the first Adam, for he was *the living soul*; the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was the

second Adam, for the second Adam was a quickening spirit. Now, between the manifestation of Adam (twenty-four thousand years before the beginning of the Christian age) and the man who is declared to be the Christ of God, there are just as many theocrases, in a direct line, from Adam to Adam (Christ), as there are planetary forms in the physical heavens. This is because the planets correspond to Messianic manifestations.

We know that Noah was translated, both from observation and experience. The word *Noah* signifies breath of Jehovah. This term could only be applied to a soul who, complete, could dissolve and become breath. Enoch signifies man, and as such signifies fulness or completeness. He rounded up his cycle, therefore he was translated. Abraham was not translated, though he began a cycle or a division of time; but he did not belong to the cycle in which the perfection of character was manifest. Moses did belong to such a cycle, and because he did he was translated. A person to comprehend these differences would be compelled to understand all the intricacies of the Koreshan Cosmology, with the correspondences between the alchemico-organic world and its correlate anthroposophy.



Any restoration of man which falls short of the perfect transformation of the organic structure from mortality to the state of integralism or immortality, is deceptive and undesirable.

The bad so completely permeates the whole system of ecclesiastical and secular activity, that dominion throughout the world is the devil's.

The office of the Sign culminates in the theocrasis; for through this comes the baptism of fire by which the new life is formulated.

No love less comprehensive than the love of God, can meet the demand of this age and condition of the world.

God and regenerate man are one.

The Rational and Logical System of Koreshan Universology.

LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

IT WOULD seem that a consideration of the salient features of the various departments of the Koreshan System ought to establish its claims to investigation, at the hands of the intelligent and fair-minded. Its reasonable and convincing solution of one problem alone,—that of the source of the sun's heat, certainly ought to procure it a hearing from present day scientists. As every one knows, this is a question that has heretofore baffled the human intellect, no doubt because being one of the central truths of existence, the scientific region of the brain had not hitherto developed sufficiently to reach such a conception. Conjectures are rife, and new theories on the subject are constantly propounded. The general tendency has been to vibrate from one extreme to the other, one theory predicting such an increase of temperature as would produce a general conflagration in the solar system, the other affirming that the loss of heat arising from so rapid a radiation of the solar energies must eventually render this earth a frozen planet, void of light and warmth where all life has perished.

Now Koreshan Science, as it would seem, very reasonably, declares that the cosmos is self-perpetuating, since waste and supply in it are equal; that there is a reciprocal interchange of energies between the sun and the earth, as between centre and circumference, by which an equilibrium is maintained so that just as the earth receives light and heat from the sun, so the latter is supplied with fuel for the solar fires from the magnetic and electric energies sent up by the earth.

In Koreshan Science, the physical cosmos is not considered as a thing apart, complete in itself, but rather as furnishing by correspondences the key to the anthropistic or mental world. It is a system of types; and whereas it has been shown that the physical universe is governed by absolute, unvarying law, Koreshanity further declares that every law is the exponent of a principle inhering in mind.

General ignorance in regard to the source of the sun's heat and the relation of centre to circumference, would naturally imply a corresponding ignorance concerning the nature of the Divine man, or the anthropistic center, and the relations existing between God and man as centre and circumference of the anthropistic world. Is it not a fact that this age is avowedly agnostic, confessing its lack of knowledge in just this direction? Dean Worcester in his book on the all-important islands whose destiny is just now a subject of national interest, relates that certain devout Filipinos caught sight of a caricature of Ex-president Cleveland in a copy of *Judge* that some one had sent him. Cleveland, then in office, was represented as a saint in an ill fitting nimbus, weeping over the sins of his fellow countrymen; the innocent natives begged this caricature, hung it up and worshiped it.

It seems that there are many persons today, worshipping as absurd caricatures of the Divine Being as this

distorted image of one whom his warmest admirers never qualified as Godlike. The need of the age is a scientific idea of God and a religious system that, as the logical outcome of science, is strictly reasonable. According to the Koreshan concept of Deity, the divine man is perfected out of the common humanity, through processes of involution and evolution extending over ages of experience. His manifestation is periodical, recurring at intervals ordained by law, and he renews the spiritual life of humanity by imparting his own to the race,—spiritual force which he previously draws up from the race and returns in higher and purer form. Hence there is a reciprocal relation between God and man, precisely analogous to that existing between the sun and the earth.

The Cellular Cosmogony, which to some minds appears so startling as to border upon absurdity, is in reality in strict conformity with that dictum of modern research which asserts that all life develops *ab ovo*. And it rests also upon a definite mathematical premise demonstrable by any one with sufficient courage and interest to undertake the experiment of running an air line.

No student of sociology who scans intelligently the signs of the times, can fail to apprehend a deep and widespread dissatisfaction with existing conditions. The statistics from German schools for the ten years from 1887 to 1897, show that 407 school children under fifteen years of age committed suicide. Now while it is cowardly, suicide on the part of those who have advanced in life far enough to see their fondest hopes wither and the blight of disappointment spread over every joy, may not be altogether without excuse; but when the very young shrink back on the threshold of existence and refuse to carry the burden of life, the phenomenon is felt to be both unnatural and appalling. Child-suicide is one of the saddest and most startling symptoms of modern social life.

What manner of civilization have we been fostering, that even the children find its conditions impossible at the outset? The remedy proposed by Koreshanity, is a return to the communistic relations of the early Christians. The figure of Jesus Christ stands as the exemplar of a Christian world that professes to see in him the Divine man. If it be possible to establish orderly and harmonious relations among men, and to inaugurate a social system calculated to provide the best possible opportunity for the advancement of humanity to a higher plane of moral and intellectual activity, it is reasonable to suppose that Jesus would supply the model for this form of government. Clergymen and students of church history are beginning of late to emphasize the fact, attested by secular records as well as by the Bible narrative, that the early church was communistic in its aims and methods.

