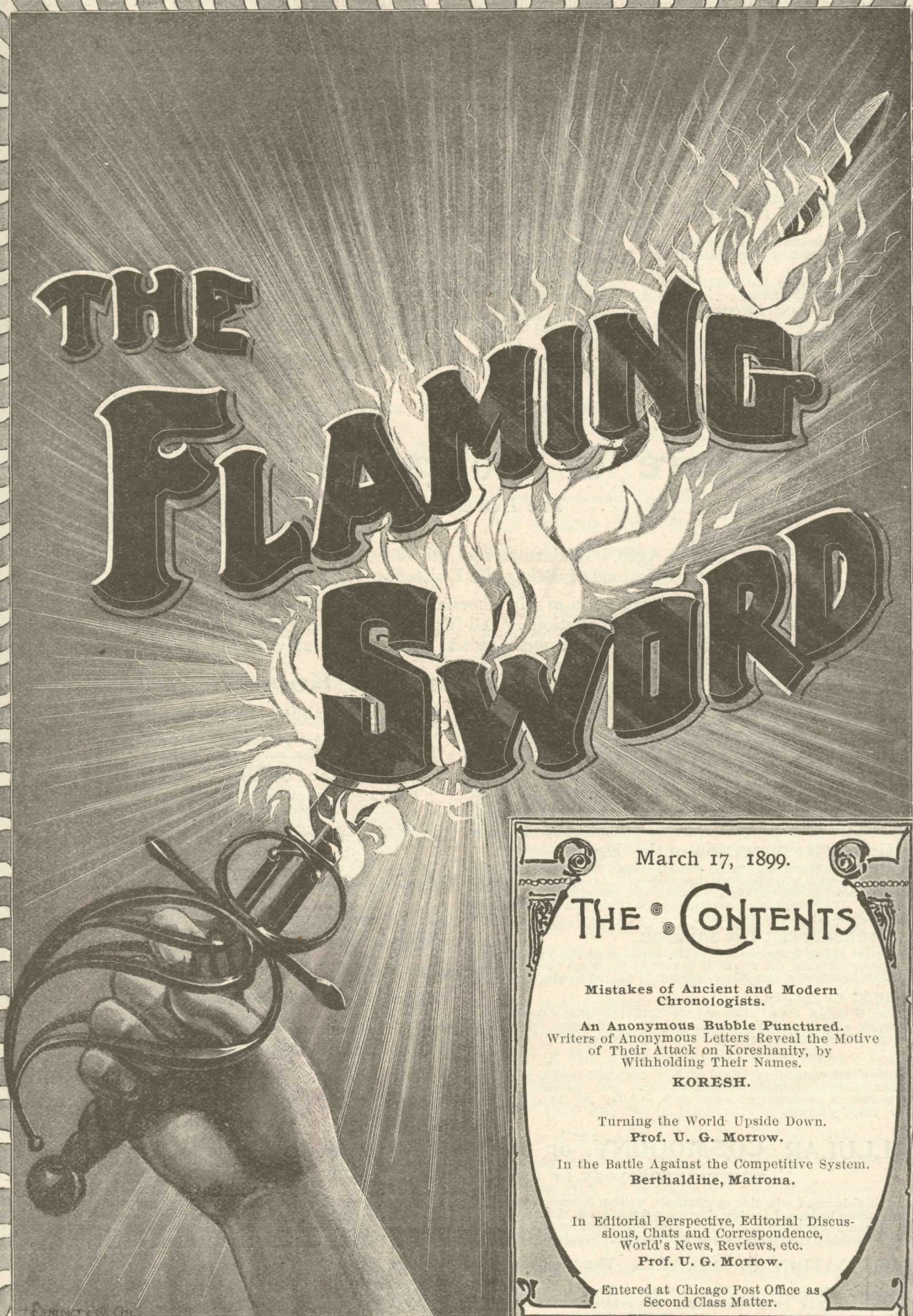


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# The Flaming Sword

*"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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## Mistakes of Ancient and Modern Chronologists.

PROFESSOR TOTTEN is struggling with a great fallacy, in his application of mathematics to events never to be fulfilled. The Professor is good in figures, but when he attempts to adjust his chronology to facts, they do not fit. If he had given as much time to methods of fulfilment as he has to mathematics, he would be performing some use to the human race. Or, if he had even divided the time between his chronology and the investigation of the Lord's methods, he might be of service on the right side. As it is, he is favoring antichrist. Totten is totally ignorant of the character of the events to terminate the Christian dispensation. His Anglo-Israelism is simply moonshine, *and bad moonshine at that*. He is sincere, earnest, and no doubt honest, but badly off. His enthusiasm is devoted to an utterly false principle.

Jesus the Christ lived over thirty years, during which time the students of Jewish prophecy and the chronological experts were figuring out the chronological fact that it was time for the promised Messiah to appear. Those earnest, enthusiastic, and honest researchers after times and seasons, failed to comprehend the more important fact of the times,—the presence of the Christ. Professor Totten is absolutely wrong as to what people constitute Ephraim. He is absolutely wrong as to the character of the Lord's coming.

### The Voice of The Eagle.

"The fourth beast [the Eagle] said, come and see. And behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and hell followed with him." The abomination of desolation closes the Christian age. England and the United States do *not* constitute the Lord's chosen people, though the firstfruits of the resurrection will primarily come forth from the Anglo-Saxon race;

not all, however, for there are many of the firstfruits in other nations. The Holy Ghost (the Spirit) was planted in many nations, according to the following record: (Acts ii: 4-12.)

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed, and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

As the Spirit of Truth was planted in all these people, the sons of God will arise in them all. But as the Germanic family is the universal product of international infiltration, and as the United States is the culmination of this flood of international unity, from the people of the United States, as Ephraim (or the source of Ephraim, for Ephraim is not manifest until the resurrection), will come the sons of God; that is, Ephraim.

The abomination of desolation will come first, and England and America—both false, as governments, to the principles of humanity and justice—will suffer punishment. The stripes of the American flag signify the punishment of the United States. Everything true and good has been and is prostituted to the machinations of the money power. Love of money, Romanism, and whiskey rule the United States; and if there is anything in the universe requiring to be washed out, it is these three.



## An Anonymous Bubble Punctured.

Writers of Anonymous Letters Reveal the Motive of Their Attack on Koreshanity, by Withholding Their Names.

WE PUBLISH this week a letter written to Mr. W. R. Wallace of the I. C. U., urgently requesting him to read an article in the *Atlantic Monthly*, by Dr. John Fiske. The writer of the letter placards himself as a paltry coward, imagining that by withholding his name he disguises his personality. We recently saw an article from the same source, in the *World's Hope*. Our cause is never injured by these puerile efforts to retard the progress of Koreshanity.

So far as Dr. Fiske's ravings are concerned, we have merely to say that his arguments, if worth anything, would consign the prophets, the Lord in whom the writer professes to believe, and the disciples to the "limbo" upon which "Nathaniel Holmes stands," and the "darkest recesses" into which Fiske has dumped Ignatius Donnelly. No man ever came before the world with a revolutionary system, who was not accounted a fool and a crank by the professed conservatives of the times; and because there arises an occasional philosopher or scientist, it in no wise follows that there are not many fools, cranks, and hypocrites.

Not many years ago, there were four men attempting to unite on the basis of unraveling the mysteries of prophecy, they claiming to specifically represent the "Elijah spirit" of this present or coming age. What little thunder they possessed, they stole from a man by the name of Barbour, of New York state. Every one of these men imagined himself the biggest headed of the four, and the result was that the "Elijah spirit" headed up in each one, each going off on a tangent of his own, giving a different interpretation of the prophecies regarding the closing of the old and the beginning of the new age. The writer of the above-mentioned anony-

mous letter is a follower of one of these four men, each of whom secretly claims as much as the Founder of Koreshanity, but hypocritically disguises from the public his claims and aspirations.

While we do not fear bushwhacking, we regard it a contemptible mode of warfare; and a man who will lend himself to the course pursued by the author of this letter is an ignoble sneak. We are making an open fight for the truth. We do not hesitate to publicly say that we are authorized to publish to the world the science of immortal life. If we had not force enough to arouse the enmity and even the aggressive opposition of the world of error, we would be compelled to relinquish the fight and retire from public notice. Michael and his angels fought, and the dragon and his angels; and what a general most desires when marshaling and mobilizing his forces, is to find the enemy in force.

The pope of Rome claims to be Christ's vicar on earth, and to have committed to him the keys of St. Peter; but while the Protestant nations and peoples silently laugh at the assumption, they publicly bow to his papal majesty, honor the dignity and authority of his claims, tremble at his power, and kiss his toe. "God moves in a mysterious way;" and when the dispensation closes and the new age is ushered in, there will be some surprises for the fools and the cranks.

There are many Koreshans in Chicago, Mr. Wallace among the number, who are not only able to meet the projectiles from one such blunderbuss as the author of the letter, but who, after reading all that Fiske may have to offer, will remain staunch in faith, active in works, and more earnestly spurred to the aggressive warfare of the Koreshan propaganda.

## Turning the World Upside Down.

PROF. U. G. MORROW.

THE MODERN world is a manifest perversion of the principles of truth and life. Truth and righteousness are inseparable. Fallacy is always manifest in its correlate corruptions of human life and human society. Fallacy is the perversion of truth, its absolute antithesis; it is truth vitiated, the form without the life—the corpse of truth. Fallacy exists in chaos, and is never capable of being reduced to a system; it is negative and agnostic. Truth is positive, integral, synthetic, and rational; it is founded upon a demonstrated premise.

The condition of humanity today is an infallible index to the character and quality of modern thought, and determines whether truth or fallacy prevails in the

civilization of the so called enlightened nations of the earth. The modern world is *false* in life and in thought; it is full of inhumanity and diabolism. Modern science in its every branch, modern education in its every department, and modern ingenuity and skill contribute to the oppression of the world by constantly increasing the facilities of the millionaire to prey upon the masses, and steal from them their wealth, health, and happiness. In the ranks of the modern church, are the men who engage in the traffic of human life and perpetuate the iniquitous system of slavery; they are the heads of corporations and trusts for the systematic and organized robbery of the people, for the corruption of govern-



ment, and for the maintenance of the tangible hell in earth!

The systems now prevailing in the world—the systems that affect to teach humanity its religion, its morals, and its science, the systems that pretend to civilize the world,—are directly responsible for the conditions which exist in modern society. The corruptions in church, state, society as well as in the individual, are palpable evidences of the fact that the world's mental impulses and desires proceed directly from the *pole of fallacy*. Can any one believe that truth prevails amid such conditions? Does the chaos of human thought indicate rational deductions from a true premise? Do the increasing evils of modern times evince the success or the failure, the truth or the fallacy, of the remedies applied through the fragmentary systems of religion, science, and social economy? In the conduct of the world we unmistakably read its character,—we read its mind and penetrate its heart. It is full of fallacy! It must be turned upside down! It must be revolutionized!

Is it possible to locate the *opposite pole*,—the antithet of the world's fallacy and chaos? If we should find the antithesis, would it not be truth and order, purity and unity? It was located nineteen hundred years ago; then the distinction between truth and fallacy was clearly defined; the line of demarcation was drawn between the truth as it existed in its unity and completeness in *one personality*, and the fallacy as it existed in the multitudes. In the one there was mental light; in the others there were mental darkness and corruption. Jesus dared to declare the fact that he was divine, that all truth is divine, and that fallacy is from the opposite source—substance of the opposite quality. Jesus was the embodiment of truth in its philosophic degree; it was the antithet of the philosophy of the world. Jesus and his disciples revolutionized the mind on the plane of metaphysics; it was said of them that they were the men who had come to “turn the world upside down.” Then fallacy was manifest in the character of the people; and from that day to this humanity has not removed itself from the terrible condemnation and denunciations of Jesus. The masses are incapable of containing the truth; their life does not conform to it, and they do not desire it.

#### Koreshanity the Antithet of All Modern Systems of Fallacy.

If it is possible to translate the philosophy of truth as taught by Jesus and as it inhered in him, to truth as it is applicable in a scientific age, we will have a system of truth which is the antithet of all modern thought. Koreshanity is the evolution of the primitive Christian system; it is the scientific translation of the philosophy of Jesus; it is the science of the life that he lived and possessed, the science of his character, the science of creation, and of the universe. There is no other system in all the world that is so absolutely the reverse of all modern conclusions, as Koreshan Universology. It stands opposed to modern science at every point; it is

not partially different, but wholly different; the exact opposite. It “turns the world upside down,” and outside in. The demonstrated premise that we live upon the concave or inner surface of the earth instead of on the outside, illustrates to what extent Koreshan Astronomy differs from the modern astronomical assumptions. The entire Koreshan System is founded upon this premise; consequently *all* its conclusions are the exact opposite of every conclusion associated with modern astronomy and entertained in the modern religious, scientific, sociologic, and economic systems of the world. Can you expect *less* of truth? Can you hope to find truth that is *not* the opposite of fallacy? Is not light the antithet of darkness, the absolute antithet? Shall truth be a twilight, a mixture of light and darkness? Never! If not, Koreshanity is absolutely true, if the modern fragmentary systems are false! If Koreshanity is not true, what is? There is no other Universology than Koreshanity. There is no other system to point to—none other to search for.

#### Application of the Principle of Inversion an Aid in Studying Koreshan Science.

Is it difficult for you to understand Koreshan Universology? Is it hard for you to determine what it means, what it *is*? You may not be able to reach conclusions through the application of logic to a given premise, nor follow the various lines of correspondence and relations of the human and physical worlds—you may not be accustomed to that; but you can remember that every conclusion of truth is the opposite of fallacy, that every conclusion in Koreshan Science is the antithet of every conclusion in the modern systems, in *all* lines of thought, in every sphere of activity. In the study of Koreshanity, you can apply the *principle of inversion* as an aid.

If from the evidences we have presented,—the evidences that are visible and that are felt in the world today, you are satisfied that the systems of the world are fallacious, you can arrive at the truth by forming the opposite conclusions. If you can find the central thought embodied in any statement of fallacy, you can reach the truth if you are able to perceive its antithet. In this way Koreshanity can be studied from the textbooks of fallacy, and from the world's present condition. It will assist you in determining that if mortality obtains in the natural world, that immortality is possible also, through obedience to the laws which the dying world persistently disobeys; it will assist you in reaching the conclusion that the opposites of all modern conditions are attainable here in the body in the natural world, through a reversion of the order of thought, and through antithetical desires; it will assist you in locating for yourself, not *in* yourself, the positive pole of Science in humanity, the Messenger of Truth, of whom it was prophesied that he should “turn the wise men backward and make their knowledge foolishness,” overthrow “science falsely so called,” and “turn the world upside down” through a scientific revolution and establishment of the divine kingdom in the earth!



# In the Battle Against the Competitive System.

The Qualities of the True Soldier Needed in All the Volunteers for Service in the Primary Nucleus of the I. C. U.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

**K**ORESHAN Science recognizes the fact that everything in the universe has its antithet, consequently there is a divine selfishness as well as that diabolic variety with which we are so painfully familiar. It is commonly called unselfishness, and might be defined as self-perfecting and preservative in obedience to the science of the law for the good of the greater self, the ultimate Grand Man created in the image and likeness of God. This quality of spirit keeps the Almighty in his humanity as the pole star of all our thoughts, and impels us to do whatever we undertake, heartily as unto the Lord. It keeps our hearts at leisure from ourselves, and makes us happy everywhere.

We admit that it is quite natural for any man who has proved himself incompetent to compete successfully and alone with the monster competitive system, to remember in his day of trouble, the maxim: "In unity there is strength." It is then quite natural for him to desire to join forces with some strong body and absorb its strength for his own preservation, and to seek relief in an organization, from all personal, moral responsibility to put forth his best vidual efforts in the exercise of all his mental and physical powers, from motives of either diabolic or divine selfishness. People of this variety are lamentably numerous; and whatever community receives them is liable to find itself prostrate from the draining of unwholesome parasites.

We read in the Bible, Acts xi:5-9, of a vision once granted the Apostle Peter,—the Rock upon which the Church Triumphant is founded. It reads thus: "I saw a vision, a certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: Upon the which, when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air; And I heard a voice saying unto me, arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said, not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth."

Nevertheless a voice said: "What God hath cleansed, call not thou common." God hath granted unto the Gentiles "repentance unto life." It is the sinners that the Almighty seeks to save to the outermost; those lost and undone. He is ready to receive them out of the mire of the competitive system, into the Father's house of the Communistic System, where the everlasting arms of the law of love will protect them from themselves, and all other poor sufferers like themselves.

We read in this same revered Bible, about the "washing of regeneration," and a "renewing of the Holy Ghost." The washing seems to come first. This washing is the application of the science of truth to life. The science of truth is "the pure river of the water of life." It is written: "We are saved by the love of the

truth." Now to effect our final and full salvation, the truth makes some legitimate demands upon her lovers. The Lord, who is "the way, the truth, and the life," said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The ten categories of the law, He summed up in two commandments: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, might, mind, and strength. And thy neighbor as thyself.

Koreshanity gives to the world the science of these two commandments; this involves the science of self-government and universal societal government. To live comfortably and profitably, in co-operative or communistic organizations, we need washing within and without with the water of science,—the water of the regeneration.

The successful development of the I. C. U., an effort in the line of scientific co-operation, can become manifest only from a primary nucleus so well washed and sanctified by the application of the science of truth to life, that we shall be absorbed by it and become its living revelation. Poor mortals though we be, bearing in our bodies the outward marks of all manner of common and unclean beasts, we may—if our hearts are as the altar of God, and our intellects as his throne—be looked upon with favor, and with righteous judgment be pronounced neither common nor unclean, but food fit for the Gods, living stones to be built upon "the Rock" as the temple of the Most High.

We long to receive letters from far and near, laden with the spirit of self-sacrifice from the hearts of volunteers ready for service in the great industrial army of the I. C. U., which is mobilizing at the call of God. The spiritual life of this army is the science of scientific co-operation. This living water is ready to wash clean, by the thousands, men, women, and children, from the filthy abominations of the competitive system, if they will but hear its voice. They are welcome to come from the sweat-shops, from the over-crowded marts of trade, and be taught how to demonstrate that labor is capital, and to effect the exchange of the products of labor, value for value.

The volunteers who are to constitute the primary nucleus of the triumphant co-operative order, need to be men of sterling integrity, who will devote the whole force of that integrity to the standard of the Koreshan System, in condemnation of the standards of competition, exalted as those of moral rectitude by its fallacious methods of education. The I. C. U. volunteers need to be of a quality that can "endure hardness as good soldiers," and characterized by the self-subjection of the genuine military patriot whose delight is in obedience to commands and allegiance to official superiors, his comrades in the service.

We want those in whom patience is dominant, who



can cheerfully plow, harrow, and sow, before they harvest and rejoice. We want lovable people who say, "What can I do for you?" before they even think, "What are you going to do for me?" Some write thus: "Can I have this?" "Will I have that?" "I cannot do this," and "I must do that," and express themselves as though the Lord ought to feel immensely flattered should they finally conclude to give his Gospel

train a limited trial on their narrow guage route.

There are thousands of men who stand ready, at the word of command, with the spirit of absolute obedience, to march to the front of the battlefield, in the interest of our territorial extension policy; but where are the thousands, calling themselves "soldiers of Christ," who should arise and put on the whole armor of God, and organize for the restoration of commercial equity through scientific co-operation?

## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE PROBLEM of life continues to tax the ingenuity of the modern mind. Every little while some one concludes his observations with a theory, the expression of his world of experience. Theology cannot be excluded from the consideration of the problem, because effect and cause are inseparable; cosmogony necessarily involves theology, and the relation of modern theology and the Copernican system is obvious. A new theory of evolution is being advocated in the world, and is distinct from the system of Darwin, which assumes a direct evolution from form to form. The new theory holds that the first life on the earth was a germinal vesicle; that a loose aggregation of these made the lowest order of animal life, a sac, with a mouth, and exit for waste. Then nature concluded to make a better animal, and commenced another, adding the power to secrete lime to form a shell, while the sac animal continued to exist to and propagate its kind. The idea is that nature did not know how to perform the work of creation at first, and had to learn by experience and improve by practice, until she capped the climax by making man! What it was in nature that did the making or molding of all these things, the author fails to disclose. However, a good argument is put forth against the Darwinian system; it is that ethnological and archeological facts do not sustain the idea that man evolved from lower forms, but that he has been man ever since he was made,—that is, he was a direct creation of the earth. Again, it is held that if Darwinism be true, the progenitor of man would be manifest periodically in humanity, according to the law of *atavism*, or the recurrence of the ancestral type. There is a true atavism, or the periodical appearance in humanity of a pronounced type of man; and the discovery of the laws of such manifestations by the Founder of Koreshanity, is the greatest discovery of the age. If we can know the character of such a type we demonstrate the character of the evolution, and overthrow both Darwinism and the theory of man from the earth-mold. There is such a thing as evolution, truly; but it is the evolution of life through the various planes of manifestation of form in all the kingdoms of the universe; it is not an evolution of form, for the species are fixed. While there is an evolution, there is the co-ordinate *involution*, which all fragmentary systems of the world ignore. It is demonstrated in the production of the seed of every kind of life. There is involution, both progressive and retrogressive; man is from above and from beneath; and the *two* ancestral types from which man springs, and has eternally sprung, were manifest nineteen hundred years ago in the personalities of Jesus and Judas, the personal, human God, and the personal, human devil.

Dr. Lyman Abbott concludes that the spirits of the dead are with the living, flying about in the external atmosphere. He delights to think that the strange and subtle influences

which creep into his experiences, come from his mother, who stands about him as a silent vigil. The modern mind undertakes to conceive of the existence of God in the same way—that he is all around us. Such a conception does not differ from the vague superstition concerning ghosts moving about in the air. But Dr. Abbott does not know; he says, "All this may be the result of imagination; I am not certain—I do not know. But of one thing I am sure,—there is a real presence in the Christ." It has never occurred to Dr. Abbott nor to his colleagues, that the human brain is the habitat of spirits, and that all mystery about the future existence would cease upon scientific analysis of the brain! But is Christ in everybody? If we look at the things that the Christ is supposed to be doing today while keeping company with the millions, we must conclude that there is a mistake somewhere. The invisible something guides the Methodist in one belief, the Baptist in another, and the Presbyterian in still another. He stays by them whether they are millionaires or slaves, whether the mind is sensual or refined. All classes of men, rich and poor, the aristocrat and the tramp, the clergyman and the criminal, claim this mysterious presence. Is it not strange that Deity should reduce mankind to chaos by having men think so many conflicting thoughts, and do so many things that infringe on the rights of others? No; the Christ is not in everybody,—only in a very, very few!

There is a darker side to modern education than is apparent under the spell of fallacy. It is not alone in the fact that the modern schools promulgate the fallacies of the modern world and generate the false spirit of the age, but in the effect that "education" has upon the rising generation,—in the increase of extravagance, and in the making of parasites on human society. A modern writer estimates that four fifths of the highly educated at public expense are now a burden upon society, who might have been independent and useful had they been educated in lines of industry. Modern education is deficient not only in the fact that it lacks the truth in theory, but also in that it opens no avenues to usefulness. The modern school sustains no relation to the actual *production* of wealth, but only to the methods of extravagant consumption of it. If the Americans were truly educated and enlightened, the agencies of human slavery and poverty would not exist. The wealth of the world is not produced by those who have gone through the mills of higher education!

