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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 Physical Universe the Scientific Pattern for Societal Construction.

The Laws of Organic Unity Revealed in the Physical Cosmos; Location of the Pivot of Production and Distribution of Wealth; Perversion of the Principles in Competism.

AFTER ALL that has been said regarding the relations of the alchemico-organic (physical) cosmos to man, we are frequently plied with the question, "What has the science of astronomy or cosmogony to do with social life and the bread and butter question?" The bread and butter question for the masses has specifically to do with social organic unity, and the science of organic unity with mankind is indissolubly consociated with the laws and forms of the alchemico-organic cosmos, because the laws of societal construction are correlate with the form and function of the physical world.

Every tree that adorns the face of nature for ornament or other use; every blade of grass whose verdure enlivens and gladdens the scope of observation and lends enchantment to the elysium of human perspective; every flower whose ornate bloom captivates the eye, and whose fragrance perfumes the atmosphere we inhale, testifies to the great and inexpugnable truth that terrestrial and celestial natures are indissolubly one, and their forces so intimately blended as to constitute them parts of an organic whole.

The radiations from the sun are substantial energies materializing in the atmosphere, in the forest and meadow, in the ocean and the tributaries which supply its never-failing perpetuity; and the very life of man is so intimately related to the sun's continuous supply, that were this resource of our common life excluded

even for a few hours, the lamp of human existence would be extinguished. The energies from all the heavenly luminaries are radiated to a limitable circumference, where they are transmitted and whence they return, changed in quality, to the foci of their celestial origin. Astronomy, or rather cosmogony, is the specific groundwork of social science, because it is the expression of causation—whatsoever that cause may prove to be.

Every successfully conducted enterprise is imputable to the force of organic arrangement and power thus assured. The great financial and commercial cormorants of the world—developing greater wisdom as they gain experience in directing men and means—learn the advantage of combination and consolidation. It is to be regretted that such wisdom cannot so broaden as to determine a consolidation of industry with corporate power, upon the basis of an equitable distribution of what combined industry creates under the force of organic management. We find the industrial and the economic world ruptured at a point where the principle of organic life indicates the necessity for the strongest bond of unity. This is the case because the basis of the world's education in economics is altogether on the lines of competism, impelled by the most sordid of human lusts—the lust for money. We find this breach to be the inevitable *sequitur* of the competitive struggle for existence. It is the conflict of so called capital and

labor. It is a fight between the accumulated wealth of industry against the very power which created it—industry itself. The corporate thieves are wise enough to see that in order to conduct this conflict against the wealth producer successfully, centralization is the keynote and the foundation of organic power.

Opposed to the consolidated power of the trusts, is the wage slave. Labor unions are organized for the purpose of counterpoising the overwhelming tendency of capitalistic aggression. As each becomes wiser by experience in his own circumscribed sphere, he feels more and more the importance of organic unity; and thus the breach widens and the conflict waxes. This condition of society originates in the false and evil principle of selfishness, in which the competitive system is grounded, and in the ignorance which obtains regarding the universal laws of structure and function.

There is a definite organic form to the cosmogonic structure; it is absolute and eternal. In this form there operates an adequate and corresponding function. Out of this correlate unity proceeds the life of man, both as to his individual character and as to that centralized unity into which the development of the race merges. Society will finally be regulated through the force and application of the intellectual principle of man, taking the cosmogony of the universe for his pattern of organic life. Given the structure and function of the cosmogonic whole, we have the laws and principles of the structure and functions of society. It is for this reason that we place so much stress upon the knowledge and promulgation of the *form* of the universe, which we maintain is imperial.

The conflict between so called capital and labor is homicidal. So far as the criminality is concerned, there is no difference between the felonious, plundering bondholders and the equally criminal labor union murderer. The root of the criminality resides in the competitive system, which creates both.

The Disease of Social Economics is Competism.

It is argued by some that because organic processes have thus far failed to produce results favorable to the universal happiness of man, inorganic methods will supply the deficiency and meet the requirements of the race; hence arise anarchy and individualism, so called. It does not follow because organic power on the lines of competism has failed to secure happiness to the race, which is the goal of its pursuit, that organic unity on some other line will not eradicate the disease. If the sun, moon, planets, and stars maintain their emplacements and pursue their motions in equilibrium on the ground of independent relations and action; if they perpetually continue in their orbits and move in given directions according to the laws of order, pivoted upon the astral center which constitutes the hub and axle of their rotations, without organic unity, then human society may with impunity contemplate and urge anarchy, individualism, and chaos as the basis and groundwork of human happiness.

The physical universe has its center and circumference. Within these limitations are all the forms and principles of its organic power. Its forms and functions are organic. When society reaches the acme of its development, it will be the counterpart—in organic unity—of the cosmogonic structure, which must be taken as the pattern of organic social and economic life.

The physical sun and his retinue of planetary and stellar concomitants are nowhere in conflict or competition. The constellate aggregations are nowhere consolidated into groups, in the form of trusts, to compete with other groups or with the individual stars. Their emplacements are made upon the basis of organic unity; their movements are homogeneous, not operative as independent and individual, but as a composite unit. Thus shall society ultimately emerge from the chaos of competism and anarchy, into the organic fellowship of a united life.

Nemesis: a Tale of Reincarnation.

L. E. BORDEN.

“**H**AVE YOU any antique rings?” The questioner was a woman heavily veiled and simply clad, though the plain coat and black gown showed the finest material.

“Certainly, Madam;” and the obliging salesman led the way to a case filled with objects of curious interest to a student of the past. The spoil of the ages finds its way to New York, and the four quarters of the globe are rifled to bring curios for American collectors. Here were rings of every style and antiquity. Rings from Etruscan tombs; Roman wedding rings made of iron to symbolize the lasting nature of the contract; queer old bronze rings, finely engraved and so heavy it is no

wonder the luxurious pagans had lighter ones for summer: some had a tiny key attached, thus Caesar’s wife might have carried the key to her jewel casket. There were quaint Egyptian scarab rings such as Cleopatra wore, with many a gem of purest lustre strayed from the crown jewels of dead sovereigns.

The lady fingered the circlets with some disdain. “All these are common enough,” she said with the air of a jaded connoisseur. “I want a ‘find;’ show me your best.”

The acute dealer studied his customer with attention, then he opened a safe and produced a heavily chased gold band set with three rubies, the largest of

which was magnificent in size and color. Beside this, he placed a second ring which he drew from another case, a coiling serpent whose eyes cast evil gleams of green fire.

"Here," he said, holding up the rubies, "is a ring that belonged to Caesar Borgia. He kept it to poison his enemies—or his friends, for he treated them pretty much alike. Anyone who happened to be in his way, was invited to take wine with him or to sit beside him in the place of honor at a banquet. You remember how many of his guests died suddenly? See here!"

The jeweler pushed a little slide behind a central ruby, and showed a hollow large enough to hold a small pellet of the deadly vegetable poisons used by the famous cardinal.