The Koreshan Unity is a practical attempt in modern times to return to early communistic and co-oper-

ative ideals, but it meets with persistent hostility and opposition from the competitive world. The lives of the great reformers furnish pathetic reading, and the homage of succeeding generations cannot recall the calumny that wounded the sensitive spirit, or the insults that sank deep into the noble heart. No unprejudiced observer can study this socialistic experiment *ab intra*, mingling with its exponents in their home life, listening to their daily conversation and watching their efforts, without discovering that in devotion to principle, in self-sacrifice and in patient endeavor, that little community in Chicago offers an example of practical, every-day heroism unequalled since the days of the primitive church. Let those who are themselves unwilling to put off the shackles of self-interest that bind men to the competitive world, at least do honor to those who bravely take the initiative in a movement designed for the comfort and relief of suffering humanity.

It is a mistaken idea that the object of Koreshanity is to detach men from the human brotherhood by shutting them up in communities according to the old monastic scheme of life. Its aim and scope are broad enough to embrace the whole world, and its avowed purpose is to inaugurate a system that shall overspread the earth,

—a system founded in love to the neighbor. Community life in the restricted sense is a necessary phase pertaining to the development of a new socialism, only so long as its ideas are shared by the few.

"Food and drink, roof and clothes," writes that master of delicate prose, the author of "The Story of My Heart," "are the inalienable right of every child born into the light. If the world does not provide it fully—not as a grudging gift but as a right, as a son of the house sits down to breakfast—then is the world mad. But the world is not mad, only in ignorance—an *interested ignorance, kept up by strenuous exertions*, from which infernal darkness it will, in course of time, emerge, marveling at the past as a man wonders at and glories in the light, who has escaped from blindness." He goes on to express the hope that future generations may have leisure to enjoy their days and the earth and the beauty of this beautiful world; that they may rest by the sea, and dream. "I will work toward that end with all my heart," he adds fervently.

This is one of the ends that Koreshanity has in view, toward which its advocates are toiling ardently, ennobled by the power of a great aim, whether the meed of their efforts be praise or blame from the world at large.

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE FUNDAMENTAL principle of republicanism is a fallacy; it is the idea expressed in the declaration of American independence, the hobby of the politician and the individualist, and the germ of anarchy—the idea that "all men are created equal," and that their rights should be conceded accordingly. No one has ever thought of applying such a principle to the *practical* affairs of life, yet the American government is supposed to be founded upon the idea; it is founded upon a fallacy. Hon. A. Lawrence Lowell questions whether the doctrine is near enough the truth to be consistently and safely acted upon! The ideal democracy, as an element in the attainment of human beings in the adjustment of all the relations of mankind, has never been and can never be, fulfilled. No society has ever existed where its members were equal, or practically considered to be so. No army has ever been organized, disciplined, and ordered to the field of action on the basis of such an hypothesis. The scope of the rights of a man is circumscribed by the border lines of his mental attainments and by his field of usefulness. The territory of his aspirations, the size of his orbit of liberty in the anthropotic world, depends entirely upon his mental and moral altitude and the consequent area of his mental perception and breadth of comprehension of himself and man. The inequalities existing between men are becoming more and more apparent; the mental, religious, and social conditions are multiplying, and the extremes of human thought and ability are widening. The human system is not constructed on the basis of equality; the universe has center and circumference, demonstrating the laws of organic unity. Koreshanity involves the science of construction of the mental, economic, social, political, and religious domains. The divine government will be a kingdom or theocracy, the government of the Gods of the Golden Age. When the individuals of the human family are socially related,—as the individual cells of the human brain

are mentally and alchemically related,—with centers of elaboration and circumferences obedient to the laws of order and the general government of the central ego; or as the stars in the liberty of their orbits in subordination to the controlling central positive pole or sun of the physical universe, the world will enter upon an age of universal peace!

We are a little amused at the expressions of Prof. Wm. James in the *Atlantic Monthly*, in a series of articles on psychology. He is writing on the functions of consciousness entirely from a theoretical standpoint, because he says it is impossible to scientifically explain the mind. We want to show from his own words just how much the modern psychologists know about human mentality, and let the reader judge for himself whether we are right in our assertions that modern scientists do not understand man. "It must be frankly confessed that in no fundamental sense do we know where our successive fields of consciousness come from, or why they have the precise inner constitutions which they do. They certainly follow or accompany our brain states (!), but if we ask just how the brain conditions them, we have not the remotest inkling of an answer to give. * * The truth is, that we really don't know the answers to the problems on the explanatory level." These admissions reveal the condition of the modern "scientific world." It is full of "scientists" who do not know, including astronomers, physicists, chemists, geologists, clergymen, and political economists; but such men are posing as the world's educators! Knowledge is *below zero* in the modern schoolrooms, lecture halls, pulpits, observatories, libraries, newspapers, Congress halls, saloons, and lunatic asylums! We do not say this because we like to, but because it is a palpable fact!

