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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 Kings and Priests of the New Kingdom.

Practical Solution of the World's Great Problems Depends Upon the Lord's Coming; the Firstfruits of Regeneration the Governing Power of the Coming Dispensation.

THE COMING of the Lord is the only practical solution of the great problems agitating the public mind. His coming will establish the kingdom; it will *not* confirm the republic. The method of the Lord's advent, however, is essentially misunderstood by the church,—no matter what the creed or denomination,—principally because the religious sentiment has been so thoroughly divorced from scientific and secular interests as to prostitute the religious function, making it subservient to unrighteous ends, and preclusive of the possible cognition of a scientific interpretation of the law of Christian development. As a rule, the church does not desire the Lord's advent. “The world is good enough without him,” says the church; and any interest in, and discussion of, the mysterious subject of the coming of the Lord, distinguishes the offender who dares suggest the unpopular question as a member of the great army of modern cranks. “The man is a crank (or insane) who does not direct his principal energies to the aggregation of riches for himself, or to the more humble secular activity of making riches for other men through servile subjection to their interests.” When the Lord went away he said, “I will come again.” The Christian (so called) who does not desire the Lord's advent and the fulfilment of the Lord's prayer, “Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven,” is a humbug and a hypocrite; and the time is not far distant when the spurious Christianity in both the Catholic and Protestant churches will come to judgment, and their

true inwardness be laid bare for the inspection of the least critical beholder of their rottenness.

The doctrine of the resurrection (reincarnation) is taking hold of the people, though at present—in so far as it is gaining public notice—it is mainly in the possession of the devil—alias Spiritualism, Theosophy, etc. Abraham was reincarnated in the Lord Jesus, as the central figure of the first century of the Piscatorial era. In him (Jesus) Abram came into his sonship and inheritance as the Son of God and precursor of that final coming which should confirm him as the “heir of the world;” but to Peter (Petros, or Rock, *Stone* of Israel) was committed all authority in heaven and in earth—a testification to be corroborated in him as the first to spring forth as the resurrected human, to possess the credentials of recognition as the Son of inheritance and precursor of the reincarnation of those who, through the experiences of the past age, and of previous ages, are to be made the sons of God.

The ridiculous conceptions of the Lord's advent (born of ignorance and entertained by many professing to love his appearing) should yield to the dictates of common sense and the indications of law, as the law is observed to obtain and operate in every domain. The Lord Jesus—perfect male and female, the express image of the person of God residing in him—comprised the kingdom in its least form, but as absolutely an organic kingdom as when, through his evolution into the greater and greatest form, the universal kingdom is expressed in

its organic unity. The coming of the Lord is both first and second in this age, as it was first and second in the preceding age. In His first coming, he came as the personal Messiah (Christos); in his second coming, he came by the operation of the *quickenings* or Holy Spirit. In his first coming—as to his person—he was the first Adam, for he was the first-born of every creature, the living soul made in the image and likeness of God. He “is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature: for by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist; and he is the head of the body, the church.”

The greatest difficulty with the church today resides in its practical denial of everything it pretends to believe. Its members profess to symbolize, with the eucharist, or the Lord's supper, the eating or appropriation of the Lord's life (body—flesh and blood), while ignorant of the use for which the type is designed. The life of God, incarnate in Jesus the Christ by generation (production), was appropriated (eaten) by the church, and will be reincarnated in the sons of God through regeneration (reproduction), to be manifest as declared: “Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, [when?] I will raise him up at the last day” (end of the age), this being the time when eternal life is given. So called Christians profess to be *regenerated*. Do they show any sign of it? They profess to be “*born of God*.” Do they manifest any sign of it? They profess to be called of God to special uses in the kingdom of God's glory. Where is the kingdom of righteousness? and where is the sign of sonship? The Christian church of today is a preposterous humbug. Every truth and every good of the original church is prostituted to the most selfish human interests, and the intolerance of the stronger toward the weaker sects is a manifestation of anything but the pretended love to the world, which they profess.

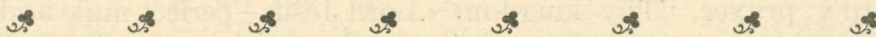
A man regenerated (reproduced) by the operation of the Holy Ghost (the impregnating Spirit of Deity), is as much the son of God as the kernel of wheat regenerated (reproduced) from a planted kernel of wheat is like a kernel of wheat. Wheat is regenerated by the spirit of the wheat operating through the regular law of growth. “The earth brings forth first the blade, then the ear, and finally the full corn in the ear.” So it is with the production of the sons of God. God was planted in the church through the dematerialization of

the Son of God, the seed-man. Because the Son of God was planted, the process of regeneration (reproduction) will bring forth, in the reincarnation, the sons of God. “To all that believe in his name gives he power to become the sons of God.” Who believes it? No one. The church is ignorant of the intent and possibilities of the gospel of the Lord Christ, and glories, rather, in its prostitution. Thus it has become an adulteress, the great harlot, the mother of harlots; and all the abominations of the earth may be righteously laid at her door.

A little scientific reflection would make these questions clear; but how can men think, when the only object of life is the acquisition of wealth, and the predominant impulse is the competitive effort to acquire that which another has produced? Christ comes. His fan is in his hand; he will thoroughly winnow, and the unquenchable fire will consume the chaff. Accumulated riches will not avail in the coming hour. Upon those who look for his appearing, will he arise and shine, and give forth his glory.

There will not come a universal brotherhood. The fruit of regeneration will mature, and the kings and priests unto God will re-establish their inheritance and rule the earth, reducing to a divine order the diversified phases of human existence. There is but one power in the universe that can cement an enduring bond of fellowship; that power is the Spirit of Truth operating through the regenerating processes of divine evolution, unfolding the fellow-heirship of the Deific kingdom and of the household of God. To talk of the sudden transposition of a human barbarian to the membership of a common brotherhood is preposterous. The process of regeneration from God into Deific sonship is an orderly one, extending over a long period of years; only such can mature into the fruitage of regeneration, in the culmination of an age, as received the divine impregnation in the beginning of the same age.

The fruitage of the Piscatorial, or so called Christian, dispensation must necessarily be the sons of God, because they are the offspring of the seed of God; namely, Jesus the Christ. This fruit will recognize and acknowledge, not reject, its parentage. The name Savior (Jesus) will be confessed by every one worthy to enter into the household of faith and to become a son of the Most High. The disposition on the part of any reform movement to disparage the name of the Lord Jesus and to question his title to his inheritance,—the dominion of the world, designates that movement as identified with the power of antichrist which should arise as a concomitant of the events denoting and fulfilling the end.



Research and investigation lead inevitably to the conclusion that we are reaching a grand culmination in the progress of events, the consummation of which will

be more glorious in its achievement than has ever been pictured by artist's brush and pencil, poet's pen, or portrayal of prophetic vision.

# The Universe a Great Trust of Kingdoms.

The Imperialism of the Human Organism and the Analogous Cosmic Structure ; the Gigantic System of Organic Unity and Co-operation.

PROF. U. G. MORROW.