If there is no force ever lost nor matter destroyed, it is evident that no force could ever be gained or acquired in the universe. The nebular hypothesis is a system of evolution of worlds. All force, according to it, began with the simple agitation of a single atom; the amount of such a force, and the field



of its activity would be infinitesimal, but through processes, it is thought that it was evolved into the various qualities of force which move the billions of worlds we now see as stars! It is held that matter cannot be changed as to its atomic elements, nor destroyed; yet originally, according to Laplace, the universe consisted of one homogeneous substance, from which finally evolved all of the various kinds of matter which exist today. Somehow, force and matter have passed through correlated experiences without having any alchemical relation! No force is lost or gained, yet all force evolved from a single impulse; matter cannot be changed, yet all forms of matter came from one substance in the beginning! Great system, that!

The attitude of THE FLAMING SWORD to the world generally, corresponds to the attitude of Jesus to humanity nineteen hundred years ago. Jesus spared neither foe nor friend; it was his mission to tell the truth about humanity—about its degeneracy, depravity, hypocrisy, and sensuality. The world has not changed in character from that time to this. We are no more sarcastic in our criticisms, no more bitter in our denunciations, no more scathing in our rebukes of the modern world, than Jesus in his attitude toward corrupt humanity at the beginning of the age. Do not Christians like to have the teachings of Jesus revived? Do they not desire us to condemn the same things that he condemned? No; the religious world is afraid of the uncompromising policy of the Truth; it considers that the remedy is worse than the disease! The work of Jesus is revived in Koreshanity. This fact alone accounts for our opposition to all the phases of modern life and thought, and for the world's opposition to Koreshanity!

The great telescope that is being constructed for the Paris exposition in 1900, is designed especially for the study of the moon. It is to be the greatest ocular instrument in the world. With the estimated distance of the moon at 240,000 miles, it is supposed that the power of the telescope will be sufficient to make the moon appear to be within 41 miles of the earth. In reality, it is only a thousand miles away to begin with; and reduced proportionately, it would bring the moon within a few hundred feet! The astronomers will endeavor to look for stones, ruined cities, and other evidences that real life once existed on the convex surface of the moon. Let them look at it! They will find nothing that resembles objects on the earth,—no stones, no masonry, no pyramids, no ruined cities, no trees, nor skeletons; nothing but an uneven surface, the character of which they will be unable to determine; and the more they magnify it, the less they will see!

Rev. Dr. Cadman, a leading Methodist "divine," of New York, recently startled his colleagues by declaring that the Bible is of doubtful authenticity, and contains errors and contradictions. He has thrown a bomb among the Methodists, and even that denomination may now have its school of "higher criticism," which will finally honeycomb the entire denomination. The work of disintegration of modern Christianity is persistent; its ravages are seen on every hand, and one by one the leading lights of orthodoxy succumb to the influence of modern science and agnosticism. The religious world is endeavoring to form new ideas of the Lord Christ; and Biblical declarations concerning him are too radical and repugnant to the sensual mind. If they impeach the records, they are at liberty to form conclusions concerning Jesus and his mission as they please!

The promise of a Messiah once concerned the Jewish mind; for an age they looked for his coming; but when he came, only a remnant accepted him. The Jews were divided concerning the tribe in which the Messiah should be born; the prevailing idea

was that he should come from Judah, in accordance with the prophecy of Jacob in his blessing of his son Judah. It is evident that the promise was fulfilled in the coming of Jesus; but another promise of a Messiah, or rather, a promise of *another* Messiah, gave the Jews further hope, the hope that inspires the Koreshan, and arouses the contempt of the modern clergy. It is the promise and prophecy in the blessing of Jacob upon Joseph, that "From thence (from Joseph) is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel." Will that declaration of inspiration ever be fulfilled?

A newly-discovered animal in the Philippines is now announced as the "real missing link" necessary to complete the Darwinian system of evolution. It is the tarsier, having a face like an owl, and body, limbs, and tail like a monkey, and is about the size of a squirrel. What a travesty on the Creator of man, to place such a being on the plane of the *Messianic* function! While the modern mind is insanely clamoring to find the progenitor of man in the lowest planes of the animal world, we are freely admitting that the character of such conclusions strongly indicates that the minds entertaining them are related to the four-legged "missing link"! The world is looking for a peculiar god!

Modern civilization is an illusion; if it were otherwise, if it were true, it would produce results compatible with justice and righteousness. The world is under the spell of a supreme wizard, whose wand directs the mind in the perpetuation of the stupendous system of crime against humanity. True civilization would make people rejoice; it would not add a single curse to man or nation. A great curse rests upon the modern world; its bane is "civilization." It makes slaves at home and slaves abroad. The entire world is cursed with evils and corruptions, which are fostered in all the institutions of modern civilization, and directly under the influence of the modern church!

The old idea that comets forebode evil to man, is revived by the modern scientist, in the periodical announcement that a comet will destroy the earth. It is the tendency of the human mind to be afraid of anything it does not understand, and in this the modern mind finds ample cause for fear of the comets! Prof. Rudolph Falb, a seismatist or earthquake prophet, of Vienna, predicts a collision of the earth and the returning comet of 1866, and the consequent destruction of the earth, in November of the present year. What we are most interested in is what will become of the comet! When November passes by, make a note of the failure of the collision.

Gov. Brady, of Alaska, declares that "the poor man can thank God that we own Alaska; it has so many possibilities for him." Why cannot the poor man be thankful that we own the United States? Because the possibilities for the poor man to live where there is the greatest commercial activity, are rapidly disappearing through the work and influence of the money power. Where there is the greatest wealth, the poor man suffers most; for that reason he must have new fields where loose gold nuggets, fish, and game are not controlled by the trusts. The politicians have seen this, and have provided for territorial expansion!

Four years ago Rev. Dixon, of New York, founded the Christian Union, whose sole basis of membership should be a belief in Christ. Nothing else was to be taken into consideration in the new church club, no matter what the character should be. The new idea was called the Peoples' church. You see, it was next to nothing, and now its founder admits it; he says he has been disillusioned. He finds that he cannot convert the world with a new thing, with a net so loose that it will not hold his game!



He gives up the project and goes back to the Baptist church, where his fossilization will become complete!

America is still in advance in lines of human progress, and in the consumption of flesh foods. The people of the United States consume 11,000,000,000 pounds of meat annually, or an average of 147 pounds for each person. Compared with the European nations, running other scales than that of carnivorous appropriation, the United States stands at the head in more senses than the one. In England, the average is 100 pounds of meat for each person annually; Norway, 80; France, 77; Spain, 70; Germany, 64; Hungary, 60; Italy 24!

The location of the greatest city of the future ages will be where civilization focalizes in the twentieth century. It must be at the center of the greatest commercial activity; it must be in the greatest nation, and nearest the cross-lines of the electric vessels of the new dispensation. The prophetic lines have been thrown around southern Florida and the West Indies, in the location of the New Jerusalem; and the interest of the world will turn toward San Estero, Fla., in the opening of the new century.

Ingersoll condemns the Bible as obscene and vulgar, and as out of date, and as containing too indelicate expressions for a fastidious age. He suggests Shakespeare as the climax of human inspiration; yet Shakespeare was written at the time the English Bible was translated, and contains ten times as many indelicate expressions as the Bible!

Competition cannot last always; it will cease when the stronger element is successful, and the weaker is defeated. We are entering that stage now; the great business concerns no longer compete; they form trusts and co-operate.

Truth makes no compromises with the sensual loves and feelings of humanity. Koreshanity has not come to the world

to adapt itself to the conditions which exist, but to destroy the conditions, and adapt humanity to the truth.

According to an American humorist, the Koreshan System divides the world into just three classes: Those who know that Koreshanity is so; those who know it is not so; and those who do not care whether it is so or not!

Darwinism inverts the order of evolution. Man did not evolve from the monkey; evolution proceeds from the involved man. The monkey is the ultimate state of human degeneration.

The more conveniences there are for producing food and clothing, the less the people have to eat and wear.

With the arrival of St. Patrick's day, we are reminded of the sham rock upon which Catholicism is founded.

Jesus did not come to teach men that God is in every man, but only in the righteous!

Through the trusts, the devil makes the final grab for all the products of the world.

The modern Christian prays for forgiveness for preying upon his neighbor.

The moon is the ghost of the earth; human ghosts are mental moonshine.

Some men advertise their goods; others, their ills and misfortunes.

Truth cannot prevail while the world is in chaos.

Silence is golden,—but it will not coin money.

The universe is the only perpetual motion.

The Cellular Cosmogony is cyst-ematic.

Fallacy is the corpse of truth!

St. Patrick's day!

## Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

### Have All Men Been Gods?

From what has appeared in THE SWORD from time to time, I understand that you affirm the following fundamental propositions: First, that the earth is cellular; that all life is on the inside of it, and that it constitutes the universe—all there is. Second, that there never was a time when life and man did not exist—that all things "live, move, and have their being" in the hollow sphere. Third, that the perfect man is God. If these basic propositions are true, then does it not follow that all men have been Gods; and that when a man becomes God he voluntarily goes back into sinful humanity? And when speaking of God, would it not be proper to refer to him as a God, rather than the God?—C. B., Salem, O.

The above three brief statements of some of the principal tenets of Koreshan Universology, are correct so far as they go. The universe is one great system of organic life, containing all of the functions necessary to its perpetuity. The physical structure of the universe, the alchemico-organic world, is the most external form of *thought*, the material expression

of all the activities of the co-ordinate human world, or anthropostic universe. The universe with all its kingdoms, is the expression of the mind of Deity. It is the expression, by virtue of the fact that his life is *pressed out* into all planes of life and existence. God is in the animal kingdom, not as God, but as the animal; likewise he is in the vegetable kingdom, and the mineral kingdom, or the physical universe. On the other hand, God is the impression of the entire system, the highest consciousness of the whole. He is the world's involution, the apex, the climax of universal aspiration; he is in the perfect man, all that the universe is; he is the summing up of all its experiences; he is the fulcrum of supreme impulse of all universal activity.

The two co-ordinate kingdoms of the universe are the human world and the physical world. In the physical world there is a continual ascent and descent of energies; the sun is in touch with every

atom of matter in the world. Every atom of matter in the universe has been in the sun; every atom of matter has been, in the form of its highest possible mark of attainment, in the mind of Deity. We cannot say, however, that every atom of matter has been a sun, nor a God; it has been in *the* sun, and in *the* Almighty.

The central sun is the perpetual point of consciousness of the physical world. In the absolute sense, the sun itself does not ascend nor descend; it exists by virtue of the fact that it receives substances and gives them out again. The substances do not constitute the sun except when in the vortex; the substances pass in and out of the sun, but the sun remains the *same* center of central activity, the central consciousness of the physical world; it is the one sun, continually at the center. In another sense, the sun *does* descend through its light, heat, gravity, and other qualities of energies or substances; in a sense, the sun pervades



the entire earth through its emanations; the earth is the energies of the sun materialized.

The human world is the sphere of God's immediate field of activity; he is God in the human world. What the central sun is to the physical world, God is to humanity. The sun is the eternal center of the physical form; God is eternally the center of the world of humanity. In the human world, time corresponds to universal space. Dispensations measure in time the radius of the human world and back again, corresponding to the radius of the earth and return in the ascending and descending energies of the physical cosmos. At the end of every dispensation there is a manifestation of Deity; he impels humanity from altitude in progress, from an eminence which corresponds to the sun's altitude in space. Jesus influenced a circle of humanity; that circle is not a circle as it appears when drawn mechanically, but a circle of human beings, in a timic succession in the age, through which the radiations pass in the evolution of the divine impulse.

God is *always* the central consciousness of humanity; he is the innermost mind of a class of humanity in which he moves. He was the central mind of the Jewish race; during the Christian dispensation he has been in the Christian church. He has a central line of activity; he passes invisibly through humanity from age to age, as the continual center of the *spiritual worlds*, the central life and consciousness of the universe. At the end of dispensations he manifests externally as the external sun. He is then not a different God, but the *same* God. Jesus was an externalization of the Almighty; his form was the concrete mind of Deity. He was therefore exactly the same God that he was in the interior. The mind of Jesus was composed of millions of spirits of men who had lived in the past; so that he was not merely a single personality, but a composite man, the summing up of millions of personalities, just as the physical sun is the summing up of the entire physical universe. Jesus, as the Sun of Righteousness, has shown down through the age; his mental light, the result of his burning or theocrasis at the beginning of the dispensation, has radiated through the various planes of humanity, from mind to mind, just as the energies of the sun pass down through the various stars, planes of force, and atmospheres, to the earth. At the end of the age he reappears in another form, but as the same God.

From the planting of a seed to the production of the harvest, there is a central

persistency of the life of the seed, in its death in the soil, in the formation of the plant, and in the grouping of the corpuscles to form the seed again. The life of the seed is the creator; the seed itself is the perpetuator of the kind. The central spirit of humanity is Elohi; its central persistency is the creator. The perfect man is the seed produced through the activities of Elohi; the seed man of the anthropotic world is Jehovah. The planting of Jehovah in the human race is through the process of theocrasis or combustion; the spirit of the flesh descends into sensual humanity, while the central spirit of Jehovah enters the most interior realm, the celestial world, and does not descend. At the end of the age Elohi enters into conjunction with the energies that went down into humanity during the age, and produces the harvest or offspring of the sowing. The aspiration of the ascending energies is to form the seed; the desire of the seed is to be sown again.

The mind of the mortal world is the offal of divine mental activity. The waste of a given kingdom enriches and fertilizes the next lower, and every higher kingdom feeds upon the lower. In a sense, every man has been God, or in God; every man is the embodiment of an infinitesimal part of life that has descended from the Almighty. Humanity moves in aspiration to reach the final goal of perfection; in series of cycles, every man will become God; and when he becomes God, in the state of perfect manhood, he voluntarily goes both up and down; the substances of his material body become life in the descending degree to save humanity; the central spirit or consciousness enters into conjunction with the consciousness of God, becomes absorbed into Nirvana, and remains in that consciousness eternally. We have one universe, with its one central consciousness; it is the one God, who *always lives*; that one God periodically manifests himself in the external world. Every manifestation is not a different God, but the very Eternal!

#### Delivering Up the Kingdom to the Father.

(1) If the Father and Jesus the Son are one, when Jesus died on the cross, was the universe without a God for three days? How am I to explain this? Furthermore, it is said that God the Father raised up Jesus from the dead.

(2) Please tell me how the following Scriptures are to be understood (I Cor. xv: 22-31): "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."—H. N. R., Baltimore, Md.

(1) The spirit of Jesus was Elohi; Elohi was God the Spirit, the Father, that Jesus

said was in him. At the time of the death of Jesus, he was conscious of the departure of the Spirit, and cried, "Elohi, Elohi, why hast thou forsaken me?" The personality of Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus cast seven devils by way of preparation of the temporary vessel of the divine Spirit, received the Spirit of Jesus. She therefore held the power, God the Spirit, which resuscitated Jesus and awakened him from the tomb, upon transmission of the substance from Mary to Jesus.

(2) Maturity is greater than youth; the Fatherhood of Jesus, that is, his power to beget, was greater than his sonship. In the sowing of his life in humanity, he began his reign in the *hells* for the purpose of subduing death; through the processes of regeneration of the life sown, he will bring the fruitage of his sowing to the possibilities of Fatherhood in the bibeings in the resurrection, the sons of God. The law of resurrection is the law of the seed. A common seed is planted in the soil; it enters into corruption, and by virtue of that fact it begins the work of subduing unto itself the elements of the soil, overcomes the corruption into which it passes, and produces an organic structure, and finally the seed; and the sonship is again subject to the possibilities of fatherhood, and obeys the laws of divine generation.