The fiat of Ingersoll provides for the futility of all modern scientific research; the agnostic has taken his stand that mystery

is eternal and that solution never comes. He says that "man must give up searching for the origin of anything. No one knows the origin of life, nor of matter, nor what we call mind. The whence and the whither are questions no man can answer. In the presence of these questions, all intellects are upon a level. The barbarian knows exactly the same as the scientist, the fool as the philosopher. Only those who think they have had some supernatural information, pretend to answer these questions; and the unknowable and unfathomable is the realm occupied wholly by the inspired." Ingersoll knows that the mental chaos in the church and university is too great to characterize knowledge; he acknowledges the inadequacy of modern education and the *failure of all modern systems*. The modern world is drifting toward the conclusions of Ingersoll; the dogmas of the church have failed to satisfy the people, and the scientist cannot prove his assumptions. In the light of these admissions, where is the boasted progress of the world? Where is its advanced thought? Where is the positive mental pole in the age of reason? It is not in the chaos of modern systems, but in the discovery of universal form and function, the *science of cellular life*, the revelations and inspirations of demonstrated premise, analogy, and reason.

Prof. Gilbert, of the United States Geological Survey, predicts that in 2,000 years from now Chicago will be deluged by the waters of the great Lakes. From the basis of observations, he concludes that the continent of North America is changing its level, rising in the north and sinking in the south, and that the tilting causes a shifting of the water in the lake basins. The earth is changing its shape; the continents are gradually changing level in accordance with unquestionable observations. If the earth rotated once in twenty-four hours, the tendency would be to bulge convexly more and more at the equator, and consequently to rise or swell away from the center, forcing the water to change its level and gradually recede to the regions of the poles. But the opposite is true; land at the poles is rising, and the water is gradually rising at the equator. The earth is bulging in the equatorial zone, but the earth is concave, and as it gradually bulges it becomes lower and lower, as to the water level. The earth is in the shape of an egg or prolate spheroid, and is gradually evolving into the form of a sphere. The facts of geology demonstrate the Koreshan Cosmogony, while for the old system they create insurmountable difficulties and problems.

The chaos of the modern city is an infallible index to the character of modern civilization. Cities have not developed in an orderly or a systematic manner; city builders have been altogether unprepared to meet the requirements of rapid developments and the demands of sanitation and rapid transit. At the cost of millions of dollars the streets are paved; soon they are torn up for a new sewer system and relaid; taken up again for cables for street cars, and then rearranged for underground wires, which in turn necessitate changes in the sewer mains. Then come the elevated roads and underground cars, with numerous scaffoldings and excavations. Theories and systems of reform have developed in the same haphazard, unscientific, chaotic, and spasmodic manner, with the results adapted to the conditions of the competitive system. The entire modern world is made up of patches. The cities of the future will be built according to system. Koreshanity involves the elements of all future progress and civilization. The plan of its capital city provides for all future developments, without changing or disturbing the lasting structures, streets, and parks. It is located scientifically, and will be constructed according to the laws of order.

A number of men who have contributed large sums of money in the interest of the Keely motor, without realizing

immediate returns from the application of what Keely endeavored to discover, are finding many things about the Keely works since the inventor's death, which they cannot comprehend; and these things they are endeavoring to expose as constituting a gigantic fraud. The transmutation of the energies of sound to the energies of motion is possible, demonstrated in the simple sympathetic vibrations of violin strings and by particles of sand upon a vibrating disc. The Keely motor is a possibility; but when materialized it will be known by another name. If Keely resorted to the trick of the water-motor to enable him to carry out a scheme for money while developing his vibrator, he was only on a par with the millionaires who steal millions to run *their* machines! The "monumental frauds" of the nineteenth century are those involving *billions*, not thousands of dollars! The machinery of modern government has more secret wires, tubes, and frauds than Keely could ever dream of!

It is said that sun-worship is the oldest religion, the origin of all worship. Thousands of years ago, it was the prevailing idea in all the world. Heliopolis of Egypt was the city of the Sun, and Potiphera was the priest of the sun. The religion of the sun prevailed in the land of Zoroaster; it was the religion of the Peruvians and of the Aztecs; the religion of Noah, Moses, and Jesus; the religion of Koreshanity. It is the religion of all peoples of all ages where the divine light has shone. It is the worship of the Sun of Righteousness, the anthropotic Sun of humanity, of which the physical sun, the center of the universe, is the analogue and symbol. Jesus was the Sun, the Son of man, the God-man, the Light of the world. He has appeared billions of times in ages past, and the worship of him is the *oldest* religion, the *only true* religion possible to exist in the world. The Hebrew word KORESH means sun, and is identical with the Egyptian Horos, the Greek Kuros, the Persian Surya, and the Hindu Svarya.

The astronomers are puzzled over the problems of the shifting of the earth's axis, and the consequent shifting of latitude in all parts of the world. How it is that the earth can change its poles never so little without changing the time of its rotation according to the Copernican hypothesis, is more than can be solved by the "shifting" theory. Year after year the day's length is the same, and century after century the time of sidereal revolution is the same definite period to the fraction of a second. The earth changes its shape; but the earth is not in motion. The earth's poles or magnetic axes change with the shifting of the axis of revolution of the heavens; the shifting is in the heavens, not in the revolution of the ponderous earth. Scores of astronomical and geological problems which confront the modern scientist, find ready solution in the Koreshan System; it is in agreement with every fact, and the latest researches confirm its conclusions.

It has been advocated in the United States Senate, that no government should be forced upon a people without the consent of the governed. This is supposed to be the very foundation sentiment of republicanism, but it has not been so in America. The United States expended about \$6,000,000,000 in forcing the government of the Union upon the southern states, not only against the will of the South, but against its armed protest in the great five-years' struggle for southern independence. Of course, America never asked the Indian if he desired to be ruled by the whites, nor its citizens of the present century if they desire to be governed by an ancient constitution, or whether they would submit to the plutocracy of the money power. Nothing of the kind! The suggestion might have thwarted the scheme; the octopi have quietly invaded the premises and swelled to enormous proportions.

The Mayor of Chicago waited until zero weather to call upon people who have been "blessed with wealth," to contribute to the comfort of families too poor to purchase food and fuel during the extreme cold. Blessed with wealth! The hold-up is blessed with cash when the cashier takes the \$1,000 from the till and hands it to the man wearing the mask and holding the gun; the burglar is blessed when he extracts the contents of the safe; and the millionaire is blessed because he steals the wealth of those who are poor. But the mayor would not desire to say so much!

"The gods must be useful or they will not be tolerated." It depends upon the character of the people by whom it is desired that they should be useful. Purity is not useful to sensualism, and will not be tolerated by it. While the corrupt world is noisily judging the Almighty, he is quietly testing the world through the declaration of truth, through which he declares that the time has come for man to be useful to his neighbor or his existence will not be tolerated!

A priest is supposed to pray for the people; it would seem that he should be the one to do it, since the transmutation of the wafer is the direct creation of God by the church magician. Sometime, however, the order might be reversed to good advantage. In the church rules, the people are advised to "pray for your priests," because "they need it." Good; but don't do it for *nothing*; priests always charge fancy prices for their prayers.

True communism conserves and holds in common not only the products of labor, but the energies of life as well. Life conserved is more important than the goods of life, and is prior in use. Scientific communism, with the application of the highest religious and economic principles, is the only system that will accomplish the emancipation of the world.

Though the "mental scientist" makes the claim that the Almighty is in every man, it recognizes the fact that there is so little of him there that God cannot make the external man understand! That must be accomplished by mental science journals; then the man gets full—of conceit!

A short time ago we editorially noticed some of the different kinds of human insects in the world. We omitted a few:

The modern ten-ants, lieuten-ants, and anti-podes; the anti-christs, assist-ants, and the queens; the book-worms, drones, death-watches, and the heretics!

The modern church looks with horror upon a life of celibacy; it is considered a useless and foolish undertaking. Celibate societies have existed in all ages as the conservators of life. The Nazarites were a society of the Jews in the days of Jesus; and Jesus himself was a Nazarite!

The anti-expansionists admit that the United States is not a free country; they conclude that under American control the Filipinos will *not* be free. This is self-evident; for millions in America are in bondage to the tyranny of the money power.

According to Ingersoll, the limitations of knowledge are more confining than the Koreshan hollow globe is to the average Copernican; he thinks that the world not only does not know *anything* for certain, but must *always* remain in ignorance!

"Man has never fallen from a perfect state;" if not, he has never risen to it. A seed both rises and falls in order to perpetuate its life. The laws of life and death are eternal. The cause of man is man; and that cause is perfect.

The secret of successful socialism is not in devising a scheme to adapt to sensual humanity, but in changing the heart of man to conform to the laws and relations of organic unity.

The "christian science" conception of universal mind pervading an infinite ethereal medium, is an effort to rid the world of mankind of the necessity of having brains.

Latitude in the earth is designated by parallels; but the latitude desired for operations by the modern trusts is not scientific; it is unparalleled!

Politicians are figures which the millionaire moves on the national chess-board.

Jesus was elected before the majority voted for him.

Football is modern competitism reduced to athletics.

The men who invert the truth are invert-ebrates.

Modern anthropologists are aping Darwin.

Truth takes time to select her advocates.

Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

Tests of the Koreshan Premise.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Now that my Washington monument proposition has been so airily disposed of, I have the pleasure of reminding you that the case is not on that account, to be deemed "out of court." On the 13th day of November, 1895, while discussing the Cellular Cosmogony with you at your residence in Allegheny City, Pa., I proposed to accompany you to Cleveland, Ohio, and look through a telescope placed one foot above the surface of the lake at the Cleveland dock; and if the Canadian shore were visible I would accept your theory. If the shore were not visible, I asked you to abandon your theory. For answer you referred me to Dr. Teed, who had a \$10,000 challenge open to any one disproving his theory.

Later I met Dr. Teed in Allegheny, and

made the same proposition to him. He replied that he "had more important business to attend to." Now, as the above proposition has never been entertained, it is still open; and to a disinterested person it would seem as though ridicule would not quite meet the requirements of the case. An answer is respectfully solicited. —HARRY HOOVER, Pennsylvania.

If we understand the above letter, it is to the effect that a proposition made some years ago to view the Canadian shore from Cleveland, Ohio, with the telescope axis one foot above the lake level, is still open. The nearest point on the Canadian shore to Cleveland is about 52 miles. We have never made the claim that a shore at that distance could be seen through a telescope at an elevation of 12 inches; and

therefore, so far as the Koreshan System is concerned, that proposition is closed. The proposition is absurd, not taking into consideration the principles of perspective foreshortening which would apparently annihilate the vertical space of 12 inches many times in that distance; and we do not propose to submit the premise of the earth's concavity upon such a proposition.

In past years, we have conducted about 100 different experiments on the surface of water for the purpose of testing the popular theory of the earth's convexity; the results of some of these experiments we have published to the world. We have made our propositions to the world in connection with reports of the results—prop-

ositions to duplicate the results under similar circumstances. In the meantime, we have considered it fair that any party accepting our propositions should understand fully the methods by which we demonstrate the premise of Koreshan Astronomy, and comprehend a few factors involved, and the extent of our claims as to optical phenomena in connection with the water horizon. If some effort were made in this direction on the part of those who are anxious to disprove the Koreshan premise, such absurd propositions as the above would be obviated.

