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The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Farce of the Peace Congress.

World-wide Revolution Must Precede Universal Peace; the Age Culminates in Devastation; Peace Obtains Through Restoration of the Divine Brotherhood.

THERE IS a great effort on the part of an ignorant class, to deceive themselves and the world regarding the closing events of the Christian dispensation. This effort has resulted in the farce now being enacted at the Hague. From the present status of the international conference, it appears that there will be adopted a scheme of arbitration from which any disaffected party to a decision of the arbitration board may dissent. The conference at the Hague will disperse with nothing binding accomplished, as bearing upon final results. The question of disarmament is not even a minor theme for consideration.

The heart of man is utterly corrupt. The love of money is the dominant desire, both with individuals and with nations; and the stirring impulse to this greatest travesty (the peace conference) is commercial greed and speculation. Every noblesoul yearns for the triumphal day, the day of rest and peace, wherein lives made immaculate through the virtues of inherent Godhood, regenerated from Christ the Lord, shall rejoice in their deliverance.

The peace conference at the Hague was instigated by a representative national pirate, whose ambition falls not short of a desire to dominate the entire world. The Tsar of Russia is the vicar of the Almighty in the earth. He has the advantage of the Leonine plenipotentiary of Jehovah, in that he unites the secular

with the ecclesiastical authority. These two are rival claimants to universal supremacy. Kaiser Wilhelm is not without his ambitious claim to the title of "King of kings." "Me und Gott," is about the size of his aspirations. While they talk of peace at this farcical convention, they are all hustling their preparations for war,—every distrustful dog of them. There will be no peace until God finds his dwelling-place in the restored temple of a divine brotherhood; no peace while the commercial greed of the peoples of the world fosters, for mercantile purposes, the destructive creations of human avarice.

As long as individuals and corporations invent, and nations foster the schemes of the avaricious for destroying men by processes ten thousand-fold more disastrous than war, so long may we harbor the sentiment, that "the end is not yet." Many of the chief resources of national treasuries—resources fostered by all nations, rum, tobacco, opium, the prime causes of human viciousness—will not, be encouraged by peoples whose hearts desire that peace which can come only from the nations in whom the God of goodness and truth resides.

There comes the final great struggle for supremacy,—the battles of Gog and Magog, and of Armageddon. The age will culminate in a devastation beside which all others pale to insignificance. Catastrophe will mark the closing scenes of the recidivating age; peace will come after destruction.

Thought Impulsers.

The Flaming Sword Does Not Contradict Itself.

A PARTY in Washington, D. C., seems to be troubled over what she imagines to be a discrepancy of statement in THE SWORD. She thinks the statement that the Lord Christ consummated a twenty-four thousand year period, conflicts with the statement that we are *now* consummating a twenty-four thousand year period. If we go back twenty-four thousand years from the time of the Lord, we strike a period corresponding to that time. We are now coming to the period in which are manifest the sons of God. If we go back twenty-four thousand years from now, we strike a period corresponding to the period now at hand. Therefore, we are unable to discover any contradiction in the two statements.

Twenty-four thousand years is twenty-four thousand years, beginning at any chronological point, and ending correspondingly. The manifestation of the sons of God—the fruitage of the Piscatorial age, is an event of no ordinary importance. While it does not terminate a cycle represented by the individual and personal Lord, it does terminate and begin a cycle of its own, necessarily equal to that of the manifestation of the personal Jehovah.

Tesla Fails to Materialize His “Wonders.”

NICOLA TESLA is a wonderful man. He has been advertising for a number of years the great things he is about to accomplish, but up to date he has not performed one act which should entitle him to public notice. He is going to build a tower on the summit of Pike’s Peak, and “propagate electrical disturbance without wires;”—he hasn’t done it yet. “I hope to be able,” he says, “to send a message from New York to Paris.” He should build a mountain in mid ocean and another on the moon, and the thing is accomplished. It is as easy as rolling off a log. Why! the star Alcyone transmits its light and electricity to our little earth, so many myriads of miles that no astronomer has ever attempted to estimate the distance, and this is through mid air, and so far it has been done without wires, even before Nicola was heard of; and why shouldn’t he copy after the electrical formula of the people up in the Pleiades? Wireless telegraphy is not a remote but a proximate possibility; but it can be accomplished without Pike’s Peak. When the transmission of intelligence and power is performed, it will be done by simple processes and instruments, and on very different lines from those now proposed by the various experimentalists who are on the wrong track.

Manifestations of Deity in Humanity.

The Advent of the Almighty into the Natural World Nineteen Hundred Years Ago; Numberless Incarnations in Past Ages; Certainty of His Return.

PROF. O. F. L’AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

SOME stupendous event must have occurred nineteen hundred years ago, to cause the world—among other marvelous things—to change its whole system of time-marking, and produce uniformity in what was known as the civilized world, where before there was variety. The infidel or lying spirit that undertakes to affirm that there was no such thing as the “year of our Lord,” is in duty bound to explain the origin of this new date, and state *why* it was called the year of the Lord, and not of some other being or event. Until he does so, satisfactorily, the world is justified in believing that that date marks the time of the most remarkable event for man, that has taken place in history. The events that have followed, and will follow that birth, fully justify the prophet Isaiah’s description of the person born:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government [of the world] shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, [not simply the Son of God] the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with

justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Observe that the passage does not say, has performed, but, “*will perform this.*” Nor is it yet performed, nor will it be until the Prince of Peace has brought peace to the earth, causing swords to be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning-hooks; when men shall learn war no more,—that which they are now most careful to learn, of all things. The Christian dispensation is the age of the church militant—the church at war. It will be succeeded by the age of the Church Triumphant,—the reign of righteousness, and peace, and good will to men, *here in earth.*