Jesus was the head of the church or dispensation; the final subjugation of death is through the feet of Christ, at the foot of the dispensation, the culmination of the Piscatorial dispensation. The aggregation of forces in the war against death is in a new Personality, the amplification of the Fatherhood, unto whom the promise is made, and to whom, through the processes of the cross or death of Jesus in the race during the age, the kingdom is to be delivered. Jesus promised to deliver his throne "to him that overcometh," the Messiah of the new dispensation; and thus Abram (the high father) becomes transformed to Abraham. The great Abraham succeeds Jesus in the order of time, for nineteen hundred years ago Jesus said, "I am before Abraham," the father of the multitude.

#### Astral Bodies and Ghosts.

(1) Are there astral bodies, such as the Theosophists tell about? (2) Do ghosts ever appear, and are they objective? If you can, answer these questions affirmatively, or even otherwise. Please explain these appearances, beliefs, or whatever they may be.—REV. U. G. M., New York.

(1) Yes; the phenomenon of the so called astral projection is a fact. One person *en rapport* with another may subjectively project through the spiritual world, mental substances or entities, and



materialize them in the presence of the other person. The projection is not through the natural space, but through the spiritual world; through which minds of individuals are directly related. The materialization takes place from the mind receiving the interiorly projected substance; the material projection is from the mind of the person in whose presence the materialization occurs.

The theory that there is in man a highly refined astral body, which in the experience of astral projection may leave the physical body and move through space and appear to other persons, is not true. The true astral projection is of the immortal man. Jesus projected all of himself when he mysteriously appeared to his disciples. Astral projection of the mortal man is only a part of the man, while he is in natural sleep, or in a trance.

(2) There are no objective ghosts existing in the atmosphere. Ghosts are spirits, and belong to the mental realm. When they are seen they are subjectively perceived.

#### What Holds Up the Sun, Moon, and Stars?

What supports the celestial bodies in space in the earth, if their orbits are convex to the earth's concave surface? It would seem that with both the earth's attraction and the centrifugal force of their revolution, they would tend toward the earth, and finally fall from their present position.—READER.

The sun, moon, planets, and stars are maintained in their own static planes through the forces of gravity and levity. They are meeting points of gravic and levic energies, and constitute vortices of ascending and descending energies; and hence they can neither rise nor fall. The machinery of the physical heavens is not a mechanical concern like the Copernican solar system; it is a system of forces, a machinery of energies. While the visible objects in the heavens are material, or partially materialized substances, they are no more attracted toward the earth than toward the center; they are in planes of specific equilibrium, and hence they weigh nothing, because they are points where opposing forces focalize, and where all the energies are disintegrated and transmuted to other qualities of energies. The energies of their motion are derived from their own vortices; they move in their own static planes of energy, and are imponderable.

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#### First Impressions of Investigators of Koreshan Universology.

Removal of Objection to the Claims of Koresh by Consideration of the Claims of the Modern Clergy.

The greatest difficulty I found in the way of acceptance of the doctrines of Koreshanity, or even the investigation of the System, was the erroneous impressions concerning the claims of Dr. Teed, its Founder. I had this objection removed by a

simple process of comparison. In writing to one of the members of the Unity I said: "If it was your own divinity that was in question, I would admit it at once without any hesitation; but with Dr. Teed it is different." This looked like making sport of a serious subject, and I withdrew the statement from the letter; but it kept recurring to my mind, and finally led to a dissipation of the difficulty.

I remembered that people readily apply the term "divine" to the noted Sarah Bernhardt; then there is a large class of men called "divines" or doctors of divinity. People accept the "divinity" of these men as a matter of course. It does not shock them very much to call a preacher a "divine;" and these men always claim to be servants of God, clothed with authority to declare his gospel.

Then many newer religious sects claim that divinity is inresident in all humanity; that we are all divines, or divine more or less,—generally less, I presume. Suppose Dr. Teed should claim to be divine! What is there shocking in the one case that is not equally shocking in the other?

What are the credentials of divinity, anyhow? I claim that certain principles underlie the manifestation of love and wisdom, truth and good. These principles are symbolized by the sign of the cross, constituting the ethical test of character, just as the sign of the square is the mechanical and mathematical test which determines the form of the surface of the earth, whether it be convex or concave. These principles are the essential ground of divine character, just as their opposites inhere in the devil.

Now, if the doctrines of Koreshans and their actual life and conduct will stand the test of these principles, what are you going to do about it? If the sign of the cross, or square, is laid on them and their teachings, and they are found to be square and straight, what then? And if the same test is applied to the churches and the governments of the world, and they are found neither square nor true, what then? Is the square not square? Is truth not true?—J. L. JONES, Ore.

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#### Desire for Truth Stimulated.

A Swedenborgian Minister Reads the Flaming Sword, is Touched at a Vital Point, and Wants "More."

A friend has posted me a copy of THE FLAMING SWORD, Volume XIII, No. 9. This is the first copy I have seen, and it has startled me. Having been a Swedenborgian minister of too independent tendencies (for one's own natural comfort), and being a close student of astrology and cognate subjects, I have thought a little, as you may guess. Thinking has led me to recognize the law of correspondence as universal, and in view of certain astrological considerations, has made me very suspicious of the integrity of the Copernican system.

The hints contained in this number and the article on "Osteological Analysis" have touched me at a vital point; and like Oliver Twist, I want "more." You give (in this copy) no hint as to the literature associ-

ated with your journal, so that I do not know what to ask for. If, however, you have any waste copies or back numbers of THE FLAMING SWORD, I should be glad to have a few at your convenience.

My curiosity is aroused—indeed, more than curiosity: the thirst for Truth, ever active, has been again stimulated. It would seem that valuable articles have appeared in earlier issues. I want something that will give me the key-thoughts of Koreshanity. Yours, in the love of the truth,—REV. G. H. LOCK, England.

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#### As Others See Us.

We Are Editing The Sword to Our Entire Satisfaction.

My Socialistic friend, J. L. Traugher, of Texas, has been pressing me to study upon the doctrines of the Chicago FLAMING SWORD. He has had the paper sent me for some time, and I am studying, like a good many others. I have found out that it hates popular education, Adventism, "christian science," Protestantism, Catholicism, and, in fact, I find it is engaged in an all-round iconoclastic work. It has my hand for all this. But, in its reconstructive work, as I understand it, it begins more with matter than with men, and seeks, as the first essential, a proper understanding of the foundations, as it were, upon which the material world is built. The rest of us are trying to reform men and methods, little caring whether the earth is round, oval or flat, or whether we live on the outside or the inside of it. But THE FLAMING SWORD is not hospitable enough to strangers. I have written it and several of its friends a number of times and have never received an answer, either privately or publicly. It recently consumed considerable space noticing a jocose freethinker named Harry Hoover, of Pittsburg, but failed to notice the strictures of another astronomer, or astrologer, whose incubations I sent it. In the course of a few years I may be able to intelligibly express myself on its scientific denouements, but for the present I will rest content in appreciation of its iconoclastic work and in the knowledge that it passes trifles unnoticed, unless, as in the Hoover case, it accepts one as "a little nonsense now and then." I have quoted THE SWORD's iconoclastic utterances in many papers, and the more I see of them the more I will quote. Thus I have done with Ingersoll; but at the same time I have never failed to expose his deplorable weaknesses.—F. B. LIVESEY in *Discontent*.

A Baptist Journal Fails to Recognize the Process of Translation of the Saints at the Lord's Coming.

"We are now approaching a great biological conflagration. Thousands of people will dematerialize, through a biological electromagnetic vibration. This will be brought about through the direction of one mind, the only one who has a knowledge of the law of this bio-alchemical transmutation. The change will be accomplished in the formation of a biological battery, the laws of which are known only to one man. This man is Elijah the prophet, ordained of God, the Shepherd of the Gentiles and the



central reincarnation of the ages. From this conflagration will spring the sons of God, the biune offspring of the Lord Jesus, the Christ and Son of God."—FLAMING SWORD.

We are undecided as to whether it is best to dance or pray in view of the above prediction. If the "electro-magnetic vibrations" should really produce such "bio-alchemical transmutation" as to produce "the biune offspring of the Lord Jesus" through "the formation of a biological battery," we may as well give it up. Why should a man be born into this world at all if he has to be subject to such "vibrations," "transmutations," and "biunity"? We are curious to know how THE FLAMING SWORD found out about this "great biologic conflagration" and "dematerialization," since there is "only one who has a knowledge of the law." Is THE FLAMING SWORD the one who has such power? If so, we begin now to beg for plenteous grace to keep us together, soul and body, until we can see a few others "dematerialize" so as to know how to get on with the work a little better ourselves.

The above is a species of foolishness that belongs to Koreshan faith, which is a new faith in the earth, and fully as absurd as "christian science."—*Baptist Flag*.

#### The Jews Wanted to Stand on Moses When Jesus Came.

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 FLAMING SWORD.

We quote the above extract as a sample of the idle, senseless dreaming that is done by some of the modern discoverers and inventors of new religions. This Koreshan foolishness is of modern date, and yet, absurd as it is, it has hosts of believers. "Christian science" and all other absurd theories can find believers. There is nothing so foolish that can be started as a religion but that there will be somebody foolish enough to believe it and preach it. Surely the human mind is a queer residuum of irresponsible simplicity and gullibility.

We prefer to stand to the old landmarks, with our feet on the old rock. A building so constructed can't fall.—*Baptist Flag*.

#### Logical Conclusions in Koreshanity Will Never Be Divorced from the Cosmogonical Premise.

During the past summer we received several communications from our readers, asking for our opinion of the "Koreshan Philosophy and the Concave Earth." The

Koreshan System has features that ought to be recognized, and they would be if divorced from the incubus of a "Concave Earth." Its founder may have convinced himself that they are natural associates, and they do associate,—as Life consorts with Death. The concavity of the earth's surface is *not* a "demonstration," and our readers know that in the past twenty-five years the Annular Philosophy has been proved true again and again, and that it is daily settled more firmly on its eternal foundation. Just as we said once before in these pages: Either the Concave Earth or the Ringed Earth is a false assumption, and the world's jury may now have the case.—Vail's *Annular World*, Pasadena, Cal.

### Captivated With the Cellular Cosmogony.

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Yours respectfully,

A. A. SMITH.

Michigan.

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of co-operation). I feel sure that sooner or later your connection with Dr. Teed will be the ruin of your noble effort; but apart from him it will soon command the respect of progressive, earnest minds.

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### Kind Words for Koreshanity.

#### An Editor's "Free Floor" Destroyed.

The *Home and Farm*, Louisville, Ky., opened a new department to be used as a free floor by correspondents. Each one was at liberty to use it for discussing any subject he might choose. It was named "The Farmer's Debating Club." I sent a communication on the subject, "The Universe is a Great Cell," and at the conclusion of the subject I instructed the reader how to get the *CELLULAR COSMOGONY*. But the editor refused to publish it, and showed that he felt guilty by returning the communication at his own expense. He did not object on account of the advertisement; it was the subject that displeased him, and he at once abolished the new department. I have seen two copies since, without the department. He called on his correspondents for suggestions in line of improving the paper, and promised \$50 to the one whose suggestions proved acceptable, and the one that suggested the free floor got the money. The first subject introduced was, "In Favor of Expansion." I had formed a pretty favorable opinion of him, but I had some doubts.—M. H. Z., Lock 3, Ala.

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## The World's News.

Wednesday, March 8.

Gigantic trust forming to control output of coal mines; combination of railroads, with \$1,000,000 capital.  
England and Russia quarreling again over interests in China.  
Turkey determined to control in Macedonia; sends 73,000 soldiers to check the uproar.  
Earthquake in Japan.  
Chicago dog show begins.

Thursday.

Senator Mason opens a crusade against "adulterated foods;" wants pure

foods for those able to buy; no difference about the others!

Korea reported swept by great tidal wave, and thousands killed.

Grand Duke Vladimir prohibits sale of liquors to Russian soldiers.

Billiard trust forming at Chicago; also trust to build lake ships.

U. S. volunteer soldiers in Cuba ordered home; only regulars left.

Friday.

Dewey and Otis plan a hot campaign against the Filipinos; American fleet to patrol coasts to prevent filibustering.

Stead's new book, "War against War," barred from Russia.

War inquiry board in Chicago to learn the secret of beef canning.

Halligan, the Chicago bond broker who thought he was worth \$15,000,000, adjudged insane; isn't worth a dollar.

Saturday.

Army beef commission's find is against Gen. Miles' charge of embalming.

Russian troops marching to seize Sis-I-Kel, city in British India; conflict between Russia and England expected.

Bishop Potter denounces the prohibitionists as arrogant, ignorant hypocrites, scribes, and pharisees.

President McKinley planning to visit Cuba.

Sunday.

Cuban Assembly, under authority of the unauthorized republic of Cuba, impeaches Gen. Gomez, and removes him from command of army.

Christendom endeavoring to psychologize Japan into adopting modern Christianity as state religion.

Alger, secretary of war, decides in favor of the army canteen.

Chinese pot kept boiling by European nations.

Supreme court of Illinois decides in favor of department stores.

Monday.

U. S. to send delegates to European disarmament congress, May 18.

Havana excited over action of Cuban assembly; Gomez accepts his deposition.

Mark Hanna and syndicate to loan Cuba \$12,000,000; heavy bondage to money power to begin Cuba's freedom!

Severe blizzards in northern U. S.

Tuesday.

15,000 people visit Gen. Gomez' headquarters at Havana in demonstration against action of Cuban assembly; General hailed as a martyr; popular with the people.

Filipinos again routed from vicinity of Manila.

Rebellion in Bolivia, South America, waning.

Peaceful settlement of Samoan affairs expected.

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If we add together the figures contained in 1899, we find they make 27, and these added give us 9. Subtract the first two figures, 18, from 99, and we have 81, which added make 9, and the letters comprising the words eighty-one are nine. Add the first two figures, 18, to 99, and we have 117; these figures, when added, again give us 9. If we add all the principal numbers thus far mentioned—viz.: 1899, 18, 81, 117, and 27, the sum is 2,142, and these figures added give us 9. If we subtract 27 from 117 we have 90, which divided by 10 again give us 9. By subtracting 117 from 1899 the remainder is 1,782; these figures, when added, give us 18, and these two when added give us 9. If we add 90 and 1,782, principal numbers, not included in first addition, to 2,142, obtained above, we have 4,014, and these figures, when added, again produce 9. Now, if we add the figures 1,899 to the last sum we have 5,913, and these added produce 18, which again being added the result is 9.

The combinations obtained above are remarkable, but carrying them still further, with stranger results, we find that by adding 1,899 to the sums thus far obtained—viz.: 4,014 and 5,913—the sum is 11,826, and by adding these figures we have 18, which added produce 9. Further, if we add the first figure of the above sum to the last two—viz.: 118 to 26—we have 144, and these figures added give us 9.

We have now tried the results of addition and of subtraction on these mystic figures, and will now see what multiplication will do. If we multiply 18 by 99 the product is 1,782; these figures when added give us 18, and carefully adding the numerals used in this multiplication we will find the addition to be 63, and by adding these we have 9. Now, we will multiply the first three figures of the year by the last—viz.: 189 by 9—we find 1,701, and by adding these figures we have 9, or if we add the numerals used in this calculation we find they amount to 36, and these added again produce 9. We will multiply the two products obtained above—viz.: 1,782 by 1,701, and we have 3,031,182; these figures added produce 18 and these added give us 9.

Innumerable changes could be rung on these mystic figures, but the most remarkable part is that the letters comprising the words eighteen ninety-nine are 18, and these two, when added, produce the inevitable 9.—Ex.