We have shown in all our ocular demonstrations of the earth's concavity, that the telescopic horizon on an extended body of water is beyond the horizon of the unaided vision; which could only obtain on such a surface as would subtend a larger angle in the field of the telescope than on the retina of the unaided eye,—not a convex surface with the horizon as the "offing" or apex of the bulge, but as a *concavity*, vanished by perspective to the naked eye at a specific distance, and extended through being magnified by the telescope. The distance to which the horizon may be extended depends entirely upon the power of the telescope. Given a telescope of known power, the horizon will appear at a specific distance beyond the horizon of the unaided vision. Between the two apparent horizons, objects which are invisible to the naked eye, on the water's surface, can be seen with the telescope, although they are beyond the horizon of the unaided vision. Concerning the extent of this difference, we have something to say from actual experiment; and we will abide by no unscientific stretches of inexperienced imagination of would-be combatants.

We are looking for some one who has patience enough to candidly investigate what *we* have to submit—propositions upon which *we* would agree to have the Koreshan System tested before the world; one who will take the time and trouble to investigate a few principles of optics, without an understanding of which there can be no correct interpretation of phenomena apparent either to the unaided vision or through the telescope, as related to experimental tests of the visibility of distant objects, and their real position as related to the altitude of the eye at point of observation.

When such a man is found, with a circle of scientific influence and integrity, and with manhood enough to commit himself on the results in the terms of agreement, we will take pleasure in demonstrating to him, before any number of witnesses, the facts we have published to

the world. Let our friends remember that *our* propositions are open—propositions founded upon actual observations, the reports of which may be taken, item by item, and verified. Mr. Hoover may make propositions to us which he has never tried, and does not know what the results would be. So far his propositions are absurd; and our attempt to show him that they are absurd is mistaken by him for ridicule.

The Flaming Sword Stirs Up a Preacher.

I have just received a copy of your *CELESTIAL COSMOGONY*, with a year's subscription to *THE FLAMING SWORD*. It is not the first copy I have read, for I have had several others. I did not subscribe, but Prof. O. F. L'Amoreaux, who stopped with me a day or so, wanted to send me *THE SWORD* as a gift, which I told him he could do at his pleasure. But I told the Professor that I had no use for you or your abominable doctrine. You have been pretty thoroughly aired in this county, and I have been investigating, and have concluded that you do not believe a word of your own doctrine, either in regard to the Christ or your Cosmogony. It is simply an entering wedge to get dupes, of which the U. S. is abundantly supplied.

I know of five women, some of them strangers to each other, who have been members of your Order; and they all agree that it is nothing but a harem, and you are carrying it on in the name of religion. You may succeed in Chicago, but I think you will fail in this county.

In regard to your *FLAMING SWORD*, I wish to say it has been plentiful along this river; and I have not found a man that can make anything out of it after he reads it. It is simply made up of a lot of jaw-splitting words without having an aim at anything. The Professor told me that was because we did not have the key. Now I want you to understand not to send me any more *SWORDS* without a key to unlock them.—Rev. G. W. G., Fla.

We are glad to have it acknowledged occasionally, by the modern clergyman, that he cannot understand the Koreshan System from its simplest forms of exposition; it is a source of great encouragement to our many readers and friends that *they* are able to comprehend that which baffles the intellect and agitates the heart of the so called minister of the gospel. The admission on the part of the reverend gentlemen that they cannot "make anything out of it" (*THE FLAMING SWORD*), evinces the fact that the modern church has fallen so far into fallacy and sensualism that even its "leading lights" have nothing in common with the truth proclaimed by Jesus and now revived in Koreshanity. If the modern clergymen cannot comprehend the Koreshan theology, it is an evidence that they are entirely unable to attack it from any Biblical or rational standpoint; and we notice that our friend fails

to suggest wherein the Koreshan gospel of purity is abominable.

We are glad also to be informed where all the *dupes* are before they come into the Koreshan Unity, for the reason that it is desirable on our part to show that *we* had nothing to do with *making them*! If they are so *very* plentiful in the world, we can safely conclude that there are many of them in the modern church; and judging from the efforts put forth by all the churches and missionary societies, the one great aim to get dupes seems to be clearly manifest!

If our reverend friend would step out on this side of the walls of prejudice behind which he seeks protection, long enough to appreciate the character of the persecution which any new movement must encounter, especially that which the primitive Christian system encountered, he would perhaps be less liable to believe the *absolute falsehoods* put afloat by a few disgruntled persons who once pretended to be in sympathy with the Koreshan movement. The idea that the Koreshan Unity "is nothing but a harem," originates with those who have *harum-scarum* stories to tell, which our reverend friend has been duped into believing! Many who pretended to follow Jesus turned against him at the critical hour, and testified falsely concerning his character. Sensual persons were found who testified against Paul and the other apostles. Throughout all ages, the same hatred of truth has been vigorously shown by minds filled with sensualism and prejudice. The dignity of truth is at last recognized without stopping to parley with enemies.

We might send a few keys with the messages of truth; but it is likely that the keys might be as carelessly thrown around and misused as the contents of that which the keys are intended to unlock. Besides, it requires something more than keys to unlock the truth. We would be glad if we could ship the required elements to all those who need them, but unfortunately for those who have none, we cannot at present supply new material for *empty skulls* without destroying those that are full!

Light and Dark Disci in the Earth's Shell.

(1) Will you please inform us through *THE SWORD*, what layer or stratum each of the seven planets corresponds to? Our interest and curiosity have been aroused by a statement in *THE SWORD* of December 2, of which the following is a quotation: "It (Saturn) is the 'golden planet,' the product of amalgamations of the gold and silver strata."

(2) If the planetary energies are generations of the mercurial disci, is it necessary that a planet come in conjunction with the moon at the time of an eclipse of the moon, since the eclipsor is also a mercurial disc?

(3) Another question—one which you may find it difficult to answer is, Why should we remain in doubt on any subject when *THE SWORD* answers all questions clearly and conclusively?—S. A., Estero, Fla.

Koreshan planetology is an intricate subject, a clear exposition of which would require a volume; and it would be difficult to understand the multiplex correspondences and relations which exist between the seven laminæ and the visible planets in the sky. It would be as difficult to trace for the reader these correspondences and relations, as it would be to define to the student the relations of the alimentary canal of the human system and the functions of the brain which preside over the functions of alimentation. The planets cannot be located in the way in which the inquirer anticipates, any more than food taken into the human system can be confined to one division of the alimentary tract. Every planetary disc in its course in a specific cycle, passes into all the divisions of the alimentary canal of the physical cosmos. The chief characteristic of Saturn, however, is the gold; but it also manifests the characteristics of every other part of the shell. The discs gather up the excreta of the bowels of the earth, and deposit them in the geologic strata for volcanic combustion and metamorphosis.

(2) The planetary discs have their opposites in the shell of the earth—dark discs, which are specifically related to the revolutions of the lunar sphere. These dark discs periodically open the magnetic currents on the ecliptic, and eclipse the moon. A dark projection in the sky intervenes to eclipse the sun, when the moon is new and on the ecliptic in conjunction with the sun. Visible planets do not directly cause the eclipses; and it is not necessary that they be in conjunction with the sun or moon during eclipses.

(3) First, because of the inability of the mind of the student to immediately grasp the Koreshan System; second, because *THE FLAMING SWORD* cannot enter into details of the many phases of the truth of the universe; and third, because it is the purpose of the Koreshan System to develop and educate the mind by a system of key-notes of fundamental principles, and thus induce mental application on the part of the student, from the standpoint of principles rather than through the circuitous route of details.

It is because the student of Koreshanity is not accustomed (nor able always) to follow logical processes in reaching conclusions, that bits of information are necessary now and then to help them over difficult places in the consideration

of important subjects; and during the past year many of our people and friends have availed themselves of the opportunity to obtain brief replies to their questions through this department, and have thereby contributed to the interest of *THE FLAMING SWORD* in its work of propaganda in the fields of new readers. Questions to this department are always welcome; and our replies, which are given according to our judgment, are mere suggestions of the routes to satisfactory conclusions concerning the points submitted to us.

Ground Plan of the New Jerusalem.

To what extent do we differ, so far as you are able to judge from what I send you? Here is something you ought to investigate. Please send me a copy of your paper.—J. F. W., Grinnell, Ia.

We have looked over the matter you have kindly sent us, and note the diagram of your proposed plan of the New Jerusalem and what you say concerning its establishment in the world. In order for you to ascertain just how much you differ from us, you would have to investigate the Koreshan System in its astronomical, geometrical, theological, alchemical, and economic phases. Koreshanity is a system of Universology, the science of the universe,—its form, its function, and its contents. The discovery of the fact that the earth is a concave cell, containing its own life on the inside of a material shell, is the fundamental premise of all Koreshan conclusions.

The laws of cellular life—the knowledge of the processes of the incubation of the great cell, furnish the key to the scientific construction of human society which, in its perfection, will constitute the coming divine kingdom or theocracy, the natural government of the world from the central metropolis, the New Jerusalem. The Founder of Koreshanity has located the site of this city at the gateway of the world, the focal point of the commerce of the Golden Age, embracing the southern portion of Florida and the isles of the West Indies.

The ground plan of the New Jerusalem has been constructed, embracing the perfect geometrical principles of squaring the circle, and its many evolutions from square to square as the co-ordinate forms of the central circular area. So far as we can judge, there is a great difference between the Koreshan plans of the coming great city and the diagram you have sent us—perhaps as much difference as there is between a fragmented concept of truth and the Koreshan Universology.

We send you copies of *THE FLAMING SWORD* as you request; and suggest that we are offering to the world not only that

which it should investigate, but which will ultimately and inevitably be the controlling system of science, religion, and social and political economy.

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A New Theory.

A Book Which Seeks to Prove the Earth Is a Concave Sphere.

To the Editor of the Utica (N. Y.) Daily Press:—A remarkable book is now being circulated in the Mohawk Valley, entitled *CELLULAR COSMOGONY*, which advocates the strikingly original theory that the earth is a concave sphere inclosing the solar and stellar systems, and that instead of living on the outside, we dwell on its inner surface.

The work was lately handed to me by a stranger—a gentleman of fine presence and pleasing address—and I, in keeping with my promise to him, have given it a careful reading; and while I am impressed with the honesty and sincerity of its promoters, and the genuineness of the various experiments described for establishing the concavity of the earth's surface, and am also disposed to give every man a fair chance, and his opinions the weight I think they deserve, yet I do not find myself a convert to the new idea.

How, or by what course of reasoning this theory originated, the volume does not quite make clear, though it appears to have been entertained by its projector for years; but not till the summer of 1896 was a series of experiments begun for disproving, by ocular demonstration, the convexity of the earth's surface. Those observations appeared to establish the fact that an object, like the hull of a distant vessel, for example, which becomes invisible to the naked eye through the earth's convexity, can be brought into view again at the same point of observation, by the use of the telescope.