As we have stated in a former article, Jesus himself said his kingdom of righteousness would not be established in earth until the end of the Christian age, as the seed of it—which he was, and which he sowed in humanity as Holy Ghost, after his translation—would not have its harvest until that time. When John was in the spirit, that is, in the spiritual world, where there is no time, he saw this Lord of hosts as the rider on the white horse, the mighty champion of purity in all things,

having the new name of God, which Jesus had in the beginning of that age (which name no one knew but himself): "And he had on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

What does He himself say about having been on earth before, and about coming again? He said, "Before Abraham was, I am;" and he said to the Jews, "It is my Father that honoreth me; of whom ye say that he is your God." "Now the Lord is that Spirit" that shone in the face of Moses so intensely that the Israelites fled and would not come near enough to him to hear what he said, until he put a vail on his face; and today the Jews, when the Old Testament is read, "have a vail on their hearts;"—do not know that he whom they profess to worship as God, was the Spirit that was in Moses as the God whom the real Christian worships, the same Spirit that was the personality in Jesus. This was very clearly shown in the transfiguration on the Mount.

Both of the New Testament writers who describe this event, say that not only the face, but even the garments (symbolizing the purified flesh of Jesus), shone with exceeding brightness, and Moses and Elias appeared talking with Jesus. This whole scene, including Moses and Elias, was the result of the metamorphosis, changed form, of Jesus, in the common version called transfiguration, and was the fulfilment of the words of Jesus, recorded just before, in which he said that there were some standing there who should not taste of death until they saw the Son of man coming in his kingdom. Jesus was the reincarnation of Elijah and Moses, hence they were in him; and when his form was changed, they stood forth. We see, then, that he had been on the earth before, thus fulfilling the words of the wise man who declares that "The thing that hath been, is that which shall be; and that which is done, is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."

Will the Lord Come Again?

There was no more certain expectation to the early Christian, than that Christ would come again on the

earth;—and his own words fully justified such expectation. As in their times Adam, and Elijah, and Moses, and Jesus were new names of God, so when he comes again he will have a new name, and will not be recognized, as they were not; "will come to his own, and his own will not receive him;" "will come as a thief in the night."

The events of the Bible, while literal events, were symbols of events to come. The disciples had before asked Him what should be the sign of his coming again, and of the end of the world—age. He said to two disciples, on the occasion of his last passover: "Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water." John saw the city. "I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." City, in symbol, means doctrine; first, the person in whom it comes to the world. Jesus was the bridegroom, who had the bride in him, who came down from heaven in the end of the Jewish age. It was long subsequent to that, that John saw—in the end of the Christian age—the holy city, New Jerusalem, come down from heaven.

As the bride came down before in the bridegroom, and that bridegroom was the Lord, so when the holy city, the doctrine of a new age, comes down from heaven again as a bride, it must come in the bridegroom, who is the Lord. The man with a pitcher of water, is the symbol which determines the time of the coming of the holy city, or new doctrine. Pisces was the sign in the physical heavens when Jesus came. We are now come to the time when Aquarius, the man with the pitcher of water, has become the sign in the physical heavens. Water symbolizes truth,—the true doctrine. He must then have arrived, in the world's history, at the time indicated by the words of Jesus the Lord, as the time of his coming again with the new name of God, to establish his kingdom in earth. We say, then, without any hesitation, that the Lord has come into the earth as a man many times in the past; is now come again, and will come numberless times in the future, because there is a law and a recurrent, absolute need of his coming.

The Emancipation of Woman.

Effect of the Great Volume of Conserved Forces of Koreshanity Upon Humanity; Movements in the Direction of Chastity; Spirit of Purity Impulsing the World of Woman.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

"WHY FEWER Women Marry," is the heading of a recent Chicago *Tribune* editorial. It is needless to say that the explanations offered are extremely superficial; but the query suggests the ripeness of the time for the transmission of the energies of scientific doctrine, in response to it. The testimony of the secular press, to the fact that the forces of chastity and celibacy are operative in the minds of many of the most capable and cultured young women of the progressive Anglo-Saxon race, is an encouragement to the celibate

sphere of the Koreshan System, at the center of which these forces are generated to serve for the salvation of the divine humanity. That this conservation of sex energy should be, it is rational to expect; yet we all like to enjoy—through the exercise of our exoteric powers—the manifest results of applied science.

The divine will of the Almighty has been operative in the natural world, in obedience to science, for thirty years, in the service of the principles of chastity and celibacy. The results of this service are becoming mani-

fest in many ways. The growing indisposition of the intellectual classes of women to marry, is one pronounced effect; and the greatly increasing number of intellectual, self-sustaining women is another. The Almighty is utilizing, in the hells, all manner of conscious and unconscious instrumentalities, to secure these results.

The general awakening to the science of truth, concerning chastity, and celibacy, is not far distant. The preparations for the organization of the White Horse Army, by the Rider on the White Horse, go rapidly on. Thousands of young women are already so alive to the sanctity of their personal rights as women, that they cannot yield even to the instincts of their natural maternity, until the true science of a more perfected physical organism is known and revered. These women are being moved upon, whether they know it or not, by the Holy Spirit of the divine Maternity, to shrink from giving themselves over—body, soul, and spirit—to be subjected to legalized abuses by the base, lustful instincts of the animal man, and to have their destinies, as women and mothers, ruled by the lusts of the flesh, which are aroused without limit by such self-surrender as marriage vows entail in man in his besotted ignorance of the laws of life and immortality, and consequent irreverence for the sacred functions of maternity.

It is for the young woman of the present generation, who has aspirations for divine wholeness, to draw the sacred circle of the science of truth around her, and to say devoutly: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord with gladness and singleness of heart;" thus debarring herself from every man lacking clean hands and a pure heart, and constituting her body a temple dedicated to that holy spirit of motherhood, with eyes too pure to behold iniquity with other than the frown of righteous condemnation.

The lusts of the flesh have reached their final judgment day. "Thus far and no farther," is the judgment of the Sign at the limit line of the age of Pisces, the age of mortal proliferation. In this age, all the hidden things of the sinful hells have been revealed in the mortal forms of sinful men. Every hideous, purient entity has found its symbolic language in multiform human diseases and deformities, in bodies of corruption conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity.

The great leprous man of universal sinfulness is about to have the blinding cataract of universal ignorance removed from his moral eyes, by the Great Physician and Surgeon of the Almighty; and with vision cleared to behold the heavenly hosts of God's Israel, he will take kindly to the sackcloth and ashes of works meet for repentance, and cry, unclean, unclean, oh wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death.

The glistening garments of the science of truth, are soon to be worn by a sanctified womanhood of God's own choosing; and in the divinity of the divine Motherhood of the New Jerusalem, the bride of Christ, woman will stand forth to bless the race and races yet unborn, with the science of chastity. The truths taught by THE

FLAMING SWORD are to become to the minds of thousands of men and women, the cleansing fires of the Almighty. These truths will go forth by agencies seen and unseen, to purge the world of its iniquities. The soul of woman is matured for the divine ripening of the personified Spirit of Truth; it will find its fruitage in the glorified Tree of Life.

The Koreshan woman, called of God to the apostleship of the doctrine of purification, bears in her hand the proclamation of the Almighty, the Rider on the White Horse, to all women who desire the righteousness of the Lord Christ to cleanse their hearts from the lust of the flesh, to bow before that chaste virgin who sits enthroned in the heart of the King of kings, who is in adoration only of that love without dissimulation, too pure to behold iniquity, but upon whom is laid the sin of the whole world.

It is the determinate purpose of THE FLAMING SWORD, to continuously sound in the ears of every member of the body of Christ, now deformed and debased by the sins of this present evil world, the doctrines of purification. It shall impulse them to true re-formation by the presentation of the science of the laws of life and immortality, to cut off—by the mighty energies of a will wholly surrendered to the service of the almighty, cleansing, renewing truth—the descent into the functional operations of the sensual flesh, of those energies which, conserved and polarized as intense aspirations for divine being, will effect the salvation of our God, Jehovah, who was sown in our mortal corruption, to be raised in incorruption. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, said the Lord Jesus, shall draw all men unto me. Jehovah, the flesh or living Word of God, was given for the life of the world, by his obedience to the law of the cross, after he had, in type, come forth from the tomb of Joseph, symbol of the Gentile humanity, the progeny of Joseph in which the seed of God was sown by the theocrasis of Jehovah after his resuscitation from the sepulcher of Joseph of Arimathea.

When the Lord Jesus emerged from the tomb, women first heralded the glad tidings of his reappearance. They were women whose supreme love he was; women who forsook their sins, and who, in contrition and adoration, could bathe his feet with their tears and wipe them with the hair of their heads; they were women who were pure in heart, for they were able to behold Deity in the person of the Nazarene. The Spirit of that same Lord Jehovah has moved upon the face of the waters,—upon the multitudes of peoples, nations, and tongues who once named his name, Jehovah,—and a Beast, the animal life of Deity, is rising out of the sea.

The almighty Spirit of Truth is awaking the life—the love, of Jehovah in the race, and the voice of the Beast is the voice of a *Man*; and although it is yet dark in God's Garden, where the Lord lay, the Marys of God's sabbath of rest, touched by the spirit of the motherhood of a divine age, golden with the glory of God, his benignant, regnant Maternity, have been searching the place where the Lord lay, to do honor to his name. They have heard his voice and have answered, Rabboni. To

the women who have a hearing ear and an understanding heart, God's voice will speak the science of the resurrection life in his own image and likeness. Those accounted worthy to attain this resurrection, neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels, the holy ones whose polarity is in the Lord, their Guiding Star to true virginity of being, the divine sonship—bride and bridegroom—united in the flesh of Jehovah, immortal and incorruptible.

The gospel of the *kingdom* shall be preached, and great shall be the company of women that shall publish it. God hides his treasures in earthen vessels, and thousands are preparing themselves, and are being prepared, to be set apart for the Master's use. It is for Koreshan women to lead in the way marked out by the Rider upon the White Horse, who, ascending from the sea of humanity, shall ascend to the throne of universal, arch-natural empire. In ascending, he shall nevertheless fall backward as the progressive spirit of a new race, created by the subjection of the descending energies of the flesh to the mighty science of truth, which shall teach man to reverence woman as the glory of his true manhood, and woman to honor man as the lord of that household of faith in God, which maketh her not ashamed of her maternity, but delighteth in that supreme will of God,—his name Jehovah. This is the most sacred name in the realm of Nature, the name by which God is known as perfect Man, and perfect Man as God. Into the temple of his flesh nothing can enter that defileth:—"Without are dogs [the scavengers of uncleanness], and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

The kingdom of heaven is likened unto ten virgins, wise and foolish in one kingdom,—the heaven of the present dispensation, where there is war,—and it is a war for the final victory of life over death. "I saw [said John], heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True; * * *

and the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses." The wise, the anointed with holy oil, understand that white is the language of chastity, and that the white horse signifies the restraints and adjustments of commerce. The central domain of commerce, is that of sex relations. The science of the laws of life and immortality, is to exercise restraining power over the sex energies of the race, and to polarize and transform them in the crucible of the anthropostic cosmos, where they are transmutable to that hidden manna which if a man eat he shall live forever. This hidden manna is the holy spirit of the Messianic center, the real *flaming sword*, the product of theocrasis. The Lord Jesus said, "Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood, ye have no life in you."

The Messianic center or Sun of a dispensation, is the materialized and personified force of centuries of anthropostic circumcision; first, that which is natural, and afterward, that which is spiritual. The heaped up force of Jewish circumcision produced, through the evolution of the mortal race, the intelligence and prolific potency of which Solomon was a representation; and by the involution of the immortals accompanying it, the holy aspirations of the Jew for the universal dominion of the righteousness of the law, which it symbolized, it generated Jehovah, the Logos or living Word. The descent of Jehovah into the universal tomb of Joseph's posterity—the Gentile hells, as the spiritual potency of the righteousness of the law, has brought humanity before that culminating power of the spiritual force of natural circumcision, the very throne of Deity, from which issues the science of the law which commands the cutting off of the sex energies in that seat of satan—the domain of the will of the flesh. This will cause the surrender of the mortal man to the will of God; the reaction of this act will be the cutting off of the life of the "man of sin," from center to circumference, and cause the emancipation of the world,—the wombman, the church of Christ, from the law of sin and death.

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

DR. DOWIE, the Australian "divine healer," now located in Chicago, where nearly four years ago he founded what he terms the Christian Catholic church, has, after twenty-three years of silence concerning his authority to proclaim his gospel, openly and publicly proclaimed himself to be "the Messenger of God's covenant," the prophet of Zion, and now demands entire modern Christendom to obey his commandments. The little Chicago Catholicism has a pope with stupendous claims. He asks and answers the questions, "By what authority do I these things? My ministry, my baptism, is it from heaven or from men?" He says, "If my ministry is from heaven, you must believe what I say, and you must do what I tell you. * * I have a right to stand here and say, in Zion, you have to do what I tell you, * * the whole church,—Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, and Episcopalian. * * The time has come. I have entered upon the fourth year of this Christian Catholic

church, and I tell the church universal everywhere, *you have to do what I tell you*. Do you hear? You have to do what I tell you, because what I tell you is in accordance with that Word, and because I am the Messenger of God's covenant." He makes these declarations on the basis of alleged success in healing thousands of people, many of whom live in Chicago. When challenged for proof of his claims he points to his cures, and asks if the thousands of people who have testified to restoration to normal, mortal functions, are engaged in one vast conspiracy of lying. The same question might be asked of Dr. Dowie, concerning the thousands who have claimed to be healed in the various metaphysical movements, "Christian Science," mind cure, Spiritualism, suggestion, and other methods where mental influence is employed. Has this vast army engaged in one vast conspiracy of lying? If healing is a proof of divine power, whence the power of those whom Dr. Dowie condemns? The

modern miracle workers, the founder of the Christian Catholic church included, were foreseen over eighteen hundred years ago, and described in Rev. xiii : 13, 14; xvi : 13, 14; and it occurs to us that the whole situation was summed up in Hall Caine's new story, "The Mahdi," in which occurs the following part of a conversation between the Mahdi and the poet Jellalli: "'But if you are a prophet, work us a miracle.' 'God no longer works miracles by his prophets,' said the Mahdi. 'Aha! And why not?' asked the poet. 'Because,' said the Mahdi, 'the devil has begun to do so by his fools!'"

Our worthy contemporary, the *Baptist Flag*, endeavors to suggest a few things for the consideration of THE FLAMING SWORD. Fortunately we have already considered the points mentioned, and for that reason we maintain the truth of Koreshan theology. It is not our fault if the modern church, inclusive of the Baptist denomination, holds that God is unknown and unknowable. We are aware that he has been a mystery to the world all along down the ages, but there come times when he makes himself known, tangibly manifest, so that men may "handle him who is the Word of Life." The gospel of Jesus was for the purpose of acquainting the world with the Almighty; the disciples of Jesus knew him, and to know God is eternal life; if the Baptist church has lapsed into ignorance of the theology of Jesus, it is a proof of its apostasy. If Jesus was not Jehovah; if he was not the fulness of the Godhead bodily; if he was not the Almighty made flesh, the actual creator of the universe, the maker of heaven and earth, tabernacling among men as a man, then there is no truth in his gospel. If he was what he said he was, we can rely upon what he said not only concerning himself, but other things as well. Koreshanity advocates the God-man, the Theo-anthropos, the man-God. Neither the Bible nor nature knows any other kind of a God than the human God, externally manifest or internally active in the heavens of humanity. Nineteen hundred years ago the church possessed a God that was natural and tangible, and susceptible of such specific analysis as was necessary to disseminate his essence among his followers. If the *Flag* wishes to deny the humanity of God, it might be preparing to discard the Bible it advises us to read! We are quite well acquainted with the Baptist doctrine also; and we here remind our friend that THE FLAMING SWORD contained sometime ago, some direct questions put by the Founder of Koreshanity to the editor of the *Flag*, which he has not yet considered.

We are asked for proof of the statement that the church founded nineteen hundred years ago went into a state of declension or apostasy. We know of nothing that is capable of falling except things that are elevated. The Seed itself had to fall in its sowing; and light from the sun must gravitate or go down to reach the circumference of its radiations. The Jewish church apostatized to the extent of rejection of the fruit of the Jewish dispensation; the old covenant passed away and a new one was established. God made no mistake in establishing the Jewish church; but it was in the order of the eternal law of being that the great plant should decay at the end of the season of the generation of Jesus the Messiah. After the establishment of the new covenant comes the prophecy that another covenant—entirely *new heavens* and *new earth*—is to come at the end of the Christian dispensation. The inevitable law of seed sowing necessitates the death of the seed in the soil. Jesus was the promised seed, and was sown in the hearts of the early church; and except he died in and with his disciples through the age, through the necessary declension, there can be no regeneration of the divine humanity. The kingdom of heaven was the measure of meal in which the woman placed the leaven, the ele-

ment of corruption, until the whole was corrupted. The field in which the good seed was sown was also the field for the sowing of the tares. Was not the primitive church the kingdom of God? If so, it was destined to enter corruption. The good man of the house was overcome and his house despoiled; the devil entered the church, aye, *entered heaven*, and his desecration of the tabernacle necessitates its cleansing;—the tabernacle of God, the church, must be renovated and made new. The church entered a state of declension and apostasy, and became perverted; the old garment, the old skins, will not contain the new life. If the Baptist church has escaped these experiences to which the kingdom of heaven was subjected, then it must consider itself as outside the field in which the seed was sown!

Hypocrisy is the unconscious tribute that vice pays to virtue. It is a good thing to give a forceful tribute to the dominant power of the Man of Nazareth, but a crime to prostitute his doctrines and his religion. The *Christian Herald*, of New York, has taken it upon itself to ascertain to what extent a belief in Christianity prevails among the public men of the American nation. The detailed questions sent out to hundreds of merchants, legislators, educators, millionaires, attorneys, and others, are: "1. Are you a friend of Christianity? 2. Do you believe that Christianity is the friend of mankind? 3. Does your belief extend to the recognition of a supreme being, of the Divinity of Christ, to the surpassing potency of Christianity as a civilizing influence?" The reply of McKinley heads the list, affirming a belief in the Divinity of Jesus, and the recognition of Christianity as the mightiest factor in the civilization of the world. Then comes the long list of corrupt politicians, heads of trusts, millionaires, oppressors of humanity, congressmen, and others engaged in stealing and hoarding the wealth of the nation—all answer, "Yes." So much the worse for Christianity! The same questions, substituting the name of Moses for the name of Jesus, might have been asked of all the public men of the Jewish nation nineteen hundred years ago. The scribes, Pharisees, lawyers, and rulers, as well as the Sanhedrim, would have answered "Yes;" but they murdered the Man who came as the embodiment of all that was righteous, and true, and potent in the hand of the Almighty! The time has come again when "they honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." The hour of the judgment of church and state is at hand! The church walks with a corrupt world, votes for the corruptions of political rings, and joins hands with the men who oppress the people and absorb their strength.

The hand of judgment is falling upon the corruptions of France, and the proud nation has been forced by inevitable circumstances to acknowledge the injustice of her supreme courts. For years, the French government has been the tool of a now exposed and confessed conspiracy to persecute an innocent man for alleged crimes on the basis of forged evidences. The world at large has protested against the legal action of the corrupt heart of the French republic; and it was not until revolution threatened the nation, that any direct steps were taken to punish the real criminals and to free the victim of French militarism—Capt. Dreyfus. The spirit of hatred of the Jews prompted schemers to deprive Dreyfus of his position in the French army. Legal persecution did not end with the unjust conviction and imprisonment of Dreyfus, but extended to all who undertook to defend the victim of public protest against the unjust sentence—even the noted Zola and Piquart. Other results of the conspiracy have been: two assassinations, one suicide, five resignations of men from public offices, disgrace and confession of Col. Esterhazy, wholesale riots in Paris, and France on the verge of revolution. Finally, the order for a new trial for Dreyfus, the

arrest and imprisonment of the head of the conspiracy, and the removal of Dreyfus from the Devil's Island to the devil's land of the French republic, where the devil's hand fell heavily upon him.

The microcosm is the small world, the large world involved, while the macrocosm is the large or great world. In the processes of evolution, the microcosm expresses itself in the great world. The unity of all in one is the supreme pivot of power, just as the seed is the involution of the plant, the pivot of its creation. The Seed-man is the microcosm, the nexus of spirit and matter, the Messiah. The modern metaphysician is exalting himself to the supreme altitude of divine progress; he says, "I am: God is: I the microcosm: God the macrocosm." If we take the real condition of mortal human beings today, and begin a parallel line of statements, we would have the following: "I am: Satan is: I the little devil: Satan the great devil of the universe." Jesus declared nineteen hundred years ago that he alone, of all men in the world, was born from above, and that all others were from beneath, children of the devil. Koreshanity emphasizes the truth of Jesus, when it points to the pole of evil and of fallacy as the source of the conclusion that everybody is God Almighty!

While the *Baptist Flag* commits itself in agreement with THE FLAMING SWORD, "that there is no Christianity apart from the people who profess it, and the vision of a church that has come down through the age in an invisible form is the figment of a dream," it certainly holds that there are many invisible Baptists—the thousands and thousands who have lived in past generations. Do they belong to the visible organization? Do they belong to the invisible church? Is there no Christianity in those who have died in the past? The position of Koreshanity is that the dead are in the living, and that only through re-embodiment could all the members of the church have come down through the age in visible forms, in visible organization. The mental forces of the past generation are in the present world; the heavens of humanity are in man. What good would a church be, if only a fraction of it is connected with a visible organization? Can the *Flag* solve this problem?

There is a growing opinion in the astronomical world, that if we could ascend above the earth's atmosphere the sun would appear positively and distinctly blue, and the sky absolutely black; while the stars would appear to possess very different colors from what we see from the earth's surface. If the quality of light from the sun and stars so materially changes in transmission through the atmosphere, what becomes of the spectral analyses by which it is presumed that the exact composition of the heavenly bodies may be known? The spectroscope does not reveal what is actually contained in the orbs above us; it shows the character and quality of substances after metamorphosis in propagation through all the strata of the earth's atmosphere. If we allow the astronomers full sway for a few years longer they will destroy their own conclusions, and leave the people free to search for elements of certainty in the Koreshan System.

The mind that knows nothing about the condition of the dead, can reveal no truth concerning the living. We have before us a journal endeavoring to teach the possibility of acquiring immortality in this world, the mastery of man over death, through processes of standing up and boldly saying, "Truly, I am God"! We quote the editor's own words, his own admission that, though he presumes to be God Almighty, he is in ignorance of the state of the dead, and consequently does not know that he is in it: "Though the condition of the dead is to me shrouded in mystery, I believe that the departed

retain their individuality, and am inclined to think that they are soon or later reborn on this earth." It would seem that a general in so stupendous a battle as the battle against death, should become informed concerning the condition and location of the strongholds of the enemy!

If humanity had a beginning at some time in the past, through any of the processes within the range of the supposition of evolutionists, whence did the first man derive his mental force? The spiritual world is composed of the spirits of men who have died, and it is from this reservoir that the Spiritualists receive their "guides." If it is admitted that this spiritual world is the counterpart of the natural world,—that the natural world is an expression of the spiritual, what was in the spiritual world before the first man? There never was a time when humanity did not exist; there never was a time when the spiritual world was not. The spiritual and natural worlds are eternal, and neither was evolved or involved through any of the processes of modern evolution, which Spiritualists are endeavoring to incorporate in a chaos of fallacious belief.

Labor union journals are publishing long lists of manufacturing firms whose products union workmen refuse to purchase—not because the manufacturers are in the trusts, but because they employ skilled labor outside of the *labor* trusts. By such methods of boycotting, persistent opposition to the interests of hundreds of thousands of non-union men, it is proposed to cure social and economic evils! There is a manifest determination on the part of the unions to *crush* that class of American workmen who will not submit themselves to the "brotherhoods" who are sworn to cease work when the heads give the word, and resort to force if necessary (and many of them resort to arms) to prevent non-union men from taking the places they voluntarily abandon in the strikes!

An army of men is sacrificed every year to appease the wrath and satisfy the demands of the money god; in all departments of industry, hundreds of thousands are slain upon the altars of commerce. The railroads of the United States alone are destroying and mutilating annually more than armaments of war—over 50,000 are killed or injured yearly. Add to these the injured in wrecks, and the army of the slain swells to startling proportions. Millions toil year after year, enduring hardships, with scant food and clothing, for the support of the gigantic systems of robbery, a thousand times more oppressive than the bondage of the Israelites in the land of Egypt!

There can be no true government on the basis of the will of the majority. The laws of just government must be in accordance with the laws of organic unity, in harmony with the laws which govern the great universe of existence. The practical application of the laws of the universe depends upon specific knowledge of the laws in fundamentals. As long as the majority are in ignorance of the laws of the form and function of the physical world, they can have no conception of the laws of societal reconstruction, or of the principles of true political economy. The will of the ignorant majority is mere caprice, regardless of the laws of justice.

If the people's party represented the elements of social and political reform, then "reform" is on the decline. Populism is disappearing like a quickly dissipating storm. During the campaign of 1896, it assumed huge proportions, and in its fusion with democracy threatened to practically apply the ideals of many an enthusiast. It failed to absorb the democratic party; it is now thought that the silver candidate killed both parties. At any rate, the topic of the "rise and fall" of populism is being freely discussed in political circles. Third partyism has never

been a success in politics, though it has been tried many times in the past.

Prof. Langley concludes that the natural color of the sun is blue, but when sifted through the earth's atmosphere its rays become yellow. The sun of the competitive world sometimes creates the 'blues;' but when strained through the mental atmosphere of the modern world it manifests itself in yellow journalism.

Apostate Christians are more concerned about leaving the earth on some star-bound journey, than they are about making the world better for the rising generation. At the time the Almighty awakes to take vengeance on all forms of oppression, millions are clamoring to get away from the scenes of judgment!

It is an inevitable conclusion that if the few get too much in the distribution of the wealth of the world, the many get too little. All industrial progress of modern times is in favor of the men who have facilities for stealing industrial products, and against the men who produce them.

In the physical universe, there are no parties to vote upon issues and questions concerning the government of atoms. The whole system exists in obedience to unalterable laws; the great

structure is ruled by the central sun, the imperial nucleus of the mineral kingdom.

Ask any astronomer what problems of life have been solved on the basis of the popular astronomical system, and you will have opportunity to learn of how little value a fallacious cosmogony is to the world.

A man on the wrong side of an argument is a human ostrich; he sticks his head in the sand, and thinks that he is out of sight.

It is obvious that there is something radically wrong with American 'freedom,' when millions are in bondage!

Materialists use very poor material in constructing various theories of the universe of life.

Too many peace cooks at the Hague are spoiling the broth!

Truth is a mirror which casts reflections on the modern world.

The point of cause is the nexus between spirit and matter.

The Czar's peace plan has reached its vanishing point.

The earth is the terra firma of Koreshan Science.

Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

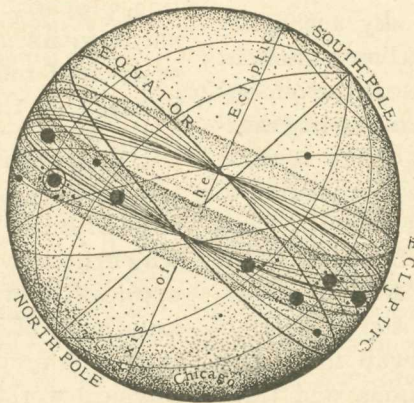
Planetary Reflections From Disci in the Earth.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Why, if the real planets are mercurial disci in the earth, between the metallic shells, do we see, in the case of Jupiter, for instance, that it revolves on its axis in about 10 hours, and that it is accompanied by satellites which appear to revolve around it in definite and constant periods, passing in front and remaining visible when going in one direction, and passing behind and disappearing when going in another direction; casting their shadows on the planet when not in exact opposition, and becoming eclipsed by the planet's shadow when passing on the other side? All these phenomena are capable of easy observation and verification through a telescope of moderate power.

Then there is Saturn, with his marvelous rings and eight satellites. The rings are always perspectively foreshortened, but by regularly varying amount, from being wider than the planet, to a straight line. Now, manifestly these complex and systematic appearances could not be mere reflections from mercurial disci, circulating around between the metallic shells at a speed of a mile in about three seconds! They must be optical illusions, or Copernicus is right. At first thought, it appeared that absurdity was unnecessarily overdone; that little planets and satellites might be conceded, but on second thought it was clear that ponderable bodies would not do; for centrifugal force and gravity acting in the same direction would precipitate them to the earth at once.—PROF. J. W. T., Salem, O.

There is manifest in the above questions, an almost total misconception and failure to understand Koreshan Cosmogony; and hence the apparent absurdities presented to the mind of the objector, which would be entirely removed if the

System were seen as it really is in the mind of the Koreshan Astronomer, and in fact. It does not follow, because the conclusions above are fallacious, that the Koreshan System is false, because the conclusions are not Koreshan; but perhaps they are the best effort of a mind saturated with Copernican fallacies, only blindly considering our published statements, yet endeavoring to reach whole-



Mercurial Disci in the Earth's Shell—the Real Invisible Planets and Their Orbits.

sale conclusions by illogical methods.

For instance, when it is said that the planets are reflections from mercurial disci in the earth, our correspondent concludes that these reflections are mere reflections of light, and that we think the planets in the physical heavens are mere phantasms, "optical illusions," as he terms them. In an article regarding the mountains and shadows on the moon, a few weeks ago,

we endeavored to dissipate some erroneous conclusions concerning the moon in the Koreshan System, by the same writer. The same will apply to the visible planets, for the planets belong to the lunar system, having similar orbits, phases, and laws of formation. Do the planets and moon appear to be of the same nature as the sun? They do not; they are projected from the circumference, while the sun and the stars belong to the interior of the heavens, and are projected from the center.

The conclusion is also erroneously made, that the visible planets are always directly above their corresponding material disci; and hence the absurdity of the conclusion that the mercurial disci move between the metallic strata at the enormous speed of a mile in about *three seconds*! If we take the longitude of a given mercurial disc in the earth, and the right ascension of the corresponding visible planet in the heavens, we would see that their movements agree; if the heavens were stationary in the concave earth, then the visible planets would always be directly above the mercurial planes; but the heavens are revolving constantly. A visible planet in the heavens, in its orbit among the constellations of the Zodiac, indicates the movement of the disc in the earth. The disc of Mars completes its revolution in the earth in about 686 days; Jupiter, nearly 12 years; Saturn, 29 years; and so on, to Neptune, which requires about 164 years to make one revolution around in the

earth, and a corresponding time for the revolution of the visible orb in the heavens. Mercury is the most rapidly moving disc, covering only 69 miles per day, or about 42 feet per second; however, the motion is vermicular, and the peristaltum is not the same at all times of the day,—being greatest when the sun is passing over the disc. The year of Neptune is about 164 years; its disc moves in the earth only about 2,198 feet per day, or about .3 inches per second. Quite a difference, you see!

Why do not the planets fall to the earth if gravity and centrifugal force operate in the same direction? They would if such were the case. The planets are centers of gravity,—points where the energies of levity and gravity meet in the formation of vortices, and hence, while they are partially material, they are *imponderable*, for the energies of gravity are transmuted in the vortex and neutralized. The visible planets are in the static planes of forces generated in the discs, and can no more fall than hydrogen can fall, or a ton of gold rise.

Are the planets material? There is a process of partial materialization of the energies entering the planetary vortices. In the processes of combustion that take place there, different qualities of photoic energies are generated, which enable us to see the form of the spheres. The movements of the satellites about the planets, and the planets themselves in rotation, are as they appear—that is, they are visible substances in space, having motion. Take Jupiter, for instance; its axis inclines about 3° from the plane of its orbit, which is nearly in the plane of the ecliptic; and the “satellites” revolve in the plane of Jupiter’s equator. What causes Jupiter to revolve? Wherever two forces meet, a revolution is the result. The body of Jupiter is in the vortex, and the planet revolves with the vortex, and the satellites being in the same vortex, necessarily revolve in the same direction. The vortex is created by the meeting of the ascending and descending energies, and the rotation of the planet and revolution of the satellites are inevitable. Why does not Jupiter rotate in the same plane that the disc moves?—why the obliquity? why not appear flat like the disc, with the satellites revolving, not in front and behind the planet, but around in a plane perpendicular to the earth? Because the energies transmitted from the mercurial disc to the partially materialized image in the sky, derive their magnetic impulse from the Zodiac, and incline in the direction of the Zodiacal plane. If gyroscopes tend to move toward the plane of the Zo-

diac, may not Jupiter’s satellites revolve nearly in the plane of the ecliptic, whence they receive their impulses? The obliquity of the plane of their revolution is as simple as the compass needle pointing to the magnetic pole of the earth!

The same is true of Saturn and its satellites, or secondary planets. In the transmission of energies from the primary and secondary discs in the Saturnian system in the earth, the plane of the vortex of revolution in the physical heavens would be in the plane of the planet’s path, if it were not modified by the solar diurnal influence. The rings are in the natural plane of the satellites of Saturn, and must present different aspects, appearing to be inclined at different angles as related to the eye, at different points in its orbit, for a reason similar to that given in the Copernican system—the axis of the planet sustains an obliquity of about 28° to the ecliptic, and must therefore change in appearance. There is one thing that we are always much amused at in many objections put forth by minds in the astronomical world, and that is the effort put forth to instruct us on points of the most ordinary and common phenomena of the physical heavens; as though we had not deemed it necessary to know the facts in plain view! THE FLAMING SWORD is published for the purpose of instructing the world concerning the truth of the universe; and it has never yet become the pupil of its correspondents! We are familiar with the facts of practical astronomy; familiar with the present and past systems, with the history of astronomy, with the works of astronomical minds; and our facilities for astronomical research and observation are at least equal to the facilities of those who oppose us.

In considering the rotation of Saturn and the revolution of its attendants, in relation to the plane of its rings, some knowledge of the laws of generation of electro-magnetic energies in the great dynamo of the universe must be possessed; then it would be clear even to the modern astronomical mind why the rings of Saturn sustain an obliquity of 28° to the plane of the visible planet’s orbit, but not before. We insist upon the Koreshan System being viewed from its own standpoint. Above all, in the study of Koreshan Astronomy it is necessary to know what it teaches; for blundering conclusions of astronomers who take casual glances at the System are not sufficient to satisfy the rational mind. The entire Koreshan System is beautiful, logical, consistent, and scientific; but if we were to find some of the conclusions arrived at by minds outside of the System expressed

in the world, we could not identify them as Koreshan conclusions!

Did the Christ Fail in His Mission?

Did the Christ die to save the Adamic race, and fail? Was the atonement made by Jesus on the cross sufficient for and designed to save the Adamic race? Does not salvation depend upon conditions? If not, upon what does it depend? Are not cause and effect brought to bear? If so, which is the cause, and which the effect? If the atonement is the cause, then does not the effect depend upon the cause?—A. M., Springfield, Mo.

There is no failure in the operation of inexorable law; Jesus came in fulfilment of the unalterable laws of being; and the further fulfilment of law in the hearts of men is as certain as the fact that the universe exists. Jesus died to save the Adamic race and mortal humanity, and has *not* failed; but to understand the processes of divine redemption, it is necessary to remove from the mind every vestige of the absurdities taught in the modern church concerning the atonement. We must first ascertain what race the Adamic race is. It is usually supposed that the common, mortal humanity is the race of Adam, but it is not true.

The Adamic race is the divine race, and belongs exclusively to the divine kingdom. They were the sons of God that existed in the world before the flood. Adam was God Almighty; the offspring of God are the Gods. Jesus was the restoration and the unity of the Adamic race in himself. A common seed saves the life of the plant and saves the atoms of the soil as well—appropriates them for use in the next higher domain or kingdom of life. The Seed-man saves the life of the Almighty and the life of mortal humanity. Jesus was the salvation and the resurrection of the soul of the Jewish race—the salvation of thousands of spirits of men who had looked forward to his coming as the Messiah.

The coming of Jesus nineteen hundred years ago was the coming of the promised seed. Now, what do you suppose a seed is for, if it is not for planting? In the generation of Jesus the Christ, the Almighty produced one seed, at that time the “only begotten;” and the only way other sons of God could be produced, was by sowing that *one* seed in the soil of mortal humanity. The parable of the Sower is a scientific statement of the processes of redemption. In the beginning of the age the seed was sown. The age is the season for the generation of a new genus or race of men; and the end of the age or dispensation is the harvest of that sowing. Jesus was literally dissolved, transmuted to spirit, and entered the hearts and wills of his disciples, and in

accordance with the laws of reproduction, will produce 144,000 personalities as the fruitage of his planting. The 144,000 personalities are the Adamic race; they are the result or effect, the offspring, of the original cause, the Seed-man. The conditions of salvation in the present dispensation were the conditions *at the beginning of the age*—acceptance of the divine essence at the time of the planting. It is "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." The processes of redemption are not yet completed, and will not be until the manifestation of the sons of God—the redemption of the body.

The cross of Jesus is sufficient to work out in humanity the redemption of the divine humanity; sufficient to produce the resurrection at the end of the dispensation; sufficient to bring the light of divine science into the world, and sufficient to bring the Golden Age, with the glory and power of the Almighty, to fill the world in ages to come, when all men will be saved to the extent of their aspirations. But what is the cross of the Christ? What is the atonement? What is the death of the Christ? "That which thou sowest is not quickened except it die." The death of the divine seed in humanity during the age was the death of Jesus, symbolized by his death on the two sticks of wood. At the passover supper, Jesus symbolized the processes of the atonement—he gave his disciples bread and wine, types of his flesh and blood. They ate and drank; now, where did the bread and wine go? They were appropriated in the physical systems of the disciples. In that symbol Jesus virtