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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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Fallacious Travesties on the Phenomena of Divinity.

Psychology of Evil Minds Operative in Counterfeit Systems; the Truth of the Judaistic and Christian Systems vs. Aggregate Mass of Fallacy.

THERE ARE people who say, "We take truths from all systems of ancient and modern thought and aggregate them into a composite whole, and are thus enabled to give to the world a system of philosophy which embraces all truth."

The devil, like a counterfeit bill, invariably attempts to represent the genuine by copying after the original; and he succeeds measurably well in leading the world in its wild goose chase after his ignis fatuus. The doctrine of the resurrection of the dead (reincarnation), of theocrasis (absorption into Nirvana), and of metempsychosis (transmigration of soul) are all fundamental doctrines of the Judaistic and Christian systems; but as given in Buddhism, or theosophy, they are weak and spurious representations of the genuine, and not the real thing, therefore not truths but errors.

When Moses appeared before Pharaoh, he performed some supernatural phenomena because of his knowledge of the divine laws; these phenomena were counterfeited, not by the same law, but rather by a spurious imitation. As an illustration of this principle, we may note the facts of psychic power in the many efforts to pervert the doctrines of the Lord Christ and the teachings of his apostles, and reduce them to the common speculations of an avaricious age.

The operation of the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Lord and shed upon his apostles and disciples, was a Word (Logos) upon the soul, hence it was psychology. The operation of this force resulted in peculiar phenomena, giving to the apostles wonderful powers. These powers were exercised invariably in a divine way, never

for personal aggrandizement. This psychological power from the Lord was the soul of God acting upon the soul of his people. The counterfeit of this power, the psychology of evil minds for personal ends, because an imitation of the genuine, is in no sense the truth. Buddhism is not the truth; it is, however, a deceptive counterfeit, and hence modern theosophy goes beyond Buddhism in the direction of a fallacious travesty on the phenomena of divinity.

The more closely a counterfeit bill resembles the genuine the more dangerous it is; and likewise, the more closely the diabolic mind of the atheistic and antichristian world apes the doctrines and phenomena of genuine Christianity, the more likely it is to lead men astray.

John the Baptist had great psychological power. Through it he transposed the soul of his being—the entities he had gathered into himself—into the life of the Messiah, in the psychic or soul baptism of the Lord, when the Spirit in the form of a dove lighted upon and entered the Savior. Modern humanity, of the most diabolic type, has the power to transpose spiritual forces (which are nothing more nor less than spiritual entities) from one person to another, and to counterfeit the higher spiritual and soul phenomena.

We have employed the term psychology (discourse on the soul) where, according to a more strict use of the term, pneumatology would have been better; spirit and soul power being two distinct principles, and manifesting two distinct classes of phenomena. We employed the term merely because it is the more common, as applicable to supernatural phenomena.

Hearing Voices From the Spiritual World.

How the Almighty Spoke From the Interior of Jesus; Processes of Internal Vibration of the Tympanum; Fallacy of the Idea of the Objective Spiritual World.

Dr. Teed says in February 3 issue, "No phenomena of mind ever can occur independently of matter." Several times I have heard independent voices in the air, talking or singing, all others present hearing the same voice at the same time, and all knowing there was no ventriloquist in the house.—D. E. S.

DID OUR correspondent ever know of *any* voice being heard independently of ears with which to hear? Where were Mr. S.'s ears, and what were they doing when he heard the voices? Did he hear the voices independently of the organs of hearing? If so, then let us have the proof. Voice or sound is a phenomenon which depends upon the ear and its functions, the tympanum and the auditory nerves being essential factors in the phenomenon.

Mr. S. declares that he has "heard *independent* voices in the air." It is a mistake. We do not question the fact of the phenomena of which the writer speaks; we merely question his interpretation of it. The tympanum may be acted upon from without or within. When vibrated from within, by the action of any spirit, the sound seems objective because the mind is trained to believe in objective phenomena. The communication of intelligence from one spirit to another within the brain cells, where spirits dwell, vibrates the cell or a group of cells which will vibrate a corresponding cell or set of cells in any other brain *en rapport* with the first cell acted upon, and the responsive vibrations are heard as objective sounds; but they are not transposed independently of a brain cell in which the voice originates, nor are they independent of a receiving cell to which the transposition of the sound is made.

Mr. S. is laboring under the same difficulty that confronts all materialists. He does not possess a spiritual conception, though he has a natural idea of space; he observes forms in space, and imagines a spirit

to occupy space as large as the body. This is purely a material idea. A spirit has no form, but it has that which corresponds to form; it occupies no space, but exists in a mental atmosphere which only corresponds to space. *The spiritual world is in man.* The hells and the heavens are located within the human organism. God is in heaven; God is in his holy temple. Where is this holy temple? "Ye are the temple of God, because God dwells in you." "God is in the generation of the righteous."

The world of heavens and also the world of hells are in man. They exist as facts;—the basis of these two worlds is the matter in which they rest. We are not disputing the existence of spirits and angels, nor their voices; but we are trying to eradicate some of the consummate ignorance of people regarding the character and location of these spheres, and to eliminate from the befogged modern mind, some of the cherished nonsense in which the world is merged.

Please explain Matt. iii : 17 : "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus was the temple of God. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. * * * But he spake of the temple of his body." That voice was from the Father, of whom Jesus said: "I and my Father are one. * * * I am in the Father, and the Father *in me.*" Did the Lord tell the truth? If so, then the Father was in him, the temple of God, and the voice was from his own interior, and was communicated to the interior of those who heard, impressing from within the tympana of the ears which heard. "Where was the organic cerebral structure?" The organic cerebral structure was in the cranium of the Lord Jesus, and in the crania of all who heard.

The Conflict of Astronomical Hypotheses.

PROF. U. G. MORROW.

ASTRONOMY has been considered as an exact science by millions of people unfamiliar with its history—its founding and progress. To the astronomical world, however, it is known to be very unstable and uncertain; its fundamental hypotheses are constantly shifting. When Copernicus undertook to account for planetary motions by the use of the hypothesis that the visible planets were viewed from a rapidly moving sphere instead of a stationary one, the sun was only 3,000,000 miles from the earth; and Copernicus never dreamed of the immense distances in space to which the

sun and stars were afterwards to be pushed by more energetic astronomers!

Kepler evolved his ellipses from the original circular orbits, and modified the system on the ground of a new hypothesis. At that time, the worlds were moved by the application of divine power, and no other solution for universal motion was thought of in Christendom until Newton took the matter in his own hands and applied the mysterious force of universal gravitation. This was a decided revolution in cosmogony; and up to the present century, Newton has controlled the worlds

by a hypothetical force, much to the satisfaction of his admirers. The question soon arose, if the motions of the universe could be maintained simply because there was nothing to stop them, why could not the universe have started of its own accord?

Attempted answers to the question resulted in the famous theory of Laplace, the nebular hypothesis, the idea that the solar system was once one great hot gas-ball, revolving, cooling, condensing, materializing. What set it on fire is a mystery! This theory was the logical result of the Newtonian hypothesis; for of what use would universal gravity be if it did not finally collect the atoms of ether and make worlds of them everywhere, throughout all infinite space? Why it did not begin operations long before it did, is not explained! The nebular theory has supplied the world with speculative material for over a century; and it has been accepted by the entire modern world, inclusive of the church! It has been the groundwork of all modern theories of geology and systems of evolution. The mysteries of creation were thought to be revealed through the Laplacement of universal matter, held by "higher critics" to be antagonistic to the Bible; but it has neither solved the problems of creation nor destroyed the ancient Volume.

Geologists have been so certain that the earth is an intensely hot ball of molten matter, ensphered by a thin crust of cooled land and water, that they have calculated the temperature of the earth from the circumference to the center; they have found that Jupiter is growing colder, and that the moon is past its days of usefulness and life, indicating the fate of worlds. After all these conclusions have been so nicely poised in the public mind as established theories, what a scientific disaster to have them all overthrown! Hypothesis has followed hypothesis in the past; and now the war of hypotheses has begun again; the world is about to witness another shifting of shadows, another disintegrative evolution and revolution in uncertain "science!"

Dr. T. J. J. See, the famous astronomer of the Lowell observatory, is the founder of a new system of world-building, which is announced as a complete refutation of the nebular hypothesis of Laplace. He has overthrown the popular system by some facts of observation and experiment. In the old theory, it was con-

cluded that the distant nebulae are composed of "glowing gas;" the spectroscope was thought to demonstrate their heat. Dr. See's observations and spectral analyses have proven the reverse. If the nebulae are cold, of course that settles the old hypothesis; but it does not prove See's conclusions that the order of evolution is from cold nebulae to hot worlds, instead of from hot nebulae to cold worlds. If the nebular hypothesis of Laplace is so radically wrong, why does Dr. See follow the parallel so closely throughout the line of his conclusions? His cosmogony is radically wrong; for there never was a time when the universe did not exist as an organic structure. The universe never began!

It will be interesting to the reading public to follow the new line of conclusions; necessarily, the idea is made to apply in geology as well as in astronomy. He claims that the earth is cold on the interior, beyond a certain depth; the old ratio of the increase of heat does not therefore prove intense heat in the center! The Doctor sees matter in the earth no hotter than melted lava. The old fungi are being broken off, and new growths are rapidly assuming proportions in the public mind; but in the meantime, thinking people will lose confidence utterly, in modern speculative astronomy!

The outermost objects in Copernican astronomy, under consideration by the astronomical world, are the nebulae. Away out and beyond all possibility of knowledge of their purpose, nature, or origin, modern science places the mysterious, fleecy forms. At the extremities of disintegrated fallacy, the battle of hypotheses is being waged! At the extremity of the great cycle, when the human mind has become resolved into nebulous chaos, disintegrated to the last degree of mental feebleness and misconception of universal form, the mental fog is being agitated concerning that portion of the Copernican universe which corresponds to the modern mind. The coincidence is striking, and the fact significant! The Koreshan System is established upon the pivot of rational demonstrated premise, and diverts the mind from scientific myths to the conception of the universe of eternal, organic form and function, with correlation of center and circumference, according to the principles of which the mind may be so organized and related to the great cosmos as to comprehend all of its mysteries, and make the man as eternal as the universe!

American Luxury and Discontent.

L. E. BORDEN.

THE BEAUTY of the visible world is shed abroad in strange contrast to the fevered unrest of human life. The fires of dawn, the sweet fields, the trees, the divine sky, the starlit night, speak peace and happiness, yet who is happy? The poet? Oh no; the poet has his critics, and the question of bread and cheese is as real to him as to other toilers. Shelley must starve himself for leisure to dream and write by the blue Gulf of Spezzia. The poet's larder is as bare as Mother

Hubbard's. His soul cannot find pure joy at the bountiful feast of nature when his body is weak from fasting.

So it comes that the lovely forms of nature, made to soothe and delight man, only aid his grief by hinting at some happier life meant for him, which alas! he cannot find. Why is it that so fair a world is so full of pain? Why must millions toil from day to day for a mere crust of bread?

"In twelve thousand written years," writes one, "the world has not yet built a House, nor filled a Granary, nor *organized itself for its own comfort*. It is so marvelous that I cannot express the wonder with which it fills me."

Surely the lavish earth yields enough for all her children, but chief among the lost arts is the art of distribution. How can we make it go around? Not so long as the lack of the many feeds the morbid fancies of the few. The plea that all may share alike is vain; that showed itself an idle dream in the wild days of stormy France. But a brief glance at some of these morbid fancies may excuse a strong plea for a distribution *in equity*.

All that is rare and costly comes to America. This truism is a source of pride to the people, but in most cases the treasures of the past—the gems and pictures and historic palaces that are now brought from the old world—do not come to enrich museums and galleries open to those who need inspiring glimpses of precious art; rather do they find place in the private collections of the very wealthy. One of our good Americans has paid \$400,000 for a superb pleasure boat, the finest sailing yacht ever built except the Defender. It is said the railway carriage of the Czar of Russia cannot compare with the private car of one of our millionaires, where the lamps and fittings are of gold or silver, and the hangings of costly stuffs.

The horse is a splendid animal, but although the ancients gave the palm to Minerva's olive tree, it must be said, judging from the vast sums squandered on race horses, that now, Neptune's gift is overrated. A California millionaire bought the famous Ormonde, once the property of the Duke of Westminster, for \$150,000, the highest price ever paid for a horse.

Aside from the pyramids and the mausoleums of royalty, no doubt the most expensive tomb in the world

is that of Mr. John Mackay in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn; this cost over \$300,000. Fabulous sums are spent on jewels. One of the Vanderbilts gave his bride a ruby necklace worth over \$500,000. Now a beautiful woman deserves a beautiful toilet, and a plain one needs the adjuncts of dress to redeem her plainness; but is it not a vulgar mistake to think that a gown must be costly in order to be artistic and becoming? Surely the limit of good taste is passed, to say nothing of the social wrong involved, when an American woman pays \$5,000 for a sable-lined opera cloak; and the Comtesse de Castellane, daughter of Jay Gould, flings away \$6,000 on a tea gown of heliotrope velvet, with trimmings of matchless lace.

Let no man, therefore, exclaim at the folly of women, and begin to shake his head over this piece of extravagance. Let him remember the yachts and horses and game-cocks; some of the latter bring \$2,500; moreover, there are importers who supply a brand of cigars that sell at five dollars apiece. As George Eliot says, "I'm not denyin' the women are foolish. God Almighty made 'em to match the men." The caprices of luxury are evenly divided between the two sexes.

One of the Boston papers from which some of these figures are taken, tells of a "Red Dinner" given at the Savoy Hotel in London, by an American millionaire. The flowers, lamps, napkins, chairs, and knife-handles were red; even the waiters wore red neckties. There were eighteen courses, and the expense was seventy-five dollars a plate for the forty guests. "The great man," says Emerson, "scarcely knows how he dines."

Think of the awful, needless waste, and then read how the other half, or to be more exact, how the other three fourths live! How can the American workman, seeing this riotous luxury, fail to take up the sad cry: "In my father's house is bread enough and to spare, while I perish with hunger"?

The Root and Heart of All Modern Vices.

The Pole of Evil Traced Beyond the Modern Saloon and Scientifically Located in the Root of the Corrupt Tree of Mortal Humanity.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

1. Let the moral manhood of the nation recognize the fact that they have the same right to have the surroundings of their homes morally clean, that they have to have surroundings favorable to physical cleanliness and health, and the same responsibility for securing and maintaining them.

2. Let the fact already well recognized, that the saloon is both the forefront and the creative center of all forms of vice, be intelligently acted upon.

3. Let it be recognized that a man whom you would not, on account of lack of capacity, honesty, or morals, feel safe in making the executor of your estate, is not fit to be your representative in the government of the city where your home stands, and your children grow up.—*New Voice*.

THE FLAMING SWORD is a well-known advocate of total abstinence from the use of intoxicants, tobacco, and all polluting poisons. It also regards as commendable from a certain standpoint, all efforts to

awaken the vidual to a sense of moral responsibility for the well being of society. The science of the political economy which it advocates, dictates that all such efforts should be directed by a wisdom equal to locating scientifically, and therefore correctly, the "creative center" or cause of vice. Koreshanity, being the revealing light of divine or true science, emanates from such wisdom. This true science is found to be the sole reliable vindicator of all Biblical statements, and able to thoroughly furnish the rational mind with scientific reasons for intelligent faith in the statements of the Christian Scriptures, from Genesis to the end of Revelation, no matter how paradoxical or contradictory they may seem to the non-intelligent.

The X-ray of Koreshan Science goes deeper than the saloon, for the "creative center" of the vices which render society so corrupt. It confirms the statement of the Bible, that "The love of money is the root of all evil." I Tim. vi: 10. A root evolves from a seed of life. So "the root of all evil" must originate in the alpha and omega of all life, in the involution of all its forces—the seed of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We are told to lay the ax at the root of the tree.

The Ancient of Days, the Messenger of the New Covenant, possesses the renewing voice of the Science of all truth, the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. By this light he locates the exact creative center of evil, and lays the ax at the tap-root of its commercial energies,—the love of money. He does not fail to recognize the three domains of the corrupting activities of this force, which he defines as the domain of sex commerce, the domain of religious commerce, and the domain of secular commerce.

Commerce is the central principle of life, and the nature of its activities determines the character of its most ultimate consequences. If its activities are equitable in primates, then they are equitable in ultimates. Money is the medium of exchange by which the circulation of the life elements is effected. If its face value lacks the marks of integrity because of its failure to defend and protect the basic principle of commercial equity,—value for value in the exchange of vital forces and resources as expressed in the products of labor,—then it is the abomination that maketh desolate, and every service of love for it bears a stench to the nostrils of the Almighty.

In the vitellus of all life, the domain of sex commerce, the Moneta to guard the exercise of its functions should be the true maternal instinct generated by the adoration of the Most High, Jehovah-God, made flesh to dwell among us. Woe be to the man or woman who disregards *the Flaming Sword* of divine science, which turns every way to guard the divine Maternity, the Tree of Life! Let every vidual who would secure a renewal of life that is life indeed for the human race, speak the truth in love to his own soul and to his dying race, and locate the cause of all evils at the vitellus of mortality, where the fires of lust burn, and consume upon the altars of hell the vitality of the animal life of God.

The sensuality of the mortal mind is the creative force that perpetuates the saloon; and today that force is as active in the church that bears the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, as it is in the brothel coupled with the saloon. The fallacies concerning the marital relationship, enunciated by thousands of modern Christian theologians, are as potent to perpetuate it as are the saloon and the brothel united; for these are but loathsome pustules revealing the innate moral rottenness of the body politic, which maintains a church corrupt enough to sanctify the subjection of woman to the lusts of man's mortal, lustful flesh.

True religion, undefiled, is manifest in the light, a child of the light of God. God's light is true science, the science of the Truth, pure river of the water of life, clear

as crystal, the medium of the manifestation of the unquenchable fire of divine love. The light of true science reveals nothing more clearly than the relationship of God and man, of the mortal to the immortal, of the microcosm to the macrocosm, and the laws of their perpetuity. True religion is the union of God and man, and is effected by the literal *Flaming Sword*, the theocrasis of the living Word or Voice of God, the vitellus of the commercial life of the entire universe.

An exchange of the truth for fallacies or false doctrines, in the domain of religious commerce, consigns spirit, soul, and body to an age-lasting hades, where, groping in darknes in continuous search for Truth, the traitor to it finds it an *ignis fatuus*, ever eluding his grasp but leading him a weary mortal round of unsatisfying existences, till as the wisdom of experience she really comes to his rescue, and in the form of the Ancient of Days gives sight to his blind eyes, hearing to his dull ears, and taking him by the hand, leads him to the altar of self-sacrifice before the throne of Truth, where the union of God and man is revealed and true religion is manifested as the Life.

Today, the people sit in darkness, and the Voice of a renewed Divinity in humanity is the supreme need of the hour,—a Voice that can give to truth seekers the light of true science, and cause them to know God in their elder brother, the Ancient of Days, who wields *the Flaming Sword* that guards the way of the Tree of Life in the domain of religious commerce.

In the domain of secular commerce, what demoniacal fiend backs the abominations that pervert all the exchanges of the goods of life, from their legitimate service of maintaining the lives, the liberties, and the happiness of earth's teeming millions, to the glutting enrichment of the few to the detriment of the many? Her name is *usury*, and her hell-born creature, the competitive system. May the Word of God give this *Flaming Sword* heaven-born language of sufficient force to express the denunciations of the Almighty against usury and her defenders.

Whether the banks issue gold, silver, or paper, it matters not; for usury is an enthroned principle in the seat of selfishness named Satan, the high priestess of competitive commerce, and all her issues bear the mark of Cain, who caused his brother's blood to cry from the ground.

The saloon is bad; still, it is but a minor sequence of that love of money which the Almighty denominates the root of all evil. The Voice of God in Chicago, by the Science of Truth inscribed in *THE FLAMING SWORD*, calls to *The New Voice* in New York to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and use its voice to demand of every man who has dared to name the name of Christ by calling himself a Christian, that he forsake the abominations of the competitive system and espouse the cause of *true* Christian communism, which involves commercial equity. *The Flaming Sword* demands of every Christian that he lift up the standard of the law given by Moses and endorsed by Jehovah's fulfilment, and, by obedience to it, cleanse his temple and all its courts from the pollutions that defile it,—from its Holy of Holies to its outermost environment.

Koreshanity needs the service of moral manhood and womanhood—cleansed by the application of the science of truth to life. Saloons will then become but dim memories shrouded by the blackness of the night of our ignorance of the humanity of Deity.

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

MENTAL ENERGY is the most potent force in the universe. Force is substantial, and is communicable. A man can will to strike a ball; he generates an energy of a specific quality, and he can measure the amount necessary to execute the desire. From the desire to the moving of the ball, the energy of desire has been successively transmuted to voluntary mental force, muscular force, and mechanical energy of motion. All of the mechanical force necessary to move the ball with rapidity and force is the *exact equivalent* of the original force of the thought! This conversion of energy from quality to quality is absolutely true and indisputable; it is a demonstrated fact. Man contains all of the elements of the physical universe in the same order and relation as they obtain in the great cellular structure. The matter of the human body has passed through series and cycles of experience in its ascent from the mineral, through the vegetable and the animal kingdoms to the human. Correlated human mind is therefore as much superior to corresponding physical energy in quality, character, and potency, as the substances of the human body are superior in refinement and degrees of experience. A single fundamental idea, laden with a purpose and projected from a positive mind, is sufficiently potent to impulse millions of human hearts, to move armies, build cities, and transform continents! Think of all the energy expended in the labor of producing such results, and you have the *equivalent* of the original idea, because the primary impulse is, step by step, transformed to all other energies active in the execution of the plans involved in the idea, in the manifestation of the idea itself on the plane of the material world. Jesus possessed the highest and most refined, the supremely potent mental force of the world; he involved the great cosmos. His mind was the perfect consciousness of the universe. He was the supreme positive *impulser* of all universal activity. He projected his mentality into humanity, and the same substances, transmuted to the plane of divided humanity, have moved millions and millions of human beings in the path of progress; nations have felt the force of his supreme power. From plane to plane, the divine impulses descend through the laws of actual transmutation of force until the energies reach the outermost kingdom of the universe,—the material, physical cosmos. All of the energies and activities in the physical cosmos are the exact equivalent of the supreme impulse of the mental force in the divine man. The transformed energies generated were mental; they are now correlated physical energies, and must write their impress in form and functions which exactly correspond to the microcosmic form from which they emanated, and thus record therein the laws of cause, the absolutely infallible index of the mind of God Almighty, who walked the hills of Judea nineteen hundred years ago!

Learn to think from basic principles and premises. There are no rational conclusions but those formed through the reasoning processes—through the application of the laws of analogy, correspondence, and logic. How few people in the world have ever undertaken to follow a single line of logic from a given premise to a conclusion! If you would let reason be your guide you must exercise your own rational faculties. Such a process is not in selecting such opinions as may suit you or fit preconceived notions instilled into the mind by the modern church and school; nor is it promiscuously rejecting what does not suit your fancy. Truth is absolute, and when understood it is the same wherever accepted, the same wherever rejected! Learn to take a single idea and see into how many lines of thought it

is applicable; you cannot study Koreshanity profitably without doing this. One fundamental difference between Koreshanity and modern thought is in the demonstration that the universe is cellular, and consequently eternal. Do you know to what extent this one fact, if accepted and applied in thought, would change all other theories in the world? Every modern belief in any way related to the usual theological beliefs (not necessarily related in the same mind, but as effect, traceable to a fallacious idea of Deity), undertakes to account for the universe and for existence of human life on the basis of the supposition that at some time in the past the universe and man did not exist. Modern theological theories—so called science of astronomy, physics, geology, anthropology, and ethnology are filled with this common and fallacious idea. Vagaries of every description have proceeded from it. Think from the standpoint of the laws of perpetuation of life, and you will not need to ask how Koreshan Science of the Cellular Universe changes or disturbs accepted beliefs in other lines of modern thought!

When once the genuine system of co operation encourages the working man by a demonstration of its possibilities, its progress in the world will be invincible and its force irresistible. This is one of the strongholds Koreshanity will take upon the world—that feature of providing avenues in which the industrial can enjoy the wealth he produces,—that feature of feeding the hungry and clothing the poor, and furnishing homes to the homeless, and befriending the friendless. There are millions of people in want, on the constant verge of destitution; and millions more would be reduced to absolute poverty if they were removed from the pay-rolls for a few weeks! Millions toil year after year, creating the wealth of the world; they build its cities and towns, construct the railroads, make the cars, and operate the systems; carry all the burdens of commerce, do all the work of the world, perform all the drudgery, pay all the expenses and salaries of those who do *not* produce wealth; besides pay the rents, taxes, profits, and interest, and supply the money gods with billions of dollars annually, without any return for the vast expenditure of energy, not even thanks, nor guaranty that opportunity to thus serve the merciless trusts, syndicates, and millionaires for a mere pittance, will be continued! What a volume of human energy the true system of industrial and social economy will utilize when once the interest and sympathy of the millions of present slaves are aroused and their efforts directed in the line of genuine co operation and industrial freedom! A *poor* system *has* engaged their efforts, and controlled the world; and it is encouraging to know that a *better* system will produce better results, and make happy hearts, active minds, able bodies, refined society, and a beautiful world!

Chicago astronomers have made some startling discoveries regarding Jupiter, which bid fair to forever settle, in the popular mind, the question of the habitability of the Jovian planet. From the basis of observations, it is certain that Jupiter is not an earth; its revolution at the equator is more rapid than at the poles; that is, the zone of its equator revolves a greater number of times in a given period than the regions near the axis. Similar phenomena have been observed on the sun, and the facts are not disputed in the astronomical world; it is known that sun-spots in the solar equatorial zone pass over the apparent disc in less time than spots between the equator and the poles. Solid spheres, are they—the sun and Jupiter? Observations disprove it. Many years ago the Founder of Koreshanity, in referring to the central sun, from which the visible sun is projected, de-

scribed it as possessing light and dark poles, with a middle vortex in the form of a diaphragm, dividing the sun into hemispheres and producing the solar vertical and lateral motions; the lateral motion being "very rapid, but less so at the back and front parts," of the poles. This description is now verified and corroborated in the visible image or projection of the sun, as well as in the planetary vortex known as Jupiter.

The attention of the world has been directed afresh to Pope Leo XIII through the reports of his recent critical illness; and in official circles of Catholicism his successor has been discussed. They have reviewed this subject before at similar critical periods, and may have opportunity to do so again; aspirants to the papal chair may find its present occupant more persistent in holding his position than in satisfying a successor. The present pope has attained to a greater age than any previous one, and has now passed a critical date indicated by a cabalistic calculation, which has luckily hit the date of the death of all other popes of the present century; the same methods applied now to Leo would assign him ten years more of pretended vicarage, perhaps a full century of life. The Pope of Rome is the center of the religious world; all roads in Christendom lead to Rome. His relation to the age now closing, his papal and family name, are all significant. He is Leo XIII, with the "lucky" number, and he was made pope just thirteen days after the death of his predecessor. He is the antithetical "man of sin;" his name, Pecci, means it. The Latin *peccare* means to sin; and the word "Peccavi!" would be a good one for him to utter as his last. His holiness has never been manifest; but his peccability is obvious!

The discovery of new stars in the physical heavens at present serves two purposes: It adds more mystery to modern astronomy, and a little fame to the discoverers. A consignment of photographic plates made at the Harvard Observatory-Arequipa, Peru, delayed six months by the Spanish-American war, has just been received in America, on which a new star appears. What a pity that such a discovery should be delayed! Hundreds of astronomers are straining at distant stars while swallowing the entire Copernican myth! During the past 325 years, fourteen new stars have appeared in the constellations. Is it not strange, according to the popular theory of creation of worlds, that gigantic suns should thus spring suddenly into existence? According to the nebular hypothesis, with its millions of years marking each successive stage in star development, the sudden creation of an enormous sun without previous nebular phenomena, would be impossible. In the cellular universe the creation of new vortices, and the change of character and dissolution of old ones, are but simple results of slight changes in the relation of the central solar radiations and parts of the earth, which supply the negative elements of the great universal battery.

It is a well-known fact that great men of any nation are the fulfilment of national ideals. The aspirations of a people focalize in leaders; the desire of a nation to become great finally finds expression in men who are masters of the situation, and who lead the people to the climax of their national impulse. Koreshanity teaches that a higher aspiration, a supreme religious desire, intelligently directed, in accordance with the same laws as are operative on the lower plane, ultimately produces men in whom the substances or forces of heaped up mental desire, projected through years of hope, find expression which corresponds with the character of the desire. The substances of hope of the Jewish people for the coming of the Messiah found personal embodiment in the form of Jesus the Christ, and a corresponding hope throughout the Christian dispensation for the coming of thousands, possessing the power and nature which Jesus possessed,

will ultimate in its fulfilment. The Almighty moves along the line of the supreme desire of the people in which he projects himself.

The last funeral of Columbus, the great Spanish admiral, has recently taken place in Spain, nearly four hundred years after his death; his bones have been removed from Havana to Seville. Columbus brought Spain to the new world, and now Spain in departing from America has taken the remains of the celebrated discoverer. Columbus was the dove sent out from the old world to cross the waters in search of continents. He entered upon a voyage of progress; and having turned toward America, the land of manifest destiny, with which his name has become inseparably connected, does any one think for a moment that the adventurer has relinquished his claims upon the civilization of the western world to follow his bones back to mediævalism? The life of Columbus is in the people of progress—he lives in America; his remains go back to the nation, whose condition is analogous to that of the remains of the man whom they feign to honor, but whose progress they envy, and whose life they hate!

In more ways than one, Rev. Dr. John Alexander Dowie considers modern competitive methods not only good, but holy enough to imitate. He is having a share of mushroom success in Chicago, and has established the Zion City bank, in which he expects his people to "trade until He comes." He has followed the old example of founding a modern church, into which he infuses some of his own ideas, and dumps many rusty theological beliefs of the dark ages. Then having made his will somewhat after the usual method, we presume he looks upon death as many others do, that it is not death at all; and that he expects to go out of the world the way of all the world,—only arriving at a different place. He says, after speaking of making his will, "Now, friends, I want a place that is a good place to live in, a good place to train the children in, and a good place to lie down and sleep in—we never die." Wait and see! The truth is he is already dead!