REPUBLICANISM comprises the fabric of the civilization of the western world; the doctrines of democracy are supposed to lie at the very foundation of the solution of the great problems of industrial, social, and political economy. Experiments of nations in democracy have proven so unsatisfactory, that the thoughtful mind is led to inquire if the principles of democracy are not fallacious in the extreme. The question can be scientifically answered only by consideration of the principles of organic unity, as existing in man and cosmos. Is the universe imperialistic or democratic? Is the human organism a republic or a kingdom? Is the human ego president or emperor?

The modern astronomer has never been able to locate the center of the universe; and he concludes that the universe is infinite. Millions of stars are thought to be scattered in space without any specific relation or interdependence; and to the astronomer, the stellar universe appears to be a *republic*, without any central, unique, dominant authority; though he admits that the solar system is a system of imperialism. A corresponding fallacy is held in regard to the human organism, and such subjects as "The Republic of the Body," "Democracy in Biology," describing the "cell-republic," have been discussed in magazines and otherwise promulgated.

Modern astronomy is one of the most stupendous and absurd fallacies of modern times. The universe is not an infinity of star-dotted space, but an organic structure. The laws of its form and function, discovered by the Founder of Koreshanity thirty years ago, overthrow every vestige of astronomical absurdities. The premise of Koreshan Cosmogony supplies the mind with a rational premise, rational principles—the knowledge of laws so absolute and inevitable in their application and operation in all domains of being and existence, as to lead to unvarying and inevitable conclusions in the solution of all problems which are agitating the modern mind.

Republicanism is unnatural and unscientific. It does not exist in the beehive, nor in the ant colony; it does not exist in the home or family, nor in military organizations; it does not exist in the human organism, nor in the physical cosmos. It did not exist in any of the divine institutions and governments of the past; Judaism was not democratic, but theocratic, an imperialistic system; primitive Christianity was not a republican institution, and the principles, doctrines, and laws of an imperial head pervaded the entire economy of the early church. If the so called principles of republicanism were true, they would be true in all domains of existence,—true in the domain of human life as well as in the plane of human relations. In such case there could never be a Messiah, nor a kingdom of the Almighty in the

earth; there never could be a climax of aspiration and progress, no supreme incentive to fulfil the mission of a single atom of the universe! Republicanism is a denial of the authority, doctrines, and functions of the man Jesus, a denial of the promises and prophecies of a new kingdom, a denial of the very foundation of primitive Christianity!

The universe could not exist if there did not inhere in it the immutable laws of order and of life. In order to perpetually exist in accordance with its eternal purpose, it must be equipped with all the facilities for continually fulfilling that purpose. It must have a supreme point of aspiration, a goal of destiny for all its atoms, a climax of progress, an apex of existence, a pivot of activity and power. Whatever that destiny is, whatever be its climax, its apex, as the reward of inheritance—that is the imperial throne of the system. The universe could not exist if it did not possess organic unity; it could not exist if it were not imperialistic in its government, with mutual relation of center and circumference, of sun and earth, of the positive nucleus and negative cell.

The immutable laws of order provide for the greatest liberty and freedom of activity of all the parts of the universe. The greatest freedom can only obtain where there is order; there is the greatest freedom in the direction of least resistance. Every orb in the physical heavens is free to move in its orbit; it is not at liberty to move in any other direction than that which the law of harmony and order impels. Every star must obey the laws of attraction and repulsion, and fulfil its mission in accordance with the imperial demands of the cosmic center. The universe is a great trust of kingdoms, ruled by one central pivot of impulse, responsive to all demands of its kingdom, receptive to all energies generated in the performance of use in all planes under the sun, and receives all sacrifices of substances for the benefit of the whole. The scientific laws of cellular life preclude the establishment of a republicanism in the physical cosmos!

The universe of humanity is analogous to the great physical form which contains it; the anthropotic world and the great alchemico-organic system are coordinated. The laws of interdependence which relate one part of the cosmos to another, must be operative to maintain corresponding relations in the human world. The relations of man and cosmos are specific. The process of the progress of life from plane to plane, the process of the ascent of life through all the domains, culminates in the highest point of human attainment. The universe, in order to perpetuate itself, must involve itself, with all its complexities, in the most complex human form, the climax of aspiration, the highest point, the creative pivot, the man-God. Jesus declared that

he was the Light of the world, and it was declared of him that he was the Sun of Righteousness, the imperial head of humanity, the King of kings, the man having all power in heaven and in earth, inheriting the dominion of the universe, the very central throne of being.

What the sun is to the physical world, what the God-man is to the world of humanity, the ego is to the individual. The individual man is the involution of humanity at large, and whatever laws inhere in the very being and heart of the human world, must find expression in the individual. Man is not a machine, but an aggregation of entities, which co-operate, through obedience to law, to perpetuate the organism. The human form is a system of industry, of co-operation, of communism; a system of equitable commerce, economy of life, and conservation of forces; it contains a natural system of exchange of substances. It constitutes the government of one supreme, central cell, ruling over subcenters, heads of departments of individual life, centers of consciousness. Millions of entities, embodied in cells and corpuscles, are engaged in producing substances for the maintenance of the entire structure; they toil to produce tissue; they build the bones, make the muscles, convey substances to the extremities of the circulation, pick up the refuse, repair damages, attend to the great laboratories of the system, and fight invading elements.

A world of industry is contained in man; a system of co-operation; a social structure of entities; a religious system, with the courts of the brain as the heavens of the body, to which cells aspire. The religious, social, economic departments of the individual structure are governed by the imperial heads in the citadel of the system, the imperial nucleus. The faculties of perception in the head must be respected by every corpuscle; the will must impulse every cell in its motion, and the priests of conjunction must guide every corpuscle to its goal of destiny. The laws are immutable; the rewards of obedience are sure, the penalties for disobedience are

certain. Nothing short of absolute imperialism of the human system can insure the welfare of either a part or the whole of the organism.

The form of the organization of the early church was the form of a man; all of the functions of the human system were represented, head and body, heart and lungs, religious, moral, social, and economic departments, corresponding to the natural system of relations and functions of the human body. The force of the arguments of the apostle Paul are too strong to be disregarded, even by an apostate church. Was not the structured church in human form called a kingdom? Did it not typify the great kingdom to come, in which the great structured Christ of the new order, the macrocosmic man, the 144,000 sons of God, would constitute the imperial, solar nucleus? We are sometimes amazed that right in the face and presence of the thousands of scientific evidences of the imperialism of the universe, in the presence of living, organic structures manifesting the complex forms of divine governments in the natural world, men should advocate the principles of democracy!

What the physical universe declares; what is declared in the physiology of the human structure; what is seen in all the departments of the world; what teachers and prophets of all past ages have declared, is promulgated in the Scientific System of Koreshanity: that the true form of government is that which obtains in the physical cosmos, in the human world, in the human body; and that the coming kingdom, the restoration of man to the dominion of the universe, will be the natural imperialism, involving in its administration all that man is in heart, and mind, and soul, and being. The laws of church and state, the light of the mind of the coming humanity, the laws of social economy and relations, will emanate from the supreme nucleus of humanity, as the light of the sun radiates from the center to the circumference, when republicanism, anarchy, chaos, darkness, and ignorance are no more, and when the world turns again to obey the laws of life in one great Empire of the New Humanity!