"And what is this?" asked the lady, pointing to the serpent ring.

The jeweler was piqued that she took his prize so coolly. Perhaps he had erred in putting it before a stranger, but he fancied he knew the monogram on the handkerchief she carried.

"This is an old Venetian death ring, a genuine antique of the fifteenth century, and has its history. You see here on the inside these two fangs of the sharpest steel. Every curio dealer in Venice knows the Della Colia ring. What! you never heard of it? Well, they say it used to belong to a marquise of the old Della Colia family, one of the proudest in Italy. Of course the marquise had a rival and wanted to kill her. You ladies can understand that; it sometimes happens in these days, I am told." The dealer laughed pleasantly at his own humor, and looked at his client. Her smile, if she gave it, was hidden by the black lace masque.

"Pray go on," she said simply, "I am interested."

"So the wicked marquise had these fangs or claws, which are hollow and cleft, filled with a powerful poison; then at the next ball she just stepped up to her rival, who was looking uncommonly well that night, and took her by the hand, a good firm grip. One of the steel claws made a tiny scratch, the merest pin prick, but it was enough. The next morning all Venice rang with the sudden death of the most beautiful woman in Italy. I don't know what the doctors called it then, it would be heart failure now. Probably they had some learned name to cover those poisoning cases. There was no proof, there never was, but everybody understood well enough what those sudden deaths meant. Do you wish this madam?"

"You are satisfied this is the Della Colia ring?"

"We vouch for it, Madam. My brother is never deceived in a good antique. He picked it up by the luckiest chance in Florence. Let me call him and he will tell you all about it. He came back from Europe on the last steamer."

The name of the firm was a guarantee that stamped any antiquity as genuine. Mr. A—, the purchasing agent and second partner, was known in two worlds for his keen scent in tracking frauds, which had won him many a curse from the Hebrew fraternity that lives by exploiting collectors and trading in humbugs.

A talk upon the merits of the ring with Mr. A— was followed by some haggling over the price. It was evident the stranger's hesitation was assumed to cover her real eagerness. She laid down the money—not a small sum—that gave the firm its profit for bringing such a curio to the light of American day, and left the shop with her prize.

The experienced dealer was a trifle puzzled. Was she, as he shrewdly surmised, a well-known collector, one of his richest patrons, led by some whim not uncommon to that wary brood? Or was she but the chance comer she seemed? Well, the bank-notes were good, and he had kept faith with Mrs. Eustis; all he agreed was not to give her rival the first chance. He must send her word about the Borgia within an hour. Where was that Greek signet ring? It must be taken up to Atkins immediately.

Two hours later Miss Miriam Carey was sitting in front of a blazing fire in her exquisite little morning-room. It was a bleak day, and frequent scurries of snow went whirling through the air. Her cheeks were flushed with walking, and on her finger gleamed the Della Colia ring. She turned it round and round, holding it up to the light, watching the fiery eyes of the snake. "I feel sure that A— knew me," she said musingly. "It wasn't like him to offer it to a stranger, but I put him on his mettle. I hope he did not see how eager I was; I was fairly trembling. What a price I paid for it! But I wouldn't have missed it for twice the money. It's such a triumph to keep it from Mrs. Eustis! She'll probably take the Borgia, but this is far more interesting. What a sinister glow! I can't turn my eyes away from it. Oh! good morning, Alice, come and exclaim over my treasure."

Mrs. Ellison, who entered in visiting costume, passed for Miriam Carey's best friend. Small women wondered that the plain Miss Carey was not jealous of the radiant blonde with tints of pearl and rose. Others saw and appreciated her artistic pleasure in Alice's beauty. There was, it is true, a dangerous moment when Jack Ellison began to show his love for the penniless girl. Miriam always looked upon Jack as her property, but she bowed to fate, and the friendship met the strain.

"You see," continued Miriam, as Mrs. Ellison took the jewel and examined it curiously, "I knew A— was just in from Paris with some rare find, and I more than suspected that odious Mrs. Eustis had bribed him to give her the first chance; so I sailed down in disguise and, by a little diplomacy, carried off the prize with flying colors."

"Trust you for that, Miriam," cried her friend. "I always say if you had lived in his day, Talleyrand would have found his match in a woman."

"He did, more than once, if my memory serves me. How about Madame de Stael? But come, you haven't said a word to praise my serpent. Isn't he unique?"

"He's a villainous looking reptile, and so uncanny it makes me creep to watch him," replied her friend, slipping the ring over her forefinger.

"The serpent was more subtle than all the beasts of

the field, so the ancients made him the emblem of wisdom. Do you know, Alice, I felt the most unaccountable fascination the instant I saw this ring!"

"Charmed by the snake like Mother Eve?" laughed Alice. "But I must say, my dear, there is something about the ring that suits you. It's mysterious and subtle like yourself."

Miriam Carey was noted for three things,—her wealth, which was fabled even in a city of great fortunes, her fad for odd jewels, and her love of mystery. She never took the straight road to her object when some winding path could be followed. She liked to pique and baffle curiosity. Her friends said that Miriam was a born diplomatist; her enemies called her intriguing. Her visit to A—'s in disguise was one of the harmless little comedies she was fond of acting. Some said that all her comedies were not harmless; most people felt a subtle depth in her that inspired distrust, but her conduct never confirmed it.

"I could almost fancy that this ring was bound up with my past," she said, half jestingly. "Did you ever have such a feeling? It's like one strain of a forgotten melody that comes back to haunt you. It seems as if the rest must follow, it is all so familiar, yet it never does. But I haven't told you my story," and she repeated the old tale. "Now, Alice, a theosophist once told me I had lived before as a noble Italian lady. Who knows? I may have been the rival the wicked marquise scratched with her treacherous claws!"

"Just like this!" cried Mrs. Ellison, who had the ring on her finger, seizing Miriam's hand with mock tragedy.

"Ah!" screamed Miriam, "That was more than a pin prick," and she showed a drop of blood on her hand. "Jesting apart, dear, I do believe in the idea of reincar-

nation. It is so reasonable to think that we suffer for the follies of the past and the calamities that seem unjust, come in retribution. An innocent man is convicted and hanged on circumstantial evidence. By and by the real murderer confesses the crime. Society gasps with horror at its own mistake. Now who knows but this man so unjustly cut off, as we think, may have just paid the penalty for some foul deed in another life? Perhaps he cheated the gallows then, but his karma led him back to them. I like to think there are no accidents, no sorrows as they seem, mere jests of fate."

"Well, I agree with you there, but I'm trying to decide, if you were really the beautiful rival, what your finding the fatal ring means; it ought to bring you some good fortune, perhaps the lover from whom you were snatched untimely. By, by, dear, I'm due at Mrs. Knight's luncheon."

A shadow passed over Miriam's face at the word lover, but she kissed her friend, who called back merrily as she left the room: "Oh! by the way, Miriam, suppose again you were not the rival, but the naughty marquise herself!"

Next day at breakfast, Mrs. Ellison saw her husband, who was running over the morning papers, stop and glance at her curiously.

"What is it Jack?" she cried, startled by his white face.

He thrust the journal into her hands, and she saw that Miriam Carey had died suddenly at her luxurious home. The doctors called it heart failure. By a will dated ten years previous, all her wealth passed to Jack Ellison.

Across the gap of centuries the ring had come back to its owner. Nemesis had done her work.

The Creation of Worlds by the Word of God.

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

"Through faith we understand that all things were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." How were the worlds framed? By the word of God. Reason cannot explain the origin of things, but faith grasps the truth of God's creative power in his word. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—Elder J. N. Haskell, in *Signs of the Times*.

"And his name is called the Word of God. * * * Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. * * * In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. * * * God hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds,"—Greek, ages, dispensations.

THE PASSAGE first above quoted, being Hebrews xi:3, does not read as quoted, but as follows: "Through faith we understand that *the worlds* were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things that do appear." The

Bible nowhere teaches a plurality of worlds. The Greek word *aionas*, here rendered worlds, never means anything else than a period of time; in Scripture use it means an age, a dispensation.

In speaking of the creation in the New Testament, the Word, or Word of God, is always Jesus or the Word that "was God," that "was made flesh and dwelt among us;" of whom it is declared that "All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made." The making of the worlds (ages) had nothing to do with the origin of all things, of which this writer speaks. If by God's word they mean the Bible, which they generally do, *it* never creates anything.

Although the whole purport of the Bible, Old and New Testament, may be summed up in the Word, or Words of God, of which Jesus, the sixth, was the bread, it was said that man should not live, come into eternal life, by one word, "bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The worlds,—

ages, of the creation, or framing; or, as the Greek word used in the passage in question has it, the jointing down, or together, of these was by the Word of God, who is expressly declared to be the Son of God. These worlds—ages, are the twelve months of the great year of the equinoxes spoken of in Revelation, in which the Tree of Lives ripens its fruit every month—dispensation, “and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” This Tree of Life, which was on both sides of the river of life, is the tree of human life.

At the end of every twelfth division of this cycle of the Zodiac, which means God’s animal, or the full period of the perfect development of God’s animal, or human life, there appears ripened fruit of the God life in humanity for the age. During all the periods of the age, this tree of animal or human life has produced no ripened fruit. Green fruit falls off the tree and rots, producing no ripened seed to plant and renew the tree. Only ripened fruit contains seed that will grow. The ripened seed of this tree is planted in the soil—humanity—that is fitted for it, good soil, and renews the Tree of Lives for the coming age. Jesus, coming in the end of an age, in New Testament language, in the end of the world, was one of these ripened fruits.

As the re-embodiment of those ripened fruits of the grand cycle that had preceded him, as the seed is the creator of the crop, Jesus had been the Creator of the worlds (ages) of the grand cycle of 24,000 years that had already passed, and as Paul declares of him, “He came once in the end of the world” (Greek, the consummation, or ending together of the ages), the age that ended the twelve ages of the grand cycle or Zodiacal year. As the divine seed whence should come the sons of God, “redeemed from among men,” those whom John saw on Mount Zion, in the end of the Christian age, the Lord was born holy. As that seed in the form of the Holy Ghost, he was planted in human hearts, subsequent to his translation; and by the growth of that seed, everything of the Christian age was created. Thus he was the creator, framer, the one that jointed to-

gether all worlds (ages) of the grand cycle, or Zodiacal age of twelve ages or dispensations. When He comes again, as he said he would, he will sow the seed of the Tree of Lives for another grand or Zodiacal cycle, in God’s Garden, the Garden of Eden. Seed time and harvest, the Bible says, should never fail.

When, in the end of an age, God comes among men as the Jehovah, there is always in the people that receive him into themselves as Holy Ghost, when he goes away, or is translated, “a time of refreshing,” Greek, souling up, or getting an accretion of soul power, “that comes from the presence of the Lord,” that is, from the Lord’s having been present in his humanity and gone away into Holy Ghost, which is his form as the God seed, that may go into humanity and soul it up, give it a new, a spiritual begetting again as Peter expresses it, for the birth of a holy body in the end of that age.

The dead old church that prays for a time of refreshing gets it; but, as results always show, not from the presence of the Lord. Seed time does not continue during the year. No more does the seed sowing of this higher, God seed in humanity continue during the cycle of its re-generation, or re-production, which Jesus plainly told us was the age in the beginning of which it was sown.

It is too much to expect of the unreason of the present belated theology, that it should know these things; but they are plainly written in the Bible, and entirely understandable to whoever has the key to their real import. God’s Word, his Son, frames the worlds and all things therein. After the end of every world-age, there comes a new world, age, new heavens and a new earth,—in which dwelleth righteousness, which, as at present, has died out of the old ones,—a new church and state. All these in their succession are created by God’s Word—his Son. An oppressed and toil-worn world will soon bless the New Name of God, which he always has when He makes a new creation, or frames a new world, when it awakes into the realization of such new creation.

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

STIRPICULTURE is the science of race improvement; its principles and laws must be applied to save humanity from its present state of degeneracy and corruption. The human race has about reached the limit of dissipation of its vital energies; the old world has nearly run its course. The old cycle is closing; and humanity requires the application of some radical measures to restore it to life and longevity. This includes vastly more than is involved in the modern systems of mental healing, which is nothing more than temporary restoration to usual functions and activities of man. Humanity must no longer drift with the stream of sensuality; restraint must be applied through a knowledge of the laws of life and the necessity for the conservation of human vital energies, after a period of wanton waste which has culminated in a period of the densest darkness, mental mediocrity, and physical weakness, the world has ever

known! Dr. Schenck has gained a little notoriety in the world through an announcement of a vague idea of the pre-determination of sex of offspring, which seems utterly insignificant when contrasted with the great systems of ethnological blendings and the creation of new and distinct races in the past. Abraham understood the laws of race improvement; he stood at the head of millions. He introduced a system which he applied, involving laws which he enforced, the ultimate results of which transcend anything that the present world can comprehend! From a purely ethnological standpoint, Abraham made himself and his vital energies felt in the world to a greater extent than any other known character on the plane of human generation. He was the great Brahma, not in theosophic theory, but in actual fact. Abraham put forth what he involved; he entered into conjunction with the Almighty, and in the Abrahamic system

there began the generation of the divine Man as well as the generation of a new people. Jesus was the supreme result of the application of the laws applied by Abraham; Abraham was thus resurrected in Jesus, the head of a superior order. Jesus, through the application of the same laws in another domain, through Messianic functions, will produce a fruitage in humanity,—thousands of divine men like himself. The end of the great cycle is at hand. It devolves upon Koreshanity, which alone, of all other systems, possesses the knowledge of the laws of life applied by Abraham and Jesus, to begin the work of restocking the world with a superior race of human beings, to close the floodgates of dissipation, and pour out upon humanity the essences of life, and scientifically blend together the bloods of the world in the production of a perfect race of men.

A writer in a "mental science" journal has brought the world to judgment, and casts the poor people at its left hand as the goats, and the rich among the righteous. According to him, the millionaire is a saint, while the poor man is the devil. He says: "Not a poor man can you find among the wise and truly righteous. And why? It is because in the great field of business activity intelligence is in demand. Wise men (tried and true) are required as pillars of every financial scheme of transaction, and they get the plum of remuneration; they are wrapped in greenbacks for their services." He thinks he has discovered the cure for poverty; it is to will to get rich, and untold wealth will be the result, if that will is presistent and directed with a keen intelligence. These conclusions are the result of an assumption—the assumption that the commercial wisdom of modern times is backed by the mind of the Almighty, which mental scientists claim is the only mind there is. Then what kind of a mind has the poor man? The fact is that the commercial wisdom displayed in the *competitive* world is the wisdom of the devil, the perverted wisdom of commerce; it is one of the principal powers of hell in which it is applied; and "mental science" in encouraging the oppression and enslavement of millions who are helpless because the forces and advantages have been monopolized by the money gods, thus brands itself as belonging to the ranks of absolute fallacy, the effects of which have become insufferable to the masses and intolerable to the Almighty, and they will soon be wiped off the face of the earth!

A writer says that "the problem for us is to determine what Christ taught; and knowing that, to contrast other teachings with his. We must do this independently, each for himself. No man has the right to come in between any other man and the teachings of Jesus. He taught his disciples and the multitude." It is a world of chaos where each man is left to himself to fancy what is truth—a world of mental darkness and anarchy where no one knows, and where every one refuses to have the truth imparted to him. Jesus did not teach the multitude; he addressed them in parables. He taught his disciples so that they should come between the people and his truth. The Jews took the ground nineteen hundred years ago, that a new teacher was unnecessary; they had "Moses and the prophets," and it was not necessary that any man should come between them and Moses to tell them what was the truth! Yet it was through the apostles and disciples of Jesus that the substance of truth was communicated to the world. They were his appointed conductors to transmit the electric force of divine mentality from the central dynamo to the subjects to be charged. It was impossible to obtain it by any other means. A teacher is again necessary,—one who speaks with no less authority than did Jesus. The church has lapsed into ignorance and darkness, and it is as impossible for the masses to discover the meaning of the symbols of nature

and the Bible without a teacher today, as it was at the close of the Jewish dispensation.

A debate was recently conducted in Kansas regarding the condition of man after death, between a Spiritualist and an Adventist; the Spiritualist affirming that a conscious entity existed after physical dissolution with power of communication with the living, while the Adventist entered into a partial analysis of the human system to show that there could be no human consciousness outside of the human body; and the battle was waged on these lines. Neither was able to see that the other was right; *both* were right. There is no human thought outside of the human body; this fact alone, if the Adventist knew it, destroys all the modern theories of an infinite Almighty existing in space! The mortal man, on the other hand, is full of the spirits of the dead, in constant communication with the living. Thought is made up of entities of the dead. There is no other place than the human temples now living, for the spirits of all past to exist. The great volume of human life continues, passing from body to body, continually expressing itself in embodiments in human form. In the science of the human structure is the revelation of all the mysteries of human life, its origin, its destiny, and its perpetuity. While spiritualism and materialism are fighting battles and further segmenting modern systems, Koreshanity as a system of integralism, comes with the solution of both the natural and the spiritual worlds.

"Keep your individuality protected by your own aura. Be self-centered," are two sentences appearing in a paper devoted to universal harmony. On such a basis there could be no universal harmony, no organic unity in humanity. The physical universe has one center, and all the planets, stars, the atmospheres, and the earth are in touch with that center, and are centered in it. Likewise, humanity exists by virtue of the fact that at the end of every dispensation there appears in humanity a central personality to perform the function of the Messianic pole, for the purpose of transposing human life of one age into a higher sphere of a succeeding age. A plant could not grow if each cell should conclude to be independent and self-centered. A physical battery has its poles; the human world generates its Messianic electric force through its positive pole, the Messiah. The Messiah leads a group of humanity to its destiny at the end of a cycle, just as the central corpuscle in a plant leads the progressive corpuscles to the destiny of its life in the seed. A plant full of self-centered corpuscles is on the road to death and decay; and the humanity which repudiates the Messianic law and personality is following a corresponding path to anarchy and death.

Moody looks over the world of fallacy, with its thousands of fragments illogically thrown together in the modern mental chaos, and exclaims: "Knowledge has greatly increased throughout the world!" He considers that this is a period of high civilization and enlightenment, a most satisfactory age in which to live, because of all the modern conveniences and inventions, and the marvels of the telescope and the microscope. He forgets the fact that all modern ingenuity is utilized by the gods of the money power. The discoveries of the nineteenth century are, one by one, seized upon by the devil and used for the advancement of his kingdom of death and oppression. The present civilization is but the partial taming of the inhabitants of hell. Moody virtually admits this in his question, "But do we increase in righteousness as we do in knowledge?" His answer is in the negative. The fact that the world, under the influence of modern education and civilization, does not become better but *worse*, stamps the character of the prevailing "knowledge" as fallacy, because it is impossible for fallacy to produce good

results; and truth could not be responsible for the miserable conditions and corruptions that prevail at the close of this dispensation.

The religious world is in gross ignorance of the nature of the Lord Christ, who appeared in the world at the beginning of the Christian dispensation. The laws of his generation and regeneration are unknown to the modern church. Some look upon him as a mere mortal man, an example to other mortals, while others presume to think that he was a manifestation of a great unknown God pervading infinite space. A writer filled with this idea suggests that Jesus "was more than a man, more than a Messiah, within the limits of human nature; more than a perfect example of the divine in human nature." And pray, what is a Messiah, and what are his functions? Jesus the Messiah was Jehovah, the seed man of humanity, the perpetuator of divine life; he involved the universe and was its Creator, as the seed involves the plant, and becomes the creator of the plant. When he entered into his disciples he began the work of the new creation, which is exactly like the old creation was when it was new. Jesus was God Almighty, the personal Deity, the human God; but the church has forgotten it, and worships a myth!

Why do fallacies advance so rapidly in the world, while Koreshanity finds it difficult to gain a foothold? Because the people are receptive to fallacy—they attract the substances of perverted thought, and repel the truth. Every system of fallacy that has come into the world has come by fragments, differing in part only from the popular views of the world generally. Fallacy finds ready acceptance by the curious and the ignorant, because it does not disturb the habits of the people, nor the social conditions of its followers. With Koreshanity it is different. Acceptance of it means a complete mental and moral revolution. It touches the very root of evil, and cuts the sensual ties which degrade the mind. Koreshanity refuses to drift with the popular tide, and it must withstand the force of the current and endure the resultant friction. For the reason that it is truth, with the laws of life for application in removing the very seat of sensual desire, it can never be a fad; its mission is to tell the truth to save the world from hell, and not to tickle the curious devils in it!

An exchange contains the following startling statements concerning the doctrines of Jesus; our readers will wonder a little at the source of the author's information or inspiration: "Jesus forbade priestly interference between man and God. He taught the people that they were all children of God; that all had one spiritual Father which we call God." This is the reverse of what his disciples said he taught! Jesus proclaimed himself divine; that *he* was from above; that the world at large was *not* divine, but was from beneath. However, it is true that humanity then and today is a brotherhood, with one spiritual father which the modern church and the world call God. What father is it? If we can determine which father is the father of the mortal world, we can determine whether the modern church worships God or the devil. Jesus said, "Ye are of your father the devil!" If the church desires to persist in worshiping such a deity, the satanic father of mortal man, she is at liberty to do so!

Mrs. Eddy, the founder of "christian science," holds that there is no matter in existence; but there are cases of court record which show that she has sued several persons for infringing on *matter* which she had copyrighted! The question might arise, What does it matter if others should republish what she has written? If there is no matter, on what did she write? On what were her books printed? Did the books, infringing on

her copyright, really exist! If not, why should anybody who has no body, be sued for something that was not done? If the universe should be entirely subjective, it would be subjective from the standpoint of Mrs. Eddy—that is, there would be no mind but Mrs. Eddy's; she would be all there is, universe and all. There could be nothing existing besides herself, or rather her mind. But it is strange that her mind should enter into so much litigation over a little matter!

Who is going to meet the infidelity and skepticism of the nineteenth century? It is obvious that the modern church will not, for she herself is falling into the awful chasm of avowed agnosticism. Modern scientific theories are honeycombing the religious world, and the Bible has become as vague and void of meaning in the popular mind as the universe itself. True science alone, the truth of the universe, in battle with the fallacies of the hour, will be able to overcome skepticism. When knowledge has overcome ignorance, the Bible is vindicated. Koreshan Universology is the science of the Bible, the science of the universe. Truth expressed in the laws of the creation and perpetuity of the human world, is the same truth as that expressed in the great external form of the physical cosmos, for the Author of truth and the Creator of the cosmos are one and the same.

The church is not a practical institution. It offers to the world no remedy for its multiplying evils; it is helpless in the face of relentless agencies which are reducing the world to poverty and ruin—it evades the great questions of the world's distress, and shirks responsibility in the hour of its greatest need. Why does not the church do something? Why does it not form a gigantic trust in favor of the poor on the basis of co-operation, and thus turn the principle of the trusts into a powerful channel of effective philanthropy? Because it does not desire to do so; it does not possess the spirit of communism. It has joined hands with the competitive world, and is supported by the influence and money of the wealthy classes, and it does not dare to move against the powers with which it is in league!

The editor of the *Blue Grass Blade*, a Kentucky free-slash journal, has fallen into the clutches of Comstockism, under the charge of publishing an obscene periodical. Free thought papers are defending the periodical on the basis of the constitutional guaranty of free speech and free press. Of course, Comstock has no right to enter proceedings against a journal on trumped-up charges such as brought the journal in question before the bar of modern injustice. We do not believe in prosecuting a man for printing what he thinks; the Constitution of the United States allows him that privilege. If there is any refinement left in the modern mind, it should be sufficient to make itself felt against such low-type journalism as the journal referred to, without the necessity of court proceedings.

Japan is about to put on the cloak of modern Christianity—not that its people have been converted to its vagaries, for out of 44,000,000 only about 200,000 have assented to them; but because the nation desires to be able to join in all the projects of the nations of Christendom. Japan wants to belong to a "sisterhood, of nations," fearing that without adopting Christianity she will not be able to attain a high degree of progress in all the iniquities of the Christian world. Japan's hypocrisy will be complete when she puts the cloak of the sham of modern perverted Christianity on a nation of Buddhists and agnostics for the purpose of obtaining a greater prestige among the nations of Europe and America.

Going to heaven according to the modern church, is going to some other planet or star in the Copernican system of worlds. The most prominent Christian astronomers of the age have

endeavored to locate the throne of Deity on the star Alcyone, the central star of the Pleiades. In the mind of the modern Christian, a mythical conception of the Almighty is inseparably connected with a fallacious astronomy; but it is with the greatest difficulty, in the promulgation of Koreshan Universology, to make people see that the modern systems of astronomy and theology have any relation!

"I am inclined to think that the liquor traffic has got beyond the control of moral agencies, and Christian people must depend on supernatural help in order to overcome the saloon." Why has not the church thought of that before? But is potent supernatural help available to the modern church? This is the real question for the clergymen to answer. The Almighty is not operating in the apostate church; he has abandoned the old form, just as the seed finally abandons the stalk, heedless of the wail of weakness of the dying form!

Koreshanity is the only system in the world that does not borrow from some other system or fragment of modern thought. We do not, as others, simply differ on theology and accept a fallacious astronomy; nor differ on sociology while swallowing the vagaries of the modern church. Koreshanity holds nothing in common with modern fragments. It is not a fad to hook on, as a tail, to popular thought; it is decidedly original, and will revolutionize the world on all lines of human thought, affairs, and relations.

The so called reformer informs the people that the trouble with the modern world is corrupt government, rotten to the core; Koreshanity declares the truth that the trouble is with the corrupt people, rotten to the heart with sensuality and depravity. A righteous people could not have a corrupt government; neither could a corrupt people have a pure government. Therefore, true reform must begin at the seat of the trouble,—in the heart of man!

Modern mental science mistakes persistency in fallacious desire, to be the liberation of the divine ego in man; that the assertion of absolute individual independence is the restoration of the "I am" to his throne. Even the devil can will to have what he wishes, and obtains it through force of mental attraction; but he is a long way from God!

Before humanity can be saved from the present hells, the flood-gates of dissipation of the energies of life must be closed, and the laws of conservation applied in the individual, and in every plane of his activity.

The central and most advanced corpuscle or cell in the plant, is the leader and guide of all other corpuscles aspiring to reach the climax in the seed.

If the Copernican astronomy were true, the earth would be as much in the physical heavens as any star in the universe.

The whole world is turned by cranks; from the standpoint of the devil, the Almighty is a crank and a fool!

Both the astronomer and the clergyman are gazing into the physical heavens for other worlds.

You cannot understand Koreshan Universology if you do not want to.

All mind is supernatural; the human mind is the supernatural in man.

The Messiah is the "missing link" in the chain of evolution.

The greatest mystery in the modern mind is chemistry.

The Almighty is the eccentric of universal revolution.

Science is the Koreshan's secret of a happy life.

The millionaire refuses to take the gold cure.