Is the world growing better or worse? is a question which continually agitates the mind of reformers. Notwithstanding the terrible conditions that exist in modern times, with the corruptions in government, in the church, in society, and in the vidual, a few writers and preachers are to be found who praise the institutions of the nineteenth century. There is no doubt that there is a measure of civilization existing today; there is a small improvement over the past centuries in the present dispensation; but the refinement is the mere refinement of hell according to the *devil's* code of morals,—an effort on the part of the ruling powers of hades to exalt hell to the very kingdom of heaven in its power. The highest civilization of the nineteenth century is simply the manifestation of the highest degree of refinement to which diabolism is able to attain,—the mere making of a hypocritical showing of conceit in church, state, society, and in the vidual!

We have before us some of the evidences of the fact that the founder of "christian science" has changed her mind in numerous instances during the past twenty-five years. The successive editions of the work, "Science and Health," show marked changes as she matured in her fallacy. At first she repudiated the idea of church organization as a wrong principle, detrimental to progress and paralyzing to religious life; and afterward founded one. At first she thought that Jesus and the apostles would have nothing whatever to do with organizations, and then proceeded to build up an organization, whether Jesus would sanction it or not! Fallacy changes, and assumes different attitudes. Koreshanity has never changed its doctrines of the abso-

lute truth, nor departed from its original purposes, and it will never do so.

The modern world resents the accusations of truth. It is the easiest thing in the world to offend the sense of false modesty of humanity. Hypocrisy is manifest everywhere—that of desiring and endeavoring to appear to possess goodness and strength of character when evil and weakness are obvious. Koreshanity reads human nature, and throws the searchlight on human character, and makes enemies. It reveals the fact that the world is ignorant; that the mortal man is sensual, that he is inhabited by devils, and that he resides in hell. These facts are too much for the superficial smartness of a corrupt generation, and it assumes the same attitude toward the truth at the end of this dispensation that it did at the close of the Jewish age, when Jesus rebuked humanity for its depravity in terms of bitter denunciation.

Many of the crudities of modern educational methods are being laid bare for public inspection by Dr. C. Hanford Henderson, through his pen and lectures, as a man may throw aside the curtain and expose a crime without being able to restore the injured or catch the criminal. Dr. Henderson demonstrates that education has become a mere machine, seriously out of line; it is a system that submits the youth to educational processes and then leaves him before maturity to enter lines of work quite out of the educational current. Modern education is not practical; it kills the faculties of originality by stuffing the mind with effete thought, and paralyzes ingenuity by forcing the mind into ruts and beaten paths of the world's disintegration.

War is the most external and material form of argument; it is analogous to waging a mental warfare in the promulgation of truth against fallacy. Men battle without force of arms; we often hear of the "big guns," who are able to effectually handle the adversary in debate or diplomacy. Koreshanity has the most formidable mental batteries in existence; it has turned its artillery against the world of fallacy. We are bombarding the modern world with mental entities, the force of which is irresistible; and the persistent firing of bombs filled with mental dynamite will finally batter down the forts and citadels of death and hell!

The physical cosmos is the tangible language or material expression of the mind and character of Deity. The mind that is capable of interpreting this infallible language, the true and indisputable expression of cause, reaches the knowledge of the laws of cause, and infolds its consciousness. The modern astronomers understand neither, and admit that they do not,

thereby proving the fallacy of the system, and the obvious impossibility of its directing the mind of man to the origin of the universe.

The clergyman, statesman, and the professor of the university alike, assert that enlightenment is dangerous to the oppressor. True; but is it to the credit of the "enlightenment" of the nineteenth century that it has placed the entire world in bondage to the money power, and is constantly adding facilities to increase the oppression?

The people of the world will continue to die until the desires of the sensual humanity are reversed, its appetites restrained, and the so called personal liberties of mental outlaws and desperadoes are curtailed, and the world's ignorance is destroyed by the force of the absolute truth.

Many people who object to the attitude of THE FLAMING SWORD toward the sensual world and its customs, presume to believe that the Almighty is more likely to compromise the case with the devil and fallacy than is the Founder of Koreshanity!

America will rule the world when, through the applied science of Koreshanity, the plumb-line of commercial integrity is suspended, and the vidual, the church, and the secular world are made to conform to its righteousness.

The greatest men of the American nation and of the world were made through hard lines of human experience, rather than by the artificial methods of modern education.

Both angels and devils inhabit the human brain. There are angels in some rough exteriors, and devils in many a polished gentleman.

It is said that one man and God make a majority. God himself is *more* than a majority; Jesus was the involution of the whole world.

True genius is always attempting the apparently impossible—and finally succeeds.

The gauge by which the value of property is measured is the mortgage.

Trusts are gigantic mushrooms generated in the hotbeds of competition.

Easter has Lent much color to the egg theory of the universe.

Oppression must continue until it becomes intolerable.

The orthodox church bells are fire alarms!

All modern roads lead to revolution.

Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

Analogy of the Ovary of the Flower.

EDITOR SWORD:—The answer to my question concerning the relation of the Founder of Koreshanity to the ripening of the fruit of the Tree of Life, was so clear that I wondered why I had not studied it out myself; but I remembered that in several months of study I did not do so, and a strong inclination to learn all I can as soon as I can, prompts me to ask a further question concerning (1) the analogous function of Victoria Gratia. (2) What will be the effect of the coming theocrasis upon that portion of humanity that does not attain to immortality?—M. A. P., Antioch, O.

(1) The pistil of the flower terminates in the ovary. The pistil is finally absorbed entirely by the terminal base containing the cells for the construction of the seed. The personality prepared to receive the highest influxes from the coming conflagration will constitute the center of absorption of the anthropostic pistil, and will contain the seven genera from whence the seven orders of the sons of God will be projected into natural existence. The functions of construction are feminine.

The construction of the New Order of life and its fruitage is analogous to the formation and ripening of fruit or seed.

(2) Through the activities of the positive pole of evil, the world has gradually degenerated to its present condition in the scale of morality. Through the operation of the positive pole of life, the world will gradually become restored to health and happiness. The sons of God will be ministers of life. Through their activities in going in and out of the spir-

itual world, they will precipitate into mortal humanity a degree of life which will banish all sickness and destroy sensuality and ignorance. The influence of truth will finally reach the whole world, every stratum in its order, until humanity will be elevated and refined to the extent of their aspirations and obedience to law.

The coming baptism will not directly and immediately influence the world at large. The energies must pass down through the various planes and orders before the uttermost parts of the human world are reached. The benefits finally obtaining to the lower planes of humanity will correspond to the commercial, societal, and other relations sustained to the central government. During the coming ages the spiritual world will be reduced to a state of order, and once more humanity will be a brotherhood; and every man will be saved to the extent of his aspirations.

Where Did the Ascending Spirit of Jesus Go?

(1) Please explain what is meant by the term "arch" in Arch-Triumphant, arch-natural, etc., in the writings of KORESH. (2) The entire spiritual world being or having its home in the human brain, how is it that the animal life of God, that is, the energy of the body of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, descended into humanity, while the Spirit of Jesus ascended to the central consciousness of Deity. Where did the ascending part go?—S. H., Concord, Wash.

(1) The prefix "arch" is from the Greek *αρχη*, which means the first, chief, highest. Our use of the prefix is in accordance with its definition. An arch-angel is the highest angel. There are numerous words in the language where the prefix is used: as arch bishop, arch-enemy, arch fiend, etc. The Society Arch-Triumphant is the first or chief society of the New Order, established through the triumph of truth. The arch-natural is the highest condition of human existence. Jesus was born the true natural, immortal man; when he arose from the tomb, having subdued every element of death, and possessing all power to dematerialize and rematerialize, he was in the arch-natural condition.

(2) There are three planes of human consciousness corresponding to the three atmospheres of heavens of the physical cosmos,—the outer, middle, and most interior; the first atmosphere is the highest atmosphere. The three planes of human consciousness constitute the three anthropic heavens,—the outer, the spiritual, and the celestial. The descending Spirit of Jesus, in its operation during the age, passed down into the external life of man, through which process Jesus crossed himself with the sensual humanity. The ascending life passed into the most interior

realm of human consciousness, the celestial world, the solar realm of Deity, which is as distinct and separate from the external consciousness as the central atmosphere of the physical cosmos is distinct from the external atmosphere and the earth. At the end of the dispensation, the two degrees of life are conjoined through the messenger of conjunction, Elijah the prophet, which results, first, in the purification of doctrine; then through the application of the knowledge of the truth, purification of life, which is the final overcoming and resurrection, to be scientifically achieved here in the natural world.

Several Motions of the Sun and Moon.

I would like a little information regarding the motions of the sun and moon. In a public debate as to the merits of the Koreshan and Copernican systems of astronomy, my opponent grew desperate from lack of points, and said that the sun had three motions, and the moon five. How could this possibly be true? Please explain their motions.—L.M., Ashley, W.Va.

The central sun of the physical universe has five motions: Rapid vertical, on an axis extending through its light and dark poles; lateral (diurnal), the revolution of the light and dark hemispheres every 24 hours; orbital (diurnal), being slightly eccentric; oscillatory (spiral), north and south in the direction of the magnetic axis of the cell; and vibratory (rocking), the changing of the direction of the axis of lateral rotation, due to the pendulation of its projection. The visible projection has corresponding motions, axillary rotation, diurnal, spiral, and annual revolutions.

The lunar motions are too complex for analyzation here; they involve a combination of elements and principles of relation between the solar, lunar, and planetary spheres of force, and the earth itself. However, the visible moon, the lunar pole, has a number of motions: axillary rotation, libratory movements, diurnal and monthly revolutions, rotations of the lines of the nodes and apsides, besides numerous perturbations and excentricities.

In the Copernican system, only a few of these motions find place, because of the perversion of the principles. The hypothetical motions imposed on the sun and moon by the theory of gravitation, such as the sun and earth, moon and earth, and sun and other suns, in revolving about common centers of gravity, are fictitious and are excluded from the Koreshan System.

How Oil and Gas Get Below the Coal-Beds.

I am not quite satisfied with your answer in regard to oil and gas in THE SWORD of February 3. I cannot see how the pressure on the coal-beds would put the oil and gas where they are found in the different strata of sandstone so far below the

present coal-beds. Were there at one time, coal-beds in the places where oil and gas are now found, and are we to understand that nearly all of the coal was transformed in the processes of the production of the oil?—C. L. J., Floyd, Pa.

Petroleum is not a product of the coal-beds that are now found near the earth's surface; the pressure is not yet great enough to transform them. Through excessive pressure upon the beds from which the oil was produced, the coal was decomposed or transformed. The coal-beds thus decomposed were below the present coal-beds—far enough to subject them to the pressure of the earth above. The oil is now always found where the coal existed—oftentimes below it. If the strata of earth and sandstone in the oil regions were uniform and regular, the only way the oil could get below the beds would be by percolation; but the strata are irregular and broken up, and the oil was forced along seams until cavities between the strata of sandstone were reached, where subterranean lakes of oil are formed, from whence the oil is obtained by pumping or by force of pressure through the wells.

Lacks Mental Perception.

Dear Sirs, Please do not sent any more Flaming Swords to my address, And if I am right, I tink that I sent for it, for only three months, I would like to have you discontinue them, and sent no more of them. I cant make anything out of them, I have them to a friend, And he could not see through them, and refused to take anymore, I am to strong a Bible scholar to read a paper that contacits itself, like the sword. Yors respectfully,—A. A. S., Lynn, Mass.

We publish the above letter *verbatim*, with all its peculiarities. It is such a pity to tax the strength of such a "strong Bible scholar" with the profundities of Koreshan Universology, that we discontinue sending him THE SWORD as requested. He and his friend consider THE FLAMING SWORD to be a very ignorant and contradictory production, no doubt; and it would not be worth while to endeavor to convince such a man that he needs to know the truth, when he considers himself master of the great Biblical problems, though unable to understand simple solutions of them!

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Against the Church.

Action of a Prominent Member of a California Baptist Church Offends the Preacher; Reasons Given for the Koreshan Faith Within Him.

DEAR DR. F.—It seems that my action on Monday night at the M. E. church, South, calls for an explanation; and as I was not at home when you called, I will try and write you one. In the first place, let me disclaim any thought of impertinence or disrespect, either to you or to Mr.

C., in what I am about to say, or in what we did on the occasion mentioned.

It has been one of my severest trials through life to have to run counter to any one whom I respect, even when conscience demanded it; but on the other hand, my religious convictions were such that I dared not stultify my conscience.

The reason why I did not stand up at the request of Mr. C., I will give in as few words as I can. When Mr. C. announced his text and proceeded to expound it, it at once occurred to me that he was placing himself in the same category of what Job calls mockers, for he says that his friends may "mock on;" and Elipha proceeds to do so, a part of whose words Mr. C. took as his text. But suppose that the words were appropriate and good; did Mr. C., after he exhorted us in the words of the text to "acquaint ourselves with Him," inform us who "He" was? Did he tell us what the demands of His doctrine and life were? I trow not! But he related emotional stories that tend to work upon the feelings of the hearers, rather than upon the rational faculties. The Lord Christ's teachings were: "He that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them," and "He that loveth me will keep my commandments;" "I came from above; ye [all mankind] are from beneath;" "I came forth from my father, ye [all mankind] are of your father, the devil, and his works ye will do."

No; Mr. C. did not teach "the thing that is true of the Lord, as did his servant Job," and had he done so, nine tenths of his hearers would have left in anger as they did nineteen hundred years ago, when they were told the truth by the Lord Jesus. Seeing these things in this light, I could not stand up and thereby give sanction to what he said.

I know all this will appear very strange to you; but let me repeat that what I have done and said, is in all sincerity and without the least shade of bitterness or anything but due respect to yourself or Mr. C. My wife also tells me that in your talk with her you spoke of "that strange doctrine," and that you "would not be led astray by it." Did you ever stop to think, Doctor, how strangely different in color, shape, and general appearance from any other part of the tree the blossom is? Yet it is evolved from and is a part of the tree. Just fancy in the spring time, when the buds are getting ready to break forth into blossom, that a conversation is held between the corpuscles, and a retrogressive one of the group should say to one making an effort to become a blossom corpuscle: "I think it is a strange procedure; I would not be led astray in that way!"

Koreshanity is the evolution of primitive Christianity, just as Christianity was the evolution of Judaism. Christ was the true seed, the seed of God, the seminal essence of Deity, and like all other seeds he was subject to the laws of propagation and reproduction; like all other seeds, in order to reproduce more seeds just like him-

self, he had to die in the soil in which he was buried,—his church, and pass through the several gestative stages until the end of the cycle, now near at hand, when he will come forth as the 144,000 sons of God, just like himself. This coming forth is the resurrection.

The church today is the counterpart of the Jewish church nineteen hundred years ago. Then the Lord God had to lament, "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." And now, ye will not hear, ye will not even investigate for fear of being led astray; though it occurs to me that it does not speak very well for one's being "grounded" in knowledge of the truth, when such a one is afraid to investigate a new doctrine for fear of being led astray by it. The Bible exhorts us to "try the spirits and see if they be of God." Your unruly brother,—JNO. M. LANE, California.

Becoming More Interesting Every Issue.

DR. C. R. TEED:—

I want to thank you for the punctual way THE SWORDS come to me, as I am deeply interested in the kind of literature they contain. I think they are becoming more interesting every issue.

I feel as though you have pursued a scientific course to prove your claims; and to my mind, you have proven them to be correct beyond a doubt. But like all past advocates of the Truth, you will suffer persecution. I hope you will be sustained until the world acknowledges your claims, and yields to the truth of your System.

I should be more than pleased to receive a copy of the latest edition of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY.

S. F. TEED, M. D.

New York City.

Cellular Cosmogony in Texas.

Introduced to the Faculty of the University at Austin by Our Agent, and Puts the Members in a Sportive Mood.

I have had two interviews with Rev. E. M. W.; the first was in regard to the CELLULAR COSMOGONY. He objected to the \$100,000 challenge, saying that true men of science would be turned away by such "buncombe." When asked where the true men of science were, he said that he had not found any, but such men as Agassiz were true men of science. He confessed that the book was the record of a brilliant start; but that it would have to be gone over with the opposing people present, and that he himself would have to see these things before he could believe them.

I have been in the university twice, but

up to date have apparently wasted my time. The president had no time; four other professors looked at the book, and made considerable sport of it. Only one, Judge C., ventured to say that it was out place to make sport of anything they did not understand. There are about twenty professors, so there are others to hear from, but I do not expect anything but snubs, as that is all I have had so far. They (the faculty) seemed possessed with the idea that wisdom was all with them, and all science must originate with, or at least be revised by, them. The devout church people are the same way. Strange as it may seem, the church people say that Koreshanity does not agree with the Bible, therefore they cannot believe it; while the atheist says that it does agree with the Bible, therefore he cannot believe it! There are a number of "Millennial Dawn" people here, who are disciples of C. T. Russell, besides other Adventists. They are as set in their beliefs and ways as plaster of paris!

All the copies of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY you sent me (three dozen in all) have been disposed of except five. You have my order for the 50 copies for the Gammel Book Co. They sold seven copies in two days—all I had to give them. This is the best firm to handle books in this city (Austin). I expect they will do a good business with them as soon as this matter becomes thoroughly worked up. The books that are out have occasioned considerable comment pro and con.—R. W. GRAY, Texas.

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The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

Watching the Predictions of the Flaming Sword.

EDITOR SWORD:—I have been steadily and quietly watching the predictions as issued in THE FLAMING SWORD for some time; and I see how they are silently but certainly doing their work. It calls to my mind the dream of Nebuchadnezzar and the statement that a "Stone shall be cut out of the mountain without hands," and crush the kings and powers of nations and usher in the new kingdom. It looked for awhile as though the Stone might be rolling up hill; but now it has reached the top, and its movements from henceforth will be so rapid and terrific as to crush and uproot fallacy and error; and soon there shall be a "new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness!"

I like to read the letters published in THE FLAMING SWORD. They do us good, and strengthen us until such time as we can join you. I noticed in January, as soon as I obtained this year's forecast of the planets, that nearly all the planets would be in conjunction in Sagittarius this year. Now Raphael says a little on the subject: "Toward the close of November the grand conjunction of seven planets in one sign will be approaching, an event

that does not occur once in a thousand years. This conjunction will mark an epoch, and begin a new cycle." I often wondered what great events it would produce in the world,—that is, I could not grasp the meaning until my mental question was so plainly and thoroughly answered in THE FLAMING SWORD of March 3, page 10, and the papers recording the formation of a number of trusts every day.—EDWARD BROOK, Utah.

Berthaldine's Article Stirs Up Old-Time Enthusiasm.

EDITOR SWORD:—Berthaldine's article, "In the Battle Against the Competitive System," in the last SWORD, stirs up my old-time enthusiasm. If I were as young and strong as I was nearly forty years ago, when I enthusiastically joined Peter Armstrong's little community (Celeste) in the mountains of Pennsylvania, I would be "one of a thousand to arise and put on the whole armor of God, and organize for the restoration of commercial equity through scientific co-operation." But alas! my physical powers are about gone; and it is strong and vigorous soldiers that are wanted. I have a ten-acre ranch here in town, from which I manage to get a living; but I am unable to join the ranks of active fighters.—D. EDSON SMITH, Cal.

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The World's News.

Wednesday, March 22.

- The kidnaped, 3-year-old child, Gerald Lapiner, found at Painesville, O.
- Connecticut oyster trust formed at New Haven, with capital of \$5,000,000.
- Cecil Rhodes, the Transvaal imperialist, visits England.
- France and England sign treaty settling their African dispute.
- Spanish federalists see future Spanish republic.
- Pope is well again.

Thursday.

- Big \$7,000,000 telephone trust formed to wage war against the Bell company.
- Interstate grain growers in convention at Fargo, N. D.
- Italy prepares to make a naval parade in Chinese waters.
- Caceres, ex-president of Peru, banished to Argentina, returns to overthrow the Pierola government.

Friday.

- Washington scientists entertained and amazed by Tripler's exhibits of liquified air.
- Ten negroes lynched in Arkansas for alleged attempt to start a race war.
- Bill permitting municipal ownership passed Michigan legislature.
- Munkaczy, Hungarian artist, who produced the famous "Christ before Pilate," reported dying in insane asylum.

Saturday.

- Free country post delivery pronounced a success.

500 Filipinos slain in fierce battle near Caloocan.

Mark Twain banqueted in Europe.

England and Russia reach partial agreement on Chinese question.

25,000 people participated in Princess Kaiulani's funeral pageant, at Honolulu.

Sunday.

Battle raging in vicinity of Malabon, Philippines; insurgent forces retreating toward Malolos, Aguinaldo's capital.

Ohio mob, met to lynch two murderers, fires on troops at Hoyteville.

Friends and foes of Dreyfus engage in riots in Paris.

Gov. Roosevelt denounces canned beef before inquiry board.

Monday.

Filipino insurgents routed from Malabon, preparing for defences at Malolos.

80,000 people homeless and starving in Armenia.

Mohammedan revolt in northwestern China.

Pope resumes his daily work; his physicians declare his health satisfactory.

Tuesday.

Insurgent stronghold at Bulacan, Philippines, shelled by American gunboat; insurgents fire the town and retreat.

Armour's \$400,000 felt works in Chicago, burn.

Gen. Otis purchases 13 Spanish gunboats in Philippine waters.

Fierce battle fought on Moroccan frontier by Djehde and Mehaja tribes; 400 killed on each side; 800 Mehajans made prisoners.

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And two prices have to pay.

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And we'll levy on the lakes,

And we'll lay a trifling toil tax

On each poor man who partakes.

We will brand his number on him

That he'll carry through his life;

We'll apprentice all his children,

Get a mortgage on his wife.

We will capture e'en the wind-god

And confine him in a cave,

And then, through our patent process,

We the atmosphere will save.

Thus we'll squeeze our little brother

When he tries his lungs to fill;

Put a meter on his windpipe,

And present our little bill.

We will syndicate the starlight,

And monopolize the moon!

Claim a royalty on rent-daws,

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For right of way through ocean's spray

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At the beginning of this century about twelve per cent of the civilized world spoke English; at the middle of the century it was nineteen per cent, and now, at its close, it is thirty per cent. The increase in letter writing has been far more rapid than this, and now out of the enormous number of 10,640,000,000 letters posted last year, 8,000,000,000 were written in English.

The march of intelligence headed by the English-speaking races, the wonderful decrease of illiteracy among them, and the demands of commerce, with these same races in its van, have brought this result. Commerce has extended the post-office system to all parts of the globe, into every nook and corner of the civilized world, and its language has been evolved from the English tongue. All races that enter into commerce of necessity learn more or less of the English language, and to some considerable extent carry on their business correspondence in English. Anyone who goes among the native merchants of Hong Kong will be impressed by this fact.

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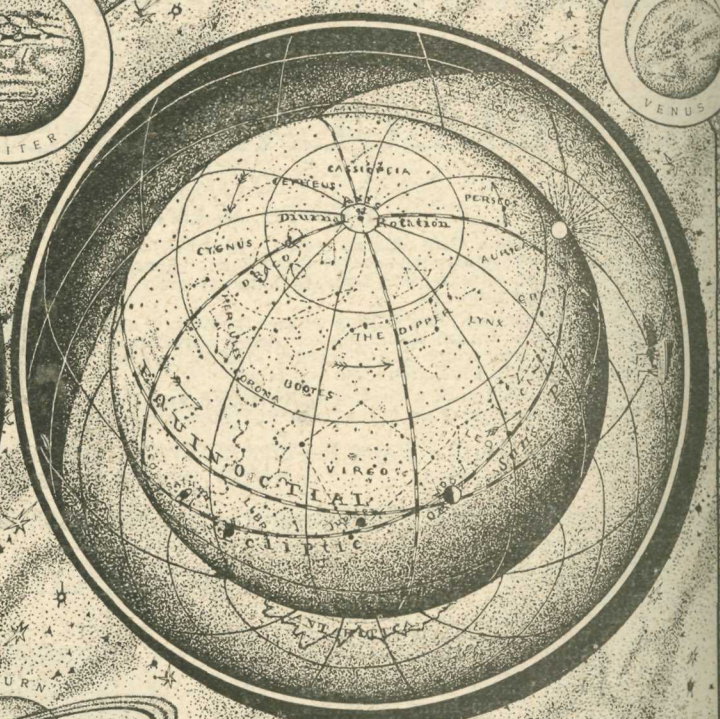
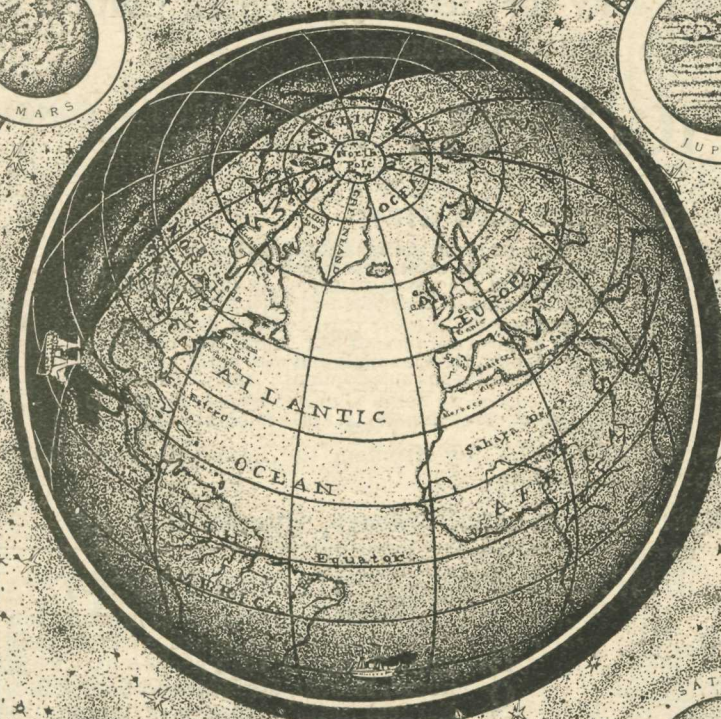
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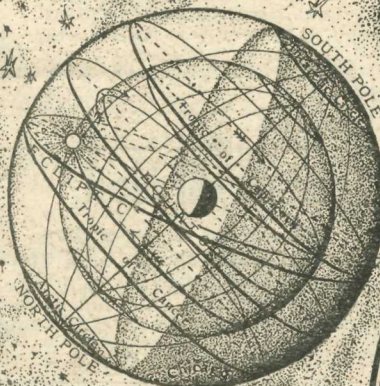
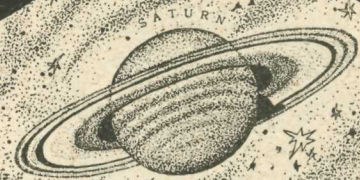
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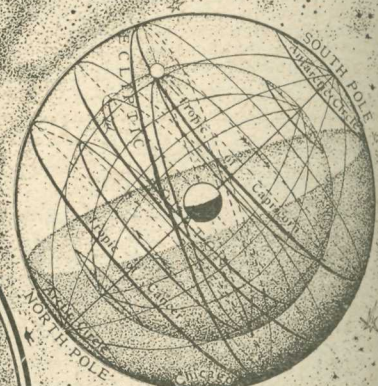


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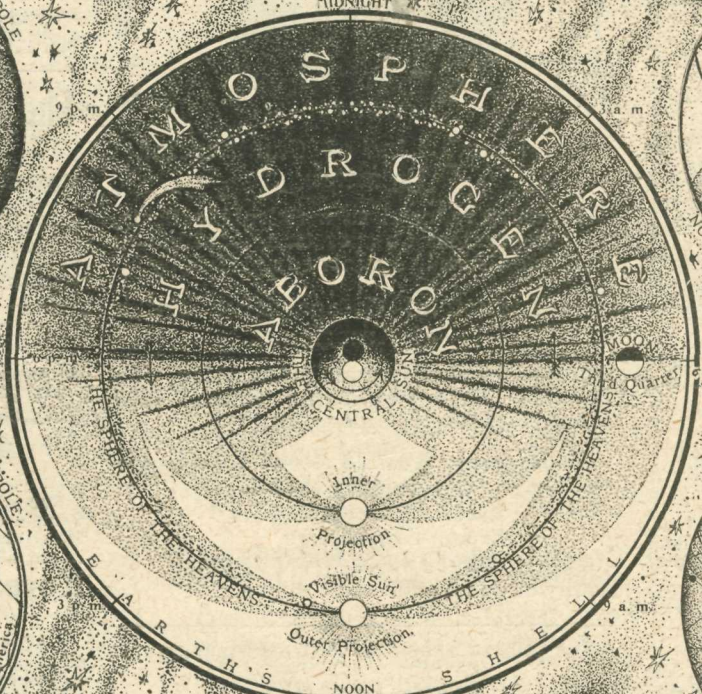
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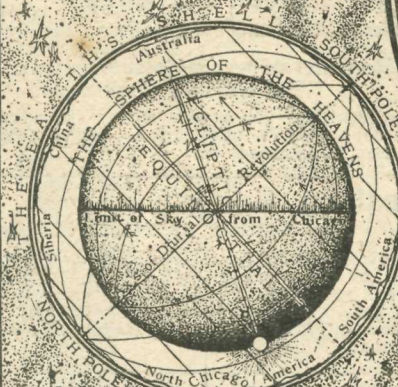


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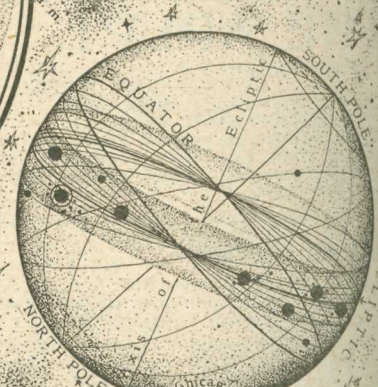


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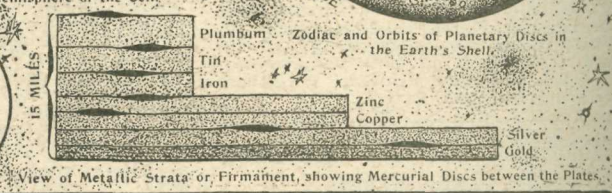
Actual Position of the Universe, and Tilt
of Poles, From Chicago



Zodiac and Orbits of Planetary Discs in
the Earth's Shell



SECTIONAL VIEW of the Earth's Crust, 100 Miles in thickness, showing the Strata



View of Metallic Strata or Firmament, showing Mercurial Discs between the Plates

The Cellular Cosmogony or Koreshan Astronomy.

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED, OF CHICAGO.

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