I do not believe that a state can last in which Jesus and Judas have equal weight in public affairs.—Carlyle.

Society is barbarous, until every industrious man can get his living without dishonest customs.—Emerson.

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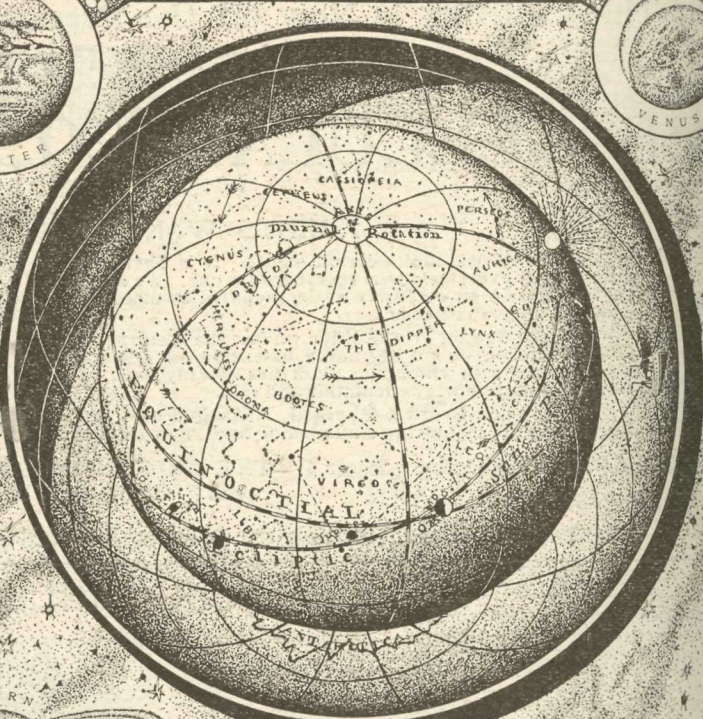
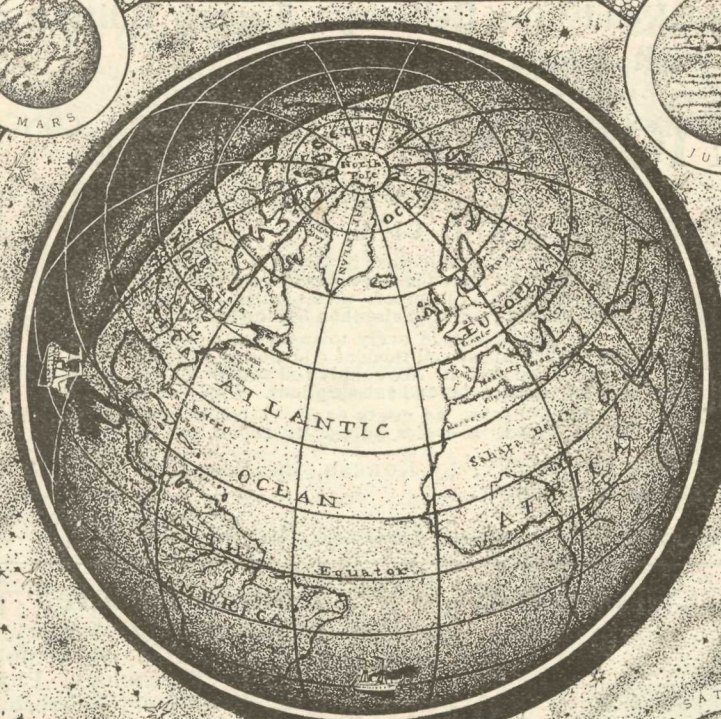
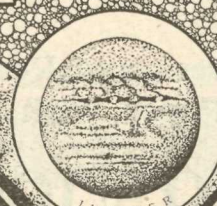
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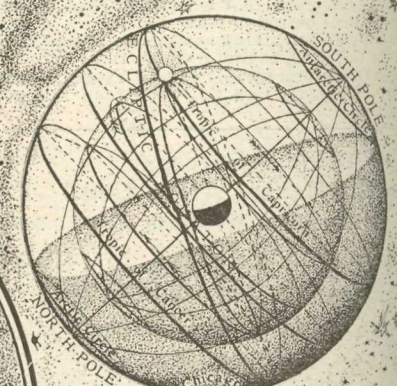
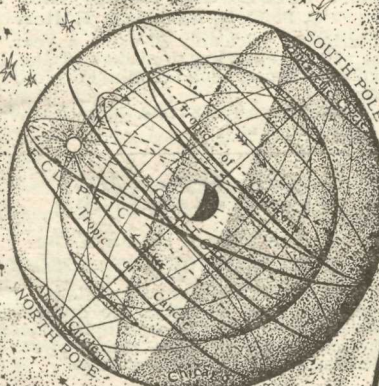
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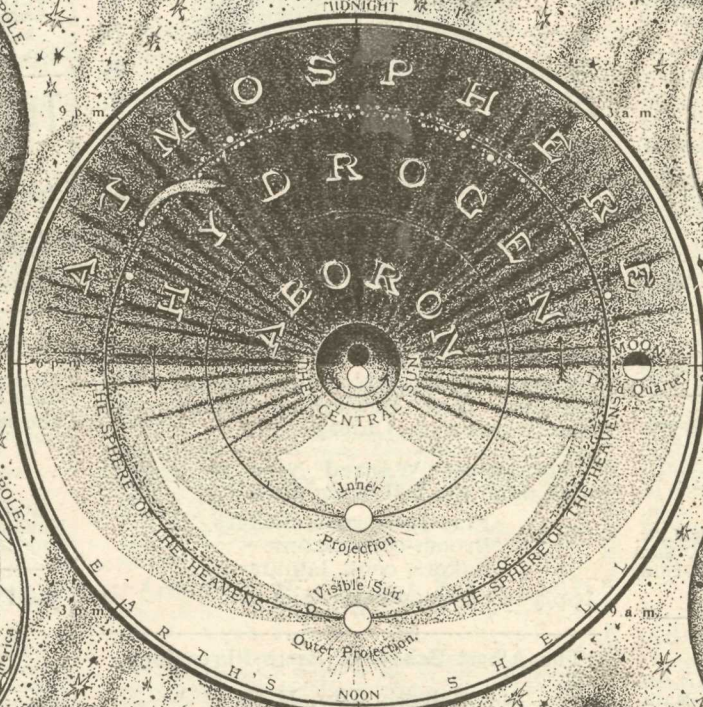
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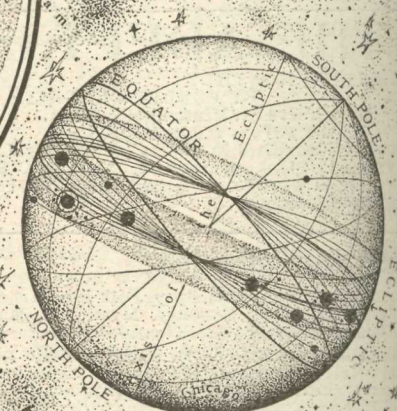
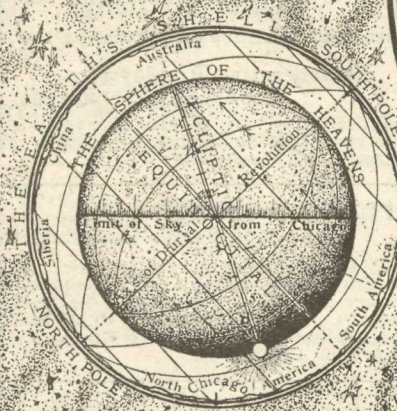
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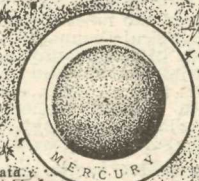
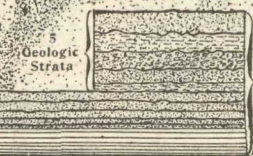
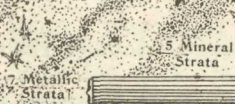


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