The enthusiastic investigators accepted this discovery as substantial proof that the earth's surface is at least not convex, and as established science teaches that this occulting of the lower portion of distant objects is one of the chief proofs of the earth's sphericity, they naturally felt that an important point had been gained.

While the text books say nothing of this optical contradiction, and scientists ignore it, and while I have made no special observations in that direction, yet I recall the fact that when serving in the United States navy during the civil war, whenever, during a masthead lookout, the topsail of a vessel was sighted on the horizon, by my unaided vision, immediately on reporting its bearing, the officer of the deck, though 50 feet below me, would level his glass and promptly say, "I see it!" This reminiscence, coinciding as it does with the alleged discovery referred to, leads me to inquire if there are not yet some important discoveries to be made in the field of optical science.

But the votaries of the new theory wished

to go farther than this, and establish the actual concavity of the earth's surface; for by that means only could it be shown to be a hollow sphere, with mankind dwelling on the inner side. With a view to accomplishing this object, one of their number, who is evidently an expert civil engineer, and displays much true genius and good judgment in the preparation for and conduct of his work, designed and constructed an apparatus called a "rectilineator," for projecting an absolutely straight or level line from a given point, regardless of the contour of the earth. [Here was given a description of the Rectilineator, already familiar to our readers.—ED.]

An unbroken stretch of sandy beach on the west coast of Florida was selected for this remarkable geodetic survey. [We omit lengthy and correct description of the *modus operandi* of our system of rectilinearization, from facts taken from the CELLULAR COSMOGONY.—ED.]

This, theoretically, should have secured an absolutely straight line, independently of the curvature of the earth's surface; and in keeping with its accredited convexity, the finishing end of the line should have been about four feet higher, measuring from mean tide level, than at the place of starting; but to the great satisfaction of the projectors, it came out about four feet lower, the latter portion of the line showing a decided dip, relatively to the horizon, and on extending the line by sighting with the surveyor's instrument, it was found to touch the mean tide level one and three-quarters miles further on.

Delighted and confident, the party very reasonably theorized that if a similar line were extended in the opposite direction from their carefully leveled starting point, it would touch the tide level at the same distance, which would establish beyond all question the correctness of their theory. It seemed almost unkind to attempt to criticize the results of a work which I believe was so carefully and conscientiously conducted; but in the interest of scientific truth, I would suggest that the whole tendency of the material composing that forced line was downward, through the attraction of gravitation—not the slightest upward impulse did a single section receive anywhere along the line; and is it strange that of the 1,045 settings and adjustments of sections necessary to complete the two and three eighths mile line, a little inaccuracy might have crept in through "settling?"

And how much settling would it have taken per section to change the elevation of the terminus of the line eight feet—or from a point indicating the accredited convexity of the earth, to one indicating its concavity?

The joining of the respective upright cross arms of each section was the point observed for perfect adjustment, and if the mathematician will take a little time to compute it, he will find that if there was a difference in closeness of contact of 1-17200 of an inch between the ends of each pair of arms—the lower contact being that infinitesimal fraction the closest—the terminus of the line would have been dropped just the eight feet below the plane of the first section.

But let us assume that nine tenths of the work was absolutely perfect—only every tenth section yielding in the slightest degree to the ever present force of gravity—a difference in contact of 1-1720 of an inch, or less than a single thickness of the finest tissue paper, would still produce the same result. Samuel Miller.

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Well, why not? When the common people observe the facts, as may be seen from the ocean beach of San Diego, the scientists (?) and newspapers who can never recognize great discoveries until forced on the world, will have seen their best days!

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The World's News.

Wednesday, February 8.

Senator Tillman on the rampage in the Senate over American expansion.

Spain rejoices that U. S. must undertake to subdue Filipinos.

McKinley determined to suppress the Philippine insurgents and punish them for uprising.

Explorer Conway, of England, discovers that Mt. Sorata is the highest peak in South America.

War is threatening between Bolivia and Chile.

Thursday.

Philippine leader reported as having asked for peace.

Dr. Hirsch of Chicago, called to Temple Emanu-el, New York.

Severe below-zero weather prevailing all over northwest U. S.

Another Philippine battle fought at Calocan; insurgents routed; skirmishes in the jungles.

Christians and Mohammedans at war in Macedonia; bitter cry of modern Christians from carnal warfare in Macedonia to "come over and help us"!

Friday.

Democrats bitterly fighting proposed colonial army bill in U. S. Senate.

Oldest inhabitant outdone on the weather line; coldest in northwest since 1872.

Eastern governments building telegraph line from Cape Town to Cairo, Africa.

New York has \$1,000,000 fire.

Jendi Gras carnival in Venice, Austria, and Florence, Italy.

Saturday.

Influenza epidemic raging in Berlin.

19 men make a perilous trip over broken ice of Lake Michigan from 2-mile water-works crib to shore.

Two men and a woman immersed in Muskingum river at Coal Run, O., by Campbellite minister, at 20° below zero.

Grand Cologne carnival, in Rhenish Prussia, begins today.

Discovery of remains of Andree and outfit in Siberia, reported.

Sunday.

Malabon, another Philippine town, taken by Americans.

Anarchy, spreading in China; rebellion against government and Christian missionaries.

Cubans create a row at Gen. Garcia's funeral at Havana, over position of Cuban soldiers in the procession.

The Leiter family sails for India to visit Lady Curzon.

British church fight continues; established church openly working for union with the Romish church; policy fought by non-conformists.

Bulgaria threatens open hostilities in behalf of Macedonian Christians.

Ninetieth anniversary of birth of Abraham Lincoln.

McClurg's famous bookstore burns in Chicago; loss, \$562,000.

Monday.