Fallacy is insanity in disguise.

Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

"Some Cranks and Their Crotchets."

MOST LEARNED SIR:—Permit me to suggest for your careful perusal, Prof. Fiske's paper in the current number of the *Atlantic Monthly*. You will find it very suggestive and most instructive. It will be worth to you more than a great many Sunday *Tribunes*, etc. I would also be pleased to see your opinion thereof in THE FLAMING SWORD; but I hardly dare hope that you will comply with this request. I remain your much entertained reader,—PHILOSOPHICUS.

Though the above letter is interspersed between the lines as well as in the lines, with deliberate tinges of sarcasm, we have taken the pains to look up the production of Dr. Fiske referred to, and to briefly review the same for the benefit of our readers generally, rather than for the benefit of Philosophicus, because we know his attitude toward the radical measures employed in Koreshanity for eradicating fallacies and sensuality from the human mind.

Dr. Fiske devotes about nineteen pages of the March *Atlantic Monthly* to a rambling review of some good and bad ideas

promulgated by men whom he denominates as cranks. The kind of literature he refers to, he denominates "insane literature." He includes in his list, works on squaring the circle, perpetual motion, some attempts to overthrow the Copernican system of astronomy, books on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, the Bacon-Shakespeare discussion, Symmes' Hole, interpretations of the Great Pyramid of Egypt, unraveling occult mysteries and kabalas, theories of immortality in the flesh, etc.

We presume Philosophicus concludes that his suggestions will be of immeasurable value to us; as though we never saw a review of paradoxes before, and were not aware of the hundreds of vague concepts and theories promulgated in the world! Dr. Fiske himself is not original. Dr. De Morgan's famous "Budget of Paradoxes" has covered such points over and over again, while Proctor's "Myths and Marvels of Astronomy" contains chapters written in a similar strain. Dr. Fiske

imitates this method of reviewing paradoxes, from which all argument or proof of conclusions which he himself may entertain is conspicuously absent. The article under consideration is a sort of harangue; he even apologizes for its uninteresting style and tiresome *pot pourri* of exaggerations and ridicule,—interesting and tickling no doubt, to many unfamiliar with the world's eccentricities, as the relics in a museum are interesting to sight-seers; perhaps pleasing to morbid minds hunting for new ideas after exhausting mental capacities to originate new ideas themselves. But to those already familiar with the various phases of mental cruelties and absurdities, as well as partial departures from popular views,—to those already having reached definite conclusions from demonstrated premises in Koreshan Universology, Dr. Fiske's reviews themselves are relegated to the category of "insane literature."

Such characters as Dr. Fiske lived in the days of Jesus; they have lived all

along through the ages past. The ultra-conservatives do not contribute to the world's real advancement; they have not sufficient mental ability nor the courage to depart from the popular drift of effete thought; nor to head a new movement of reform or revolution in human thought, nor to impulse a class of people in any marked lines of genuine progress. Nineteen hundred years ago, such men were as ready to denounce as insane, ideas advanced differing in any degree from the established systems of religion and philosophy. Jesus was one of the immortality cranks of nineteen hundred years ago; and in the eyes of the Jews, Greeks, and Romans, the writings of the disciples of Jesus belonged to the same class of "insane literature" in which Dr. Fiske places Dr. C. Piazzzi Smyth's valuable work on the Pyramid, the work of Parallax and others; or in which he would place the views of the restitutionists held by the writer of the above letter, or in which he would place the truth of Koreshanism.

We are living in a time exactly parallel to that of the close of the Jewish dispensation; it is a period of breaking up of old institutions, of disintegration of the age. It is not surprising that numerous ridiculous fallacies should originate in modern times. It is obvious that there are some fallacies entertained by so called reasonable people; it is impossible that they all possess the truth, and contradict each other. Each of the many fragmentary systems claims, in a way, to be the truth. No matter what idea is advanced in the world, it gains a following; no matter how *true* a system may be, it is always opposed, in its early stages of promulgation, and classed as fallacious, insane, and dangerous. It is a fact that every teacher that has ever come into the world has been ridiculed; truth always has a hard time to gain a foothold; and while this one fact is always appealed to by the originators of fallacies as a proof of the genuineness of their theories in their defense against the attacks of the conservative, it also subjects the promulgators of the truth to the same accusation of insanity.

It is far more creditable for a mind to endeavor, though it fails, to do things that are considered impossible by the masses, than to not attempt them at all. Such attempts ultimate in success. Man must experience the difficulties of solving so called impossible problems; he must experience defeat ere he succeeds. The hundreds of inventions now in the world, the hundreds of modern wonders, have been attempted many times before they were made *possible*; and they were attempted at

times when the world—such men as Dr. Fiske, laughed and ridiculed. Unsuccessful attempts to perform a work impulses and spurs the mind of succeeding generations to accomplish it. What Dr. Fiske considers as impossible in the lines of overcoming death and acquiring immortality here in this world, *was* accomplished in the flesh by Jesus. The squaring of the circle, which he now considers impossible, has been accomplished in the past, as demonstrated in the construction of the Great Pyramid. The process of incubating the sphere is operative in the hatching of an egg! What he considers as foolish attempts to overthrow the Copernican system of astronomy, has at last been accomplished in the successful demonstrations in the Koreshan System, in the obtaining of actual facts which may be perceived with the sense of vision, and demonstrated to the mechanical, mathematical, and geometrical senses of the rational mind.

Every idea that is not true is unsound; an unsound idea is an *insane* idea. Every fallacious system is the product of a phase of insanity. The only system that *is* sound, that is sane and rational, is the absolutely *true* one. Whatever part of the literature of the world contains fallacy is the product of imperfect, immature, unsound, and perverted mind; most of the literature of the world is the product of *partial insanity*. If the prophecies of the Bible be accepted as true concerning the "last days" of the present dispensation, instead of the modern world being progressive and possessing sanity, mental soundness, and wholesome doctrine, it departs from rational conclusion, departs from the truth, and turns unto fables and fallacies, and becomes engrossed in selfishness, steeped in sensuality and debauchery to such an extent as to precipitate the world into anarchy and revolution. *Such* a world is insane. Doesn't Philosophicus consider that this is about the Apostle Paul's estimate of the modern world? Such men as Dr. Fiske and the writer of the above squib, and others who put themselves on record as defending the modern world and its institutions,—as drifting with the stream of the world's retrogression into the coming vortex of evil, identify themselves to that extent with the phases of insanity manifest in modern thought.

There can be no phase of insanity more dangerous to human society than fallacy; nothing can be more unsound or insane than the absolute antithesis of the truth. If the universe is a cell and limited, as all form must be limited, then there can be no more erroneous, no more

absolutely insane concept, no greater display of absolute ignorance and mental darkness and perversion in all the world than the modern concept of the universe as entertained in the modern system of astronomy and theories of creation. If, as the Bible declares, God is in humanity; if, as it proves, Jesus was the Almighty, the Creator of all things that are,—if he was Jesus the Jehovah, the Man-God, then all the modern concepts of Deity filling infinite space, having mind without brains, pediment, or continent, constitute insane bosh, and are unworthy of rational contemplation!

Is This the Nineteenth or the Twentieth Century?

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—"They" call this the "twentieth century;" yet it is 1899. Next year it will be 1,900 years from the beginning of the Christian era; and it will require 100 more years to be 2000, or to enter the twentieth century. According to this reckoning, this is the eighteenth century with 99 years in it; one more year it will be the nineteenth century, and then it will take 100 more years ere the twentieth century begins.

Am I right or wrong? If wrong, please show how next year can be the twentieth century, and what becomes of the nineteenth century if this is the eighteenth century. Edward Bellamy must have had in view a future of a few years over 100 years hence, when he wrote that strange book, "Looking Backward," from that future date. True, we are making history very rapidly, and old ideas as well as old customs are rapidly passing away, and new ideas and new customs are taking their place; yet even with such rapidity it will take quite a while to change the present into Bellamy's communistic or governmental fraternity. However, the change cannot be too rapid for me; I am waiting for it.—PROF. P. A. EMERY, Cal.

The above questions concerning the centuries may be clearly answered by a few suggestions. The confusion has resulted from the mere presence of the figures 1 and 8 in writing the years in the present century. The first century did not begin with the year 100, but with the year 1. Only one year of the first century contained three figures—the year 100, the *last* year of the first century. It was the first century until December 31, 100. The year 101 was the beginning of the second century; 201, the third; 301, the fourth; 401, the fifth, etc.

The year 1000 ended the tenth century; that is, 1,000 full years, ten full centuries, expired with December 31, 1000. 1001 was the beginning of the new century, the eleventh, though 1001 looks to be as much the beginning of the tenth century as 1801 does the beginning of the eighteenth century. The year 1800 ended eighteen full centuries, 1,800 full years. The century which ended with 1800 began 100 years previous, on January 1, 1701—just a moment after seventeen full centuries, or 1,700 full years had passed. On Decem-

ber 31, 1900, nineteen full centuries, or 1,900 years will end. A moment afterward begins the new century, the twentieth. The century which ends with December 31, 1900, began 100 years previous, or on January 1, 1801; it has been the nineteenth century since that date, for 1,800 years or eighteen centuries passed with the year 1900. So it will be the twentieth century for just one hundred years after January 1, 1901, or until December 31, 2000, after which the twenty-first century will begin.

This is not called the twentieth century, except in a prospective way, as "twentieth century civilization," "twentieth century methods," "twentieth century literature," because it is expected that methods, literature, and civilization obtaining at the close of this century will prevail in the next.

Except the days of the present corruption be shortened, the world could not be saved; it would get beyond redemption. At the end of every cycle there is a foreshortening of time, and a corresponding acceleration of human thought and activity. We are nearing the time of the ripening of the fruit of ages, and when the ripening begins there will be a greater activity in the human corpuscles in the great Tree of Life, the momentum of human progress will be increased, and all the energies of the world will be accelerated until the vortex is reached, when the New World and Order (not Bellamy's) will be born in a day; and the time is at hand!

Prof. Falb's Comet Collision.

I enclose an article clipped from the *Saturday Globe*, Utica, N. Y., containing some predictions of Prof. Rudolph Falb, of Vienna. I wish you would let us know what you think of them through the columns of THE FLAMING SWORD.—J. I. H., Winchester, Va.

The article referred to makes mention of a number of prophecies by Prof. Falb concerning cyclones and hurricanes, earthquakes and tidal waves, and the collision of the earth with a comet during 1899. From careful observations extending over a number of years, and from records made by others, of the periods of seismic disturbances, Prof. Falb is sometimes able to foretell earthquakes and consequent tidal waves. About every eleven years earthquakes occur with a little more than ordinary frequency; and from what is observed in the past, and *not* from any theory of a molten mass with tidal motions on the interior of the earth, earthquake prophets occasionally hit the year all right. Weather bureaus, from meteorological observations and records, can sometimes foretell when an unusual number of cyclones and destructive storms will occur.

But when it comes to predicting comet collisions, that is quite another matter. It is not to be disputed that cyclones and earthquakes sometimes occur; they occur every year, and any man can say, "There will be an earthquake this year," with some probability of hearing of its fulfillment somewhere in the earth. But no one has ever heard of a collision of the earth with a comet, from the simple fact that it has never occurred. If Prof. Falb had ever made any "scientific investigations into mundane anatomy," he would have found that such a thing as he predicts is utterly impossible. The universe has been in existence eternally and has never yet met with such a mishap, and it never will, because the earth is a concave sphere, and comets that are visible are mere particles of crystallic energy with trains or tails of sunshine! Astronomers generally do not entertain the idea of the possibility of the destruction of the earth by a comet. One astronomer has undertaken to compute the probable weight of a comet nucleus and tail, and finds, he thinks, that an ordinary comet with a tail 3,000,000 miles long, if reduced to matter, would weigh only one and a quarter ounces! Mattison considered that the largest comet tail would weigh only a few hundred pounds, while Newton thought that if the tail of the largest comet were compressed within the scope of a cubic inch, it would not be dense as common air!

Jupiter has been seen to pass through the tail of a comet, without disturbance or destruction. There is no more probability of the destruction of the people by a comet, than that the throwing of a handful of fog upon the surface of the ocean would kill the shell-fish at the bottom!

Jesus Did Not Ascend into the Physical Heavens.

(1) At the translation of Jesus, did the spirit of his body, or the Holy Ghost, enter immediately into his disciples, or did he have to ascend into the physical heavens and back again before they received the gift of the Holy Spirit? (2) At the translation of the Personality at the end of this dispensation, will those outside of the Koreshan Unity receive the baptism, or do we all have to be gathered into one place? I am a staunch believer in everything that is taught in THE FLAMING SWORD. Though I recognize in myself a very dim star, I am willing to come to the fountainhead for information.—J. A. R., Mansfield, Ark.

(1) As human mind cannot exist apart from human form, it was absolutely necessary that the spirit of Jesus pass directly into his disciples at the time of his theocrasis. Three personalities,—Peter, James, and John,—were the special vessels or containers, the three tabernacles built for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus, representing the three degrees of divine life, foreshown

at the time of Jesus' transfiguration. Jesus went at once into the interior mind of these three personalities, containing the three heavens of the highest spiritual world. Ten days afterward; the Spirit descended from that interior, first into a central group of disciples, thence into the thousands.

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The World's News.

Wednesday, March 15.

American forces in the Philippines invading the interior, and establishing garrisons in insurgent towns.

Gen. Otis forbids negotiations of Spanish at Manila with the insurgents for release of Spanish prisoners.

Mohammedan pilgrimages to Mecca may be stopped to prevent spread of bubonic plague.