## The Imperialism of the Coming Age.

The Corruptions of the Present Order; the Deepening Shadows Contrasted With the Dawning Light; the True Imperialist and His Policy of Expansion.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

FROM the slimy ooze of the decadence of the imperial power of Rome, which swamps America today, two new forms are rising, to confront each other in mortal combat. The one is the dark reflex of the other, and illustrates the saying, "Coming events cast their shadows before." The shadow is huge, a veritable Goliath, leader of the Philistine despoilers of God's Israel. His tread seems to shake the foundations of the earth, whose great ones quail before him.

This imperial potentate, before whom the kings of the world bow in servile devotion, ambitious only for his favor, is the money power. His death's-head of carnal

gold from beneath, must ultimately be represented by the chief magistrate of the United States. This imperial magnate, voice of a people who sit in darkness, speaks from beneath, his primary brain centers being in the slums of hades, where votes are bought with whiskey, that vomit of hell, breeding demons from the worm which dieth not. This imperial money potentate is the bastard son of the mother of harlots, whose prolific progeny people the civilized (?) world of today. This despot from hades is a usurper of the throne of the Almighty, who has a legitimate imperial heir. This heir has not been manifest in the natural human form, for

nearly two thousand years; but his day is at hand, and his imperial edict, already heralded, is backed by the power of the Mighty one of forces, that nothing under the sun can withstand.

The reflex of the mighty edict of almighty truth is already effecting the thorough organization of the hells; thus is evil made the servant of God, and the bondman of systematized bondage. It is written that the Lord taketh the wicked in his own snares. In the economy of divine imperialism nothing is lost, and every well-organized commercial and military system, effected by the devil to defeat the power of the Almighty, will be used by that power for the reorganization of the hells for the service of the heavens of the Most Holy, which eternally rest upon them.

The dark rays of the anthropotic sun penetrate to the deepest depths of the abyss of the universal organism, and dictate the formulation and emplacement of every structural foundation. When the Philistines had prepared the happy land of Canaan for all Israel, the God of Israel raised up for himself a man mighty enough to slay its greatest giant, and another wise enough to develop all its resources, build its temple, and give its new nation age-lasting fame and glory.

Today, while the imperial money power is advocating expansion and reaching out its blood-sucking tentacles to grasp the keys of secular commerce, the islands of the high seas, it is heading up as a wolf in sheep's clothing, in that whited sepulcher known as the republican administration, from the chief seat of which it baas as a lamb, with its false front. Down in Wall street, this mongrel carnivora bellows like a bull, revealing its sensual, true inwardness, while bearing down the flesh of Christ throughout the world, to the servitude of ignorance and poverty.

Goliath, the great Philistine, type of vast display without moral worth, had the self-confidence of huge animal strength and the besotted ignorance of all the enemies of the Almighty. The Almighty chooses the weak things and the things that are base, to bring to naught the things that are,—that no flesh may glory in his presence.

The imperialism of the money power, so rapidly heading up in this seventh completion of Gentile nationality, the United States, has great confidence in its control of vast territory and unmeasured physical resources. Its weakness is its besotted ignorance of the corruptions of its fallacious organism, effected through having made a God of its belly, yielding its allegiance to the desires of its flesh. The imperialism of the money power has yet to learn that, right between its eyes, where the eye single should look Godward to where reason sits enthroned, is a weak spot, so weak that a single stone from the bed of the river of the water of life can, in God's due time, penetrate the mortal brain and end the mortal life of the giant, great as he seems to be.

This potential stone, the Stone of Israel, so long rejected by the builders of national manhood, is the Stone of Truth absolute, the pearl of true science. This Stone

is destined to adorn the brow of a man ordained of God to an imperial reign in the hearts of men.

The great Babylon of our present civilization must fall into the hands of a God-anointed King, on the night when its feast is merriest, and the lords of the wine cup and the slaves of the flesh-pots revel most in their power to defy the God of Israel, the Savior and great Expansionist who reigns supreme in the heaven of heavens, and claims the whole earth as his footstool. This God is a strange God, a mystery to all who lack wisdom and understanding. "Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Savior." While he hides himself, he has a way of not leaving himself without a witness.

Even in the abyss of the hells, and at an hour when we think not, the Son of man cometh, lowly, riding upon a colt the foal of an ass. This King in obscurity, this Servant of the cross of Christ, who bears the keys of heaven and of hell, is *the* man whom Dr. Joseph Parker of London is looking for,—the *Man* spelled with a capital *M*. This man holds the quickening Spirit of the Father, to give life to all men in the womb of Mother Earth, groveling under the sun. This man stands in the Sun, clothed with light (the light of the science of truth) as with a garment. This man, God's witness, is among men today, bearing witness to the truth concerning God's descent into hades to lead captivity captive, and to give gifts unto men.

A few years ago, there was a great wedding feast made in this capital of the Babylonish empire. It was called the Congress of Religions. A certain man who came down from Jerusalem to Jericho, sought recognition as the Bridegroom at the feast, from the priests and Levites, but he lacked the approved wedding garment, so was left out of the feast, to knock at the doors of the alien. The feast went forward, and the name of the Lamb of God was retied to the old harlot of Christendom, Babylon the Great; the cross of Christ was made of none effect, and the "man of sin," the world's cross-bearer, was put to an open shame, and his name is made a byword for hissing.

Nevertheless, the certain man who fell by the way is Lucifer, Son of the Morning; and though his feet walk the weary ways of hell, he stands today in the light of the Sun. His science of truth was as darkness to the owls and the bats, enthroned in the minds of those who sat in his shadow, blind to the light. These worship the reflex of his triune Deity, in the ghostly forms of an unknown triad, and turn their backs on the *Man of God*.

But night ends with the dawning of day and the rising of the Day Star, Lucifer. He fell into the race in Jerusalem; he arises from Jericho,—the moon city, symbol of the church of the dark ages. He arises as a mighty man out of sleep, girt with the strength of the Almighty, to put on the whole armor of God, to fight the good fight of faith by giving to every man a rational basis for faith, hope, and love. These three, in the divine unity of the perfect man, must rule the world

with imperial sway, and establish the kingdom in righteousness.

The imperial center from which this divine imperialism must unfold and become manifest, must be found in America, the land of Ephraim, where the Lion's whelp, the young Lioness, crouches for the prey of commercial power.

America has produced the fulness of the Gentiles, the *man with the science of universal expansion* from the microcosm of universal contraction, the vanishing point of the universe in its least form,—the *Man*, the *Logos*. He alone can satisfy the longings of every true American patriot who would be as a God to the universe, calling every rod of its fair fields his own, and dominating the seas with the commerce of free men.

Knowledge is power. Knowledge of the truth alone can set man free from the law of sin and death, and make him the heir of the world. The man, whoever he is, black or white, bond or free, who has this knowledge, with power to apply it for the restoration of the life of Jehovah from the grave of mortality, is Apollyon, destroyer of the last enemy, and the Savior of the God-race—Theo-Anthropoi. He is the true Emperor, the legitimate claimant to the throne of America's dominion over all the nations of the earth, the throne which is to unite all states and statesmen in the service of the Most High, the omnipotent spirit of the almighty science of truth, that men for ages to come may walk the green earth in the fulness of its glory,—free and regnant in the royalty of divine righteousness.

## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE PROBLEMS of colonization are confronting hundreds of experimentalists. Scores of colonies are being founded in various parts of the world, and as many have already failed. The older and more famous attempts at united life have either altogether ceased to exist, or are on the decline. The well-known Brook farm, among whose members were some of the most noted men of America, is now only a matter of history. The Zoar society, the Oneida community, the Harmonite society, the Shakers and others, noted communities which have flourished in the past, are now waning. During the past five years a number of smaller colonies, representing all shades of social discontent and inharmonious elements, have launched frail barks upon the stormy sea of social economy, some to sink, and some to float without compass or sail. The Ruskin colony is now in the throes of revolution, and Equality colony is on the point of dissolution. They cannot strike the chords of harmony, nor find the keys of organic unity. All communities not truly premised, not scientifically founded, not involving the factors of success, must fail. It is admitted by those who oppose colonization, that the communities which have existed longest, and for which the greatest sacrifices have been made, and in which the greatest heroism has been manifest, are those whose members have been bound together by strong religious sentiments. The Shakers and the Harmonites are notable examples; among them has existed a semblance of organic unity, a oneness of purpose and harmony of action; but all such communities must collapse when the forces are exhausted. Colonization as it obtains in the scores of fragmentary movements, will never be a factor in the solution of the great social problems of the hour. Selfishness must be eradicated, not by external means, but by internal processes. The supremest aspirations of humanity are religious; the bond of unity in successful united life is *united life*, the holding of the substances of life itself in common, and the forces generated in the highest points of conservation must express themselves perfectly in all the external affairs and relations of its people. Koreshanity is the only solution of the problem of the purpose and utility of communism. On the basis of the application of the Messianic law, the supreme law of united life, its colonies succeed, and will continue to succeed, until the light of its Science fills the whole earth!

The world stands amazed and offended at the claims of the Founder of Koreshanity, and readily accepts theories put forth by men who claim as much, but who have not sufficient man-

hood to openly declare their claims to authority to teach what they term the truth. There are scores of men who think they are Messiahs, but who are afraid to make a positive claim to possession of such function. There is no truth apart from personality. Truth is of no use so long as it is conceived as mere principle. The unity of truth and life in personality empowers the container to perform all the functions of truth and life. Whoever presumes to head a dispensation, necessarily presumes to be the authorized messenger of truth, the true prophet, the Messiah. There are always true and false claimants to divine honor and power. Only one can be true,—only one will succeed. Dr. Herron is endeavoring to baptize the world with the entities of Christian socialism, which he terms the kingdom of Christ. It should be clear to every "Christian" that no one is authorized to establish the kingdom of Christ, but the Christ! The world should ask the founder of Christian socialism for his credentials of authority. The greatest day in the history of the world will be at the crisis of the ages,—when once more Elijah the Prophet enters the contest with the prophets of Baal, and consumes himself in the chariot of fire.

There is a great difference of opinion in the world about what Jesus would do if he were in the earth today. The Union Christian Party thinks he would go to Des Moines, Iowa, on July 4, to attend a convention for the purpose of originating some scheme to defeat the devil by voting only for "Christian" candidates; in fact, it is announced that the Almighty will be there to help arrange matters. Others think that he would be helping to push their little plans of social reform, keeping the leaders in office, and assisting only where the greatest difficulties are encountered. In the churches he might be permitted to preach a few times in the city pulpits while the preachers are away on vacations. He could oversee a few departments of the world, so long as he did not interfere with plans already adopted! A more radical mind expresses, in an exchange, its belief concerning what Jesus would do if he were to attend a city church: "I can see the Prince of Peace and Poverty taking a hurried glance at the great display of finery and feathers, of silks and satins of broadcloth buccaneers! Do you know what I think he would do? Why, I think he would kick the whole hypocritical congregation into the street, blow the God-mocking building at the moon, and then turn on the fireworks. I wish he would do it!"

Labor unions are labor trusts. They are monopolies formed



for the purpose of controlling the trades, just as trusts are formed for the purpose of controlling the products of industry. If the laboring men have the right to combine for the purpose of forcing non-union laborers out of employment, corporations have a right to combine to force smaller concerns to abandon the field. The unions fix the wage scales; the trusts fix the prices on goods produced. There is no difference in the principle,—no difference in the results; they both culminate in injustice and despotism. The one is endeavoring to control labor, which is capital, and to dictate who shall work and when; the other is the endeavor to control stolen wealth, and to dictate who shall engage in business. The time has come when those who have not the mark of the beast can neither buy nor sell—and more, they cannot obtain employment in many lines of industry. THE FLAMING SWORD is as much opposed to the labor trusts as it is to the money trusts. They are both abominable perversions of the principles of organic effort in the selfish interests of the trusts, and the industrial clans under the false face of "brotherhood."

It is as easy to cure disease and overcome death as it is to cause these mortal conditions, when once the processes are understood. The laws of death are as inexorable and immutable as the laws of life. Death is not to be overcome by an infinite spirit, but by *man*. By man came death, and by man also the resurrection must come. The battle of life and death is fought at the end of every dispensation in the human world, and the rewards of victory appropriated for the life and progress of the new age. At the end of the Jewish dispensation, death was overcome in the person of Jesus; and by virtue of his victory, his acquisition of authority and power, he promised his throne "To him that overcometh,"—to another man who should appear at the end of the dispensation. The process of overcoming death is in the application of scientific law to humanity. It is the transformation of human nature, the change from the mortal to the immortal state. The resurrection at the end of the present age must obtain through a *rational man*. Those who look for the resurrection must also look to the man who is able to achieve the stupendous victory over the mortal world.

Modern reformers cannot harmonize the various movements in the lines of social economy. There is a growing conflict between the elements of colonization and socialism. It is said that colonization is not a factor in the true social system—that it is decidedly anti-socialistic. The principles of colonization and socialism are harmonized in the Koreshan System. The communistic nucleus of the coming great social structure is just as necessary in the order of progress and for the life of the organic whole, as the vitellus is necessary to the egg—just as necessary as the sun is to the physical universe. The communistic nucleus of primitive Christianity constituted the solar sphere of the system. The true social system is as much broader than the colony, as the earth is broader than the sun. The earth surrounds the sun; the social conditions of the primitive church were evolved from the communistic center. The factors of social construction begin in the communistic nucleus. The prime communistic colony of the new age will be a communistic city, the capital of the world, containing the sovereign power of the universe of humanity.

The influence of the modern church is waning; it is rapidly losing its hold on the people. The clergymen are becoming alarmed at the almost wholesale turning away from the church, and are endeavoring to find the cause. The people are growing tired of denominational monotony; the church makes no progress in truth, and contains nothing substantial for the rational mind. The agencies that are breaking the spell are manifold.

We are living in the time of the dissolution of the age, and old forms must perish. There is a drift into agnosticism; confidence in the authority of the clergymen is losing ground. There is a revulsion against the absurd interpretations of the Bible, and a growing repudiation of the creeds. The parks, bicycles, newspapers, and clubs are attractions which the clergymen find antagonistic to their interests. Rev. Dixon, of New York, asserts that he would rather have two rattlesnakes in his home than one Sunday paper. He might exclude papers and common serpents from his home, and yet entertain more dangerous and destructive forces in himself—opposition to truth and progress!

Ingersoll is lecturing on "The Devil." At present, the devil is his stock in trade, and he disposes of his entities to his audiences at high prices; they bring him hundreds of dollars for every exhibition of the various devils which have entered his chamber of cerebrations. The famous agnostic fights the kind of ghostly devils that the modern church endeavors to palm off on the world as real; he fights the mythical gods also. There has never been such a devil nor such a god as Ingersoll and the church talk about. The church is to be blamed for entertaining these absurd misconceptions, and Ingersoll is guilty of being unable to come any nearer the truth than the church! The truth is, the devil is *intensely human*; and at the present time he is composed of the entire human family. He is all that sensual humanity is, externally and internally. Koreshanity teaches the personality of the devil—natural, tangible personalities. There is nothing mystical nor ghostly about his satanic majesty—he is a startling reality—not in some other world, but here in this one!

"Christian socialism" is a social democracy. It proposes to have a democratic Christ, a democratic God. It looks for no Christ of the future except humanity—"humanity itself will become anointed of God. The humanity that shall become the complete incarnation of the spirit of Christ—that is the future Christ." Herronism overlooks the fact that before humanity can be anointed there must appear a *personality* to perform the Messianic function of anointing, to prepare the way for the manifestation of the divine kingdom. Thousands of people pretend to be interested in the coming of the new kingdom, the new humanity, but ignore the means through which the kingdom must come. Baptisms come from personalities. Jesus poured out his entire soul, the entire life of Deity, unto humanity, to work the progress of the age; and there cannot obtain another pouring out until another personality likewise dissolves himself in the generation of the divine energies.

A colony can no more be successful without the essential conservation of the substances of life, than an artificial human form can be made to possess human function. Dummy colonies rise and fall; they will never succeed; the vital elements of organic life are wanting. The true communistic relations, the elements necessary to perfect the bonds of peace, harmony, and success, cannot be obtained by any other processes than those in operation nineteen hundred years ago through the man Jesus—by a direct baptism of a communistic nucleus with the actual potencies of conserved life—human energy imparted from the anthropostic dynamo.

There is a persistent, positive force in Koreshanity that is proving to be a mystery to the world. The Koreshan movement progresses with ever-increasing momentum, despite the opposition of its enemies. It cannot be overthrown; its force is irresistible, its truth invulnerable, and its premise impregnable. THE FLAMING SWORD is a source of amazement; expressions of surprise at its unparalleled audacity, positiveness, and fearlessness, are heard on every hand. It is aggressive; it fights every-

thing that is wrong, everything that is fallacious and corrupt. It represents everything that is pure, and teaches everything that is true.

The money gods open and close the doors of the modern church at pleasure; they have mortgages on the clergymen, the people, and the church buildings. The temples of civilization are filled with money changers. The love of money closed the gates of Eden, and it requires a new *flaming sword* to open them. Over the door of a church in Arizona appear the words, "This is the gate of heaven;" and on the panel of the door, "Closed by order of the American Loan Co." The corporation foreclosed the mortgage on the church, and closed the "gates of heaven" to increase its profits.

Only the true solution of the problem of life can enable humanity to think right and do right. The Guiding Star alone can lead the world to its destiny. Humanity needs a leader, a positive mind, with positive claims, with positive truth; it needs the new Christ, the new Napoleon, the new Washington, the new Lincoln, the new Hero, to lead the world to victory over death and oppression!

Individualism is the inevitable result of the breaking up of the old order of the world, the end of the old cycle of human life. It allows every man to go off on a tangent of his own. The great body of humanity is passing into dissolution. Social cohesion is destroyed; the economic structure is crumbling, and the foundation is sinking in the quicksands of ignorance.

It is significant that the end of the present dispensation, the time of the harvest of the age, should be marked by harvesters and reapers in the agricultural world. In the beginning of the dispensation the Sower went forth to sow. The field is the world, the age is the season of regeneration, and the end of the dispensation is the harvest.

The fact that the nations are dreaming of peace is proof that the dark night is not yet passed. In the waking, the corrupt sleepers will experience a terrible nightmare, a tangible reflex of all the oppression that has been heaped upon the peo-

ple for ages; the nations must awake in the throes of revolution.

All truth is more essential than merely a part of it. There are no truths that are non-essential in the great, all-comprehensive System of Koreshan Universology.

Superstition is the devil's view of the character and works of the Almighty, the fallacious conceptions of ignorance concerning the relations of God and man.

The language of symbolism is the language of Deity. The universe can be understood only in the light of the mind of its perpetual cause.

The money power has transformed the "land of the free and the home of the brave," to a land of bondage and the home of moral cowards.

A remarkable transformation occurred when the Almighty's footstool was *throne* out in the space of the Copernican universe.

Panics succeed waves of prosperity; stimulation and reaction are alternate stages in the competitive world.

The competitive world believes in advertising; it enables the man to get the ad-vantage of his neighbor.

The laws of a nation are made in the capital; the primary capital of the United States is money.

Truth comes without money and without price; but it costs a great deal to get it.

The infernal regions are the internal regions of modern humanity.

The Eve of every dispensation must be accompanied by an Adam.

There are a number of striking features about labor-unionism.

Koreshanity is the true mental photograph of the universe.

The modern church is a lost cause and a vanishing effect!

The devil is the greatest fraud in the universe.

## Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

Must One Enter the Koreshan Ecclesia?

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—I am much interested in your reply under the head of "Severing Mortal Relations for Immortality," in a recent issue of THE FLAMING SWORD. You do not answer one part of the first question directly: must one enter the Ecclesia? I will concede the truth of all you have said, but at the present state of affairs, are not some doing their full duty by remaining with their families, and giving the Koreshan cause financial and other aid which they are able to do under the circumstances?—granting of course, that they are living consistent lives. Is it not necessary for some to be on the skirmish line and keep the central organization in touch with the world? There are times when it requires courage and fortitude to remain on the lonely picket line when there are fortifications within reach. Then there is another question which comes to one when thinking of joining your organization: Is it possible for all who see the force and truth of Koreshan Science to attain to immortality? If not, what need or use for them in the Ecclesia? Then again, how is each to

know beyond a doubt what is best for him to do?—Reader.

Nineteen hundred years ago, Jesus founded the primitive Christian system; he began by teaching and disciplining a group of people who submitted themselves to him as their leader and teacher. He prepared a central nucleus for the promulgation of his gospel; he taught the necessity of forsaking all to follow him, of leaving all to obey the truth. Those whom he disciplined were his disciples. He formed a battery of human minds negative to his positive will; he formed the solar nucleus of the anthropotic world for the Christian dispensation. The work of selecting and training minds receptive to His truth covered a period of years; in the meantime, he and his work were supported by friends and sympathizers. They assisted in the direction of their sympa-

thies; they did their duty so far as they could see it, while the work of development of the central order was in progress; but it was not their full duty, because their full duty was prescribed in the declaration of the two fundamental Messianic laws: Love of the Messianic pole with all the heart, might, and mind, and the neighbor as one's self.

After the formation of the central nucleus,—the head and shoulders of the system, it was necessary to find material for the construction of the entire body. The crisis came when the Teacher precipitated himself into his disciples; those who had followed him during the time of his personal work, obtained the greatest measure and degrees of life and honor; after that, it was every man in his order, and many who had not left all at first, left all at last, and began to fulfil the law

in themselves, and the substances of divine life were received by thousands.

We are living in parallel times; the work of construction of the new human battery is in progress; the laws of life are enunciated. The present promulgation of the truth is for the purpose of calling out from the world, minds who will submit to its demands, and thereby *know* what is best for them to do. In the central group, there obtains a necessary system of disciplining—only those who are disciplined are truly disciples. One of the first requirements of discipleship is to leave all—sever all mortal ties. It is a process of testing in many ways, a natural adjustment and selection. Some will not endure; every movement gathers up those who turn back; Jesus found those "who walked no more with him." They are necessary to the Koreshan movement—they take away mental refuse, and elements of discontent follow them out.

There is no other way of attaining immortality than that of absolute obedience to the laws of life; if it be admitted that Koreshanity reveals what those laws are, and how to obey them and make a personal, practical application of them, then it is admitted that its methods are processes of fulfilment of law, and necessary to the attainment of immortality. Its orders, societies, and homes are institutions of united life, communistic institutions for practical obedience to the laws of life to God and the neighbor. If we say that it is *absolutely necessary* for all desiring to enter life, to pass through the institutions which the truth of Koreshanity prescribes, we are consistent and true to the principles of the System.

If the reward of each person obtains according to the measure of obedience, or rather according to the aspiration, the ideal, of each, it remains that those who respond to the call in the formation of the central cells of the battery will be accordingly emplaced in the highest plane of life, if true to all the processes of overcoming sensuality and death. The Koreshan homes are established for the purpose of determining the fitness of each member for specific duties in the promulgation and support of the System, when the organization is completed in all its details. All those who aspire to reach the central orders of life of the new age, must submit to all of the demands of truth and requirements of the laws of life; the law must be fulfilled at the end of this dispensation as it was fulfilled nineteen hundred years ago. Those who are faithful on the skirmish lines will receive the degree of life which they merit, the qualities of life which they are capable of

attracting, when the substances emanate from the Messianic center. Thousands must make up the circumference of the Solar sphere; thence all planes of the New Kingdom sufficient to make complete the universe of divine activity.

#### Where Are the Billions Who have Died in the Past?

(1) In Koreshan literature I read: "For the spirit of the mortal body is as mortal as the body eliminating it." Now, if the spirit dies with the body, what will become of all the masses that have died in sensualism, on the day of the resurrection? (2) Are there any Koreshan societies in California?—C. B., Benicia, Cal.

The church pretends to believe that the soul and spirit of a man go to heaven or hell—away off in space somewhere; the Spiritualists think that the spirits of the dead float about in the earth's atmosphere, while the Adventists hold that there is no more of man until the resurrection. All these views accord man only one lifetime; and of course, the places where they go are becoming fuller all the time, while some unknown reservoir is constantly being drawn upon for the creation of new beings never having existed before; what they are created from, is a mystery to people who hold to the popular absurdities. It is a lamentable fact that the world has degenerated so far as to be lost in utter ignorance of its origin and destiny!

The spirit and soul do not die when the mortal dissolution occurs; they are eliminated from the body, and enter the spiritual world,—the interior mind of humanity. After a time, there is a dissolution or separation of soul and spirit, and a return to the natural world. All of the dead that have ever lived in the past are in the world today; the dead are in the living. The great stream of sensualism is supplied from the entities of those who have died, endeavoring to get back into the natural world. Common human generation is the only channel through which mortal spirits can return to the natural state, and common death is the only way for mortal human beings to get into the spiritual world. Thoughts are spiritual entities; all of the thoughts of mortal humanity are entities or spirits of men who have died. Present mortal men are truly sepulchers, the tombs out of which the resurrection is to take place through natural, scientific processes.

The mortal man gets into the natural world from the great reservoir of human life which is constantly being supplied through the specific relations of the natural and spiritual worlds. You can see right here in this world, what becomes of those who have died in sensualism; the present world is their fate,—they come

back again and again, until the ego completes its career in long series of embodiments, and then he is resurrected into the immortal plane; the process of putting on immortality is to be accomplished in this world, by a natural, scientific process,—the process of overcoming death by *rational* means. The Koreshan Science of embodiment solves the problems of death and resurrection. Have you not read "Reincarnation," "The Identification of Israel," "Koreshan Science," etc.?

(2) There are branches of the Koreshan Society Arch-Triumphant in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, in your state. If interested in the work of the Society in any way, you should write for information, etc., to BERTHALDINE, MATRONA, President of the Society at large, 99th & Oak Sts., Chicago, Ill., or MRS. V. H. ANDREWS, Secretary of the Guiding Star Assembly, 6310 Harvard Ave., Chicago, Ill.

#### Why Doesn't God Kill the Devil?

If all things are possible with God, why does he not kill the devil? Who made the devil, and why? Why did God make hell, and why does he not blot it out of existence?—Reader.

The Almighty does not kill the devil, because the devil is a necessity; and because he is a necessity, it is impossible for God to kill him. All possible things are possible with the highest pivot of power of the universe, but impossible things are not possible of accomplishment. If the devil could not exist, it would be impossible for God to exist. The immutable, universal law of opposites demands the two extreme poles of mental activity. There could be no life without death, no light without darkness; there must be heat and cold, up and down, levity and gravity, good and evil, God and devil. The Almighty does not desire to destroy the devil, because the processes would involve the destruction of himself. The south pole of the physical universe is just as necessary as the north pole, and the dark side of the sun performs functions as necessary to the maintenance of the universe as those performed by the light side.

God possesses voluntary and involuntary powers of creation. He creates good voluntarily; the involuntary reflex of the exercise of his will in voluntary action, creates evil. It is impossible for a man to generate a good thought without generating its reflex, its opposite,—an evil thought. The very laws that perpetuate the being and existence of supreme good, also perpetuate evil. Hell is as necessary as heaven; hell is but the precipitate of the mental activities in the mind of the Almighty.

The laws of the progress of life and development of God Almighty and the human race, provide for the conversion of groups of devils at the end of every dispensation. The same laws also provide for the descent of life from heaven to hell. The very inherent principles of being necessitate the existence of the soil of hell for the implantation of the divine seed for the purpose of regeneration of the life sown. Jesus was the divine seed; he was sown in mortal humanity, that he might not only perpetuate divine life through the sowing of the seed of that life, but also to save the human beings in which the seed was sown. Seed in the soil enters a state of death and corruption; Jesus entered the corruption of humanity, crossed himself with the mortal world—entered the human hells, for the purpose of saving all of the progressive entities of the universe.

You see, there are mysteries of Godliness and mysteries of iniquity that the church has never dreamed of; the perverted philosophy of the creeds, with the gross conceptions of the relations of God, man, and the devil, is sheer absurdity; and agnostics spend their time in combating myths without endeavoring to supply the mind with something substantial and rational concerning the laws of being and existence. Both God and the devil are human; they are antithetical poles, and the one is absolutely necessary to the existence of the other. God, humanity, devil, and hell are eternal; they have always been, and will always be:

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### The Baptist Flag and the Flaming Sword.

If the Baptist Church is the Church of God, What Church Has Apostatized?

There is nothing existing in the abstract; if the Christian church has fallen, Christianity has fallen. There can be no Christianity apart from the people who confess it; and if it does not exist in the organization which has come down through apostasy from the original and primitive form, who has authority to institute and form Christian chaos of Protestantism?—FLAMING SWORD.

It is a fact that there is no Christianity apart from the people who profess it, and the vision of a "church" that has come down through the ages, in an "invisible" form, is the figment of a dream. Churches exist as organizations, and are not called churches in their scattered, non-organized form. God's Word never commits the blunder of calling a loose, ephemeral, visionary, nondescript, indiscriminate, unorganized, imaginary multitude of spirit experiences, or influences—a church! And it is equally absurd to talk of the "chaos of Protestantism" as a church. Churches have common grounds of faith, a bond of

fellowship, a similar preparation of heart, agreement in doctrine, uniformity in practice, perpetuity in organization, and visibility of existence. Baptists are the only people in existence who can lay claims to such essential characteristics, and maintain such claims against all comers and goers. Baptist churches are Christ's churches, and do not have to turn aside to any organization on earth, whether new or old, to ask help in the valid administration of all the services of a church of Christ. That is one reason we are so unflinchingly a Baptist.—*Baptist Flag*.

### The Flag and the Doctrinal Millstone; The Sword Looks Through the "Eye!"

Comparatively few of our readers know anything about Koreshanity. It is a new religion, if it can be called a religion at all. We give below some vague, opaque, obtuse definitions of the doctrine of the resurrection as believed by this dreamy, phantasmal, impractical, ethereal religion. If our readers can understand what the thing is they deserve credit for seeing as far into the millstone as the man who pecks it. Please read these two short extracts, then scratch your head and think a little before you look up to the stars as the graveyard of the universe.

The astronomical field is the burial place of the dead, because the stars constitute the focal points of the convergence of all physical energy. This energy passes on the converging currents of electro-magnetic conspiracy, to the focal stellar point to which it belongs, under the inexorable and inevitable law of astro-biology. Hence some particular star or constellation receives the energy of the remaining form of the man, after the primary spirit has left its tenement.—FLAMING SWORD.

Behold, ye star gazers, and wonder and perish, for those twinkling "focal points" are but serviceable as "converging points of all energy" and the "burial place of the dead." Our curiosity is aroused to know how KORESH found out all of this wonderful "law of astro-biology." Who has revealed this new doctrine to him? What star gazer has been able to see the concentration of energy, and the conspiracy of electro-magnetic currents to those focal stellar points? May be this is the "invisible church." Can the *Argus* tell us if it is?—*Baptist Flag*.

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### Philosophy of the Heathen.

"As I understand it," said the heathen, "you propose to civilize me."

"Exactly so."

"You mean to get me out of habits of idleness and teach me to work."

"That is the idea."

"And then lead me to simplify my methods and invent things to make my work lighter."

"Yes."

"And next I will become ambitious to get rich, so that I won't have to work at all."

"Very likely."

"Well, what's the use of taking such a roundabout way of getting just where I started? I don't have to work now."—*Ex.*

### The Christ Has Come!

The Poet Pays Tribute to the Man of the Hour, the Social Architect of the New Age.

He comes with power; His white, unfearing face

Shines through the social passion of the race.

He comes to frame the freedom of the Law, To touch these men of Earth

With a feeling of life's oneness and its worth,

A feeling of its mystery and awe.

And when he comes into the world gone wrong,

He will rebuild her beauty with a song. To every heart he will its own dream be; One moon has many phantoms in the sea. Out of the North the Norns will cry to men:

"Balder, the Beautiful has come again!" The flutes of Greece will whisper from the dead:

"Apollo has unveiled his sunbright head!"

The stones of Thebes and Memphis will find voice:

"Osiris come; O tribes of time, rejoice!" And social Architects who build the State, Serving the Dream at citadel and gate, Will hail Him coming through the labor hum.

And glad, quick cries will go from man to man,

"Lo, He has come, our Christ, the Artisan— The King who loved the lilies, He has come!"

He will arrive, our Counsellor and Chief, And with bleak faces lighted up will come The earth-worn mothers from their martyrdom

To tell him of their grief; And glad girls caroling from field and town Will go to meet Him with the labor crown, The new crown weaven of the heading wheat,

And men will sit down at his sacred feet; And he will say—the King— "Rome, let us live the poetry we sing! And these, His burning words will break the ban—

Words that will grow to be, On continent or sea, The rallying cry of man.

He comes to make the long injustice right—

Comes to push back the shadow of the night,

The gray Tradition full of flint and flaw— Comes to wipe out the insults to the soul. The insults of the few against the whole, The insults we make righteous with a law.

Yea, He will bear the safety of a State, For in His still and rhythmic steps will be The power and music of Aeyone, Who holds the swift heavens in their starry fate.

Yea, He will lay on souls the power of Peace,

And send on kingdoms torn the sense of home—

More than the fire of joy that burned on Greece,

More than the light of law that rose on Rome.

—Edwin Markham.

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The world is a comedy to those who think, and a tragedy to those who feel.—*Ex.*

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**The World's News.**

**Wednesday, May 31.**—Spain and America resume diplomatic relations; Duke d'Arcos arrives at Washington, and American minister is transferred to Madrid.—Maj. Marchand, French general of forces in Africa, is welcomed at Paris with great enthusiasm.

**Thursday.**—Buffalo has another strike; 2,000 freight handlers quit work at docks.—America's scheme for arbitration wins favor at the peace congress; may carry off the laurels.—Free silver men in convention at Louisville, Ky.; 16 to 1 the first issue; Bryan and Altgeld present.

**Friday.**—Startling developments in the Dreyfus case; Col. Du Paty de Clam arrested for heading conspiracy which convicted Dreyfus.—Major Castellanos, of Cuban army, endeavors to excite insurrection against American authority; driven from Guanabacoa by citizens.—Famine increasing in Russia.

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**Saturday.**—Spain cedes Caroline, Palaos, and Ladrona islands (except Guam) to Germany.—Esterhazy confesses that he forged the document that convicted Dreyfus.—Admiral Schley visits Chicago.

**Sunday.**—French court of cassation quashes sentence of Dreyfus and orders a new trial; acquittal probable; prisoner on Devil's Island informed of action of court looking to his freedom.—Dean Worcester, of Philippine commissions, refutes reports of American barbarities in the Philippines; denies cruelties to the wounded and prisoners.—Harper & Bros. and S. S. McClure companies form a publishers' trust.—Little scheme of arbitration the highest mark for peace conference!

**Monday.**—Small battle near Manila; rebels creeping near American lines.—Riot of revolutionists in Paris; President Loubet struck with a cane; excitement on the boulevards.—D. B. Henderson, of Iowa, ahead in the race for speakership in Congress.—Zola again in Paris; comes to keep up the fight until Dreyfus is free.

**Tuesday.**—New trouble threatening in Cuba; riots and lynching near San Antonio; garrison of American soldiers in three towns to restore quiet; Spanish merchants alarmed and ask protection from American authorities in Cuba.—Filipino refugees pour into Manila by the thousands; American authorities, fearing pestilence and famine, turn them back from the city.—Dewey sails from Hong Kong.—Samoan difficulties being settled; 1,800 rebels surrender to commission of the three powers; Malietoa to be crowned king.

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**The Flaming Sword's High-Class Exchanges.**

The Arena.—Readers of the *May Arena* were expecting reply of Mrs. Eddy to the charges of plagiarism made by two contributors, but the June number contains nothing from her; instead, the announcement that the Arena Company had been sued for alleged infringement of

copyright in publishing a half-tone reproduction of Mrs Eddy's photograph! The Christian science leader remains significantly silent, and the *Arena* suggests that Mrs. Eddy cannot complain if the public concludes that the charges made against her are unanswerable. The June number contains an excellent contribution from Helen H. Gardner on the Queen Bee and Her Subjects, of special interest to all Koreshans from the fact that the article presents a clear view of the imperialism of the beehive; we are much pleased with it. Its study would be a valuable adjunct to the study of the several phases of imperialism discussed in this issue of *THE FLAMING SWORD*. Other prominent features of the June *Arena* are: a Japanese View of Kipling, Municipal Expansion, the Genesis of Action, a Word for the Mormons, Woman's Economic Status in the South, Imperialism in our Colleges, also a number of other excellent contributions. The *Arena* is a first-class monthly review of social advance, and has a wide circulation among progressive readers in the English speaking world.

**The Saturday Evening Post.**—The issue of June 3 contains the first installment of Ian Maclaren's "A Scot's Grammar School," and is highly appreciated by all literary admirers of the Scottish author; the second part will appear July 1. The issue before us contains the third part of Robert Barr's Travels and Troubles in the Orient, in which he narrates many interesting experiences with Turkish officials on the shores of the Mediterranean; the Work of a Modern City, a view of the progress of Boston; Public occurrences that are Making History; Men and Women of the Hour, and the Making of a Merchantman, the first of three practical papers by H. N. Higinbotham, prominently connected with the firm of Marshall Field & Co., Chicago. In the Grip of the Tsar, is an excellent story of Russian Nihilism. In the next issue Mrs. Burton Harrison's serial begins, The Circle of the Century, a romance of New York City, and promises to be something excellent in high class literature.

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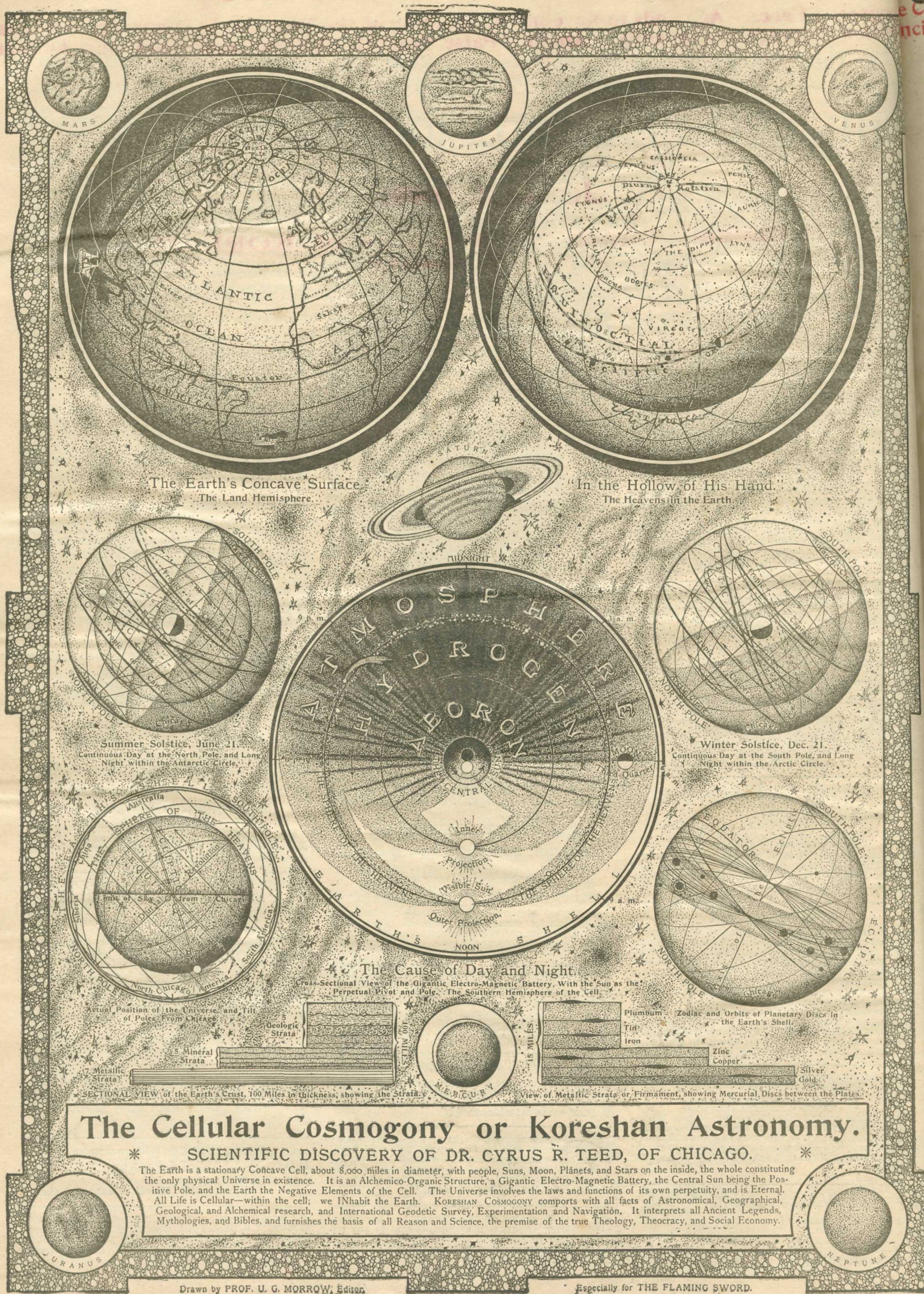
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