Asylum at Yankton, S. Dak., burns; 17 women burned to death; weather 40° below zero.

Army bill still under fire in Senate; republicans threaten to defeat appropriation bills to throw fight in extra session.

Six skaters carried four miles from shore in ice-floes in Lake Michigan; out all night in below-zero weather; rescued by life-saving station; terrible adventure.

Steamships Bulgaria and Pavonia disabled at sea and may be lost.

Belgian forces vanquish Congo rebels and pacify Mongalla territory.

Tumult at a Zionist meeting at Berlin; Dr. Max Nordau hissed and interrupted in attempted lecture.

Tuesday.

War inquiry board charges Alger with incompetency as secretary of war; Miles under fire, and may be court-martialed.

30 vessels, carrying over 3,000 passengers, overdue at New York; ocean horrors feared; terrible hurricanes on Atlantic.

American forces under Gen. Miller, capture Iloilo, capital of island of Panay; town bombarded, and insurgents routed.

Prince Alfred, grandson of Queen Victoria, suicided at Meran, Austria.

Whitelaw Reid talks on expansion at Lincoln celebration, Chicago; hundreds cheer for an empire.

Blizzard raging in eastern U. S.; Washington under 3-foot snow; 39° below zero in Kentucky, with prices on whisky rising!

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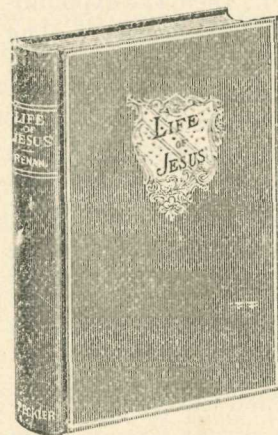
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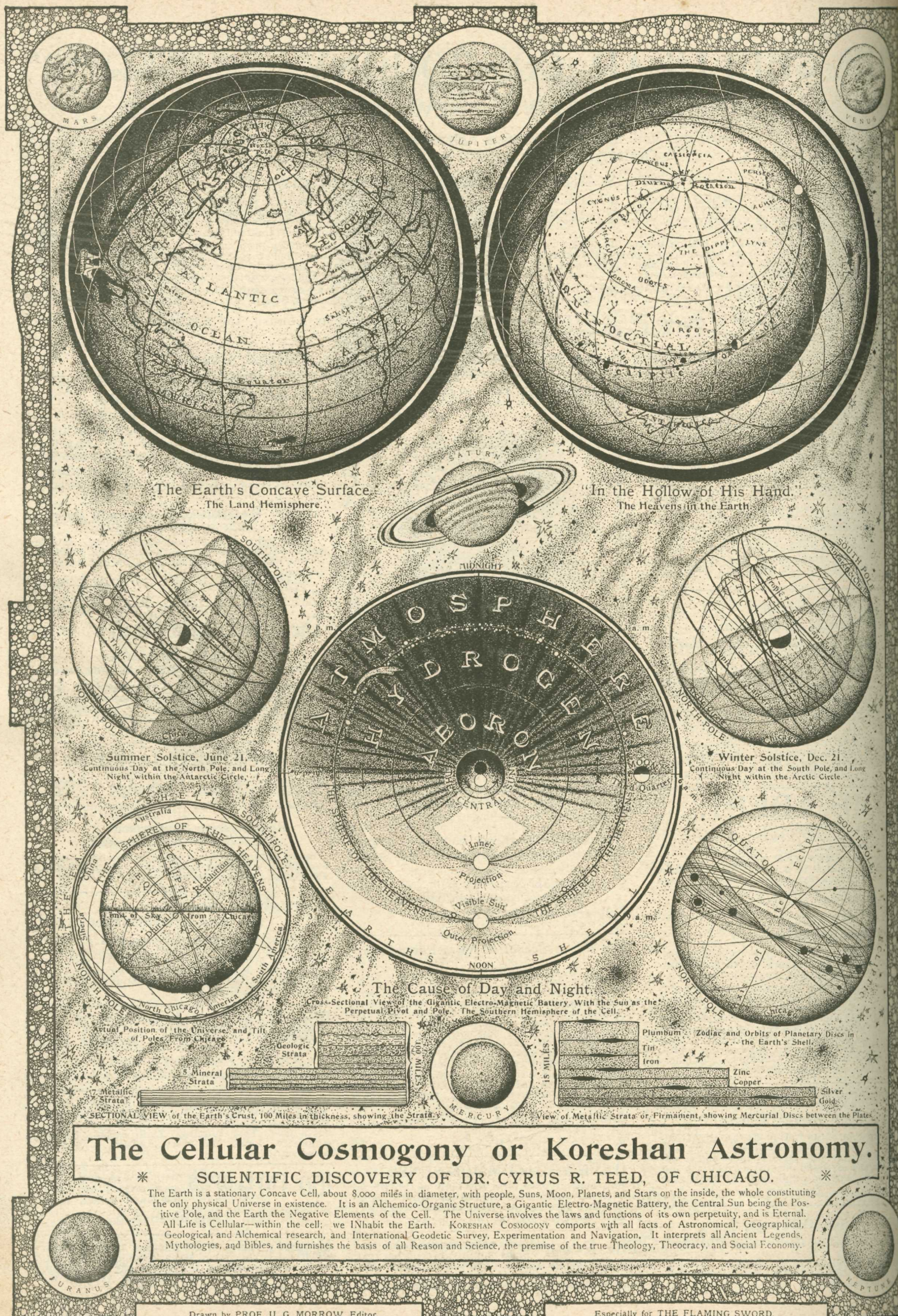
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