Cuban Assembly asks for recognition; delegation coming to Washington.

Thursday.

Authorities at Havana ignore Cuban Assembly; Gens. Brooke and Gomez confer; the \$3,000,000 gift to be paid to Cuban soldiers.

Cecil Rhodes, the South African imperialist, gets the favor of German emperor for the great African railway.

Scores of hold-ups operating in Chicago day and night.

Battle at Taguig, Philippines; 400 insurgents killed, 350 captured.

Friday.

St. Patrick's day!

Island of Layte, Philippines, joins in the rebellion.

Chicago political hotbed is germinating a host of corrupt candidates.

Spain makes a futile attempt to gain sympathy of Europe against U. S.

Joseph Medill, one of the founders of the republican party, and editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, dies at San Antonio, Tex.

Queen regent of Spain dissolves the Cortez and signs the treaty, alone assuming the responsibility refused by party leaders.

Saturday.

New political party on foot in Cuba; favors Gomez for president.

Famous Windsor hotel, New York, entirely destroyed by fire; 16 found dead, many injured, and 56 missing.

Senator Castelar reported confident that end of Spanish monarchy is near; parties clamoring for establishment of republic.

Pope's condition variable according to newspapers; out of danger today.

Sunday.

No hope for the Pope, the announcement in the press; diplomats discussing his successor.

Battleship Oregon arrives at Manila.

New satellite of Saturn discovered by Prof. Pickering, Harvard university.

Senator Mason meets a cool reception in Chicago for anti-expansion views.

Monday.

Fatal riot in Havana; Cuban mob fights the police; several killed and 30 wounded; result of action of Cuban assembly, and bad blood in Cubans.

Gen. Wheaton reports 2,000 insurgents slain in battles during past week;

Otis and Dewey hope to soon crush rebellion.

War department proposes to test the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy.

Carlists reported uprising.

Tuesday.

John Sherman, ex-secretary of state, reported dying at Kingston, Jamaica.

Disorder continues at Havana; rioters keep up excitement and avow death to the police.

Philippine commission meets at Manila and drafts proclamation to the insurgents.

Pope reported growing better; well enough to officiate at mass.

Standard Oil men lobbying in House of Commons, London.

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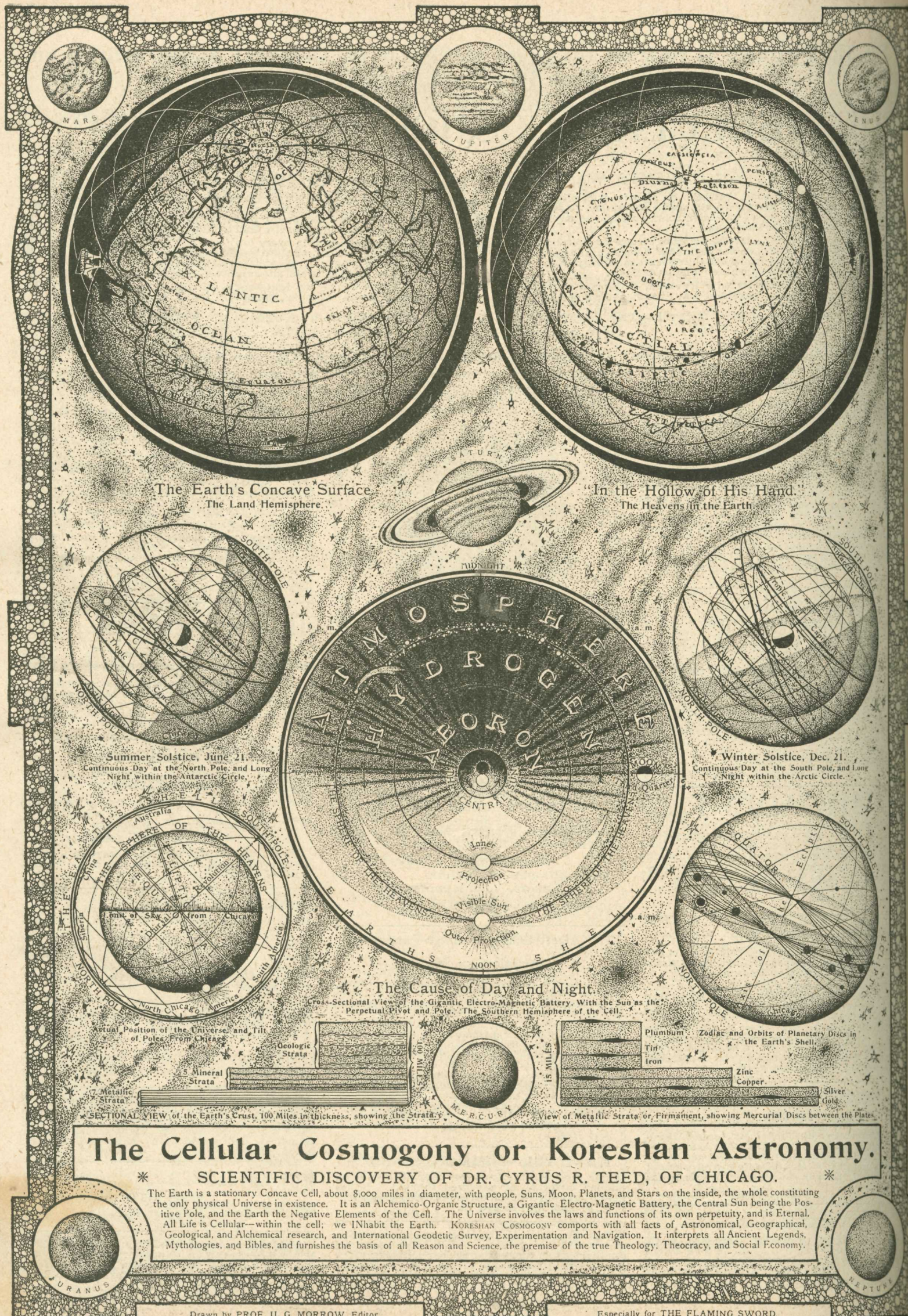
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The Earth is a stationary Concave Cell, about 8,000 miles in diameter, with people, Suns, Moon, Planets, and Stars on the inside, the whole constituting the only physical Universe in existence. It is an Alchemico-Organic Structure, a Gigantic Electro-Magnetic Battery, the Central Sun being the Positive Pole, and the Earth the Negative Elements of the Cell. The Universe involves the laws and functions of its own perpetuity, and is Eternal. All Life is Cellular—within the cell; we inhabit the Earth. KORESHAN COSMOGONY comports with all facts of Astronomical, Geographical, Geological, and Alchemical research, and International Geodetic Survey, Experimentation and Navigation. It interprets all Ancient Legends, Mythologies, and Bibles, and furnishes the basis of all Reason and Science, the premise of the true Theology, Theocracy, and Social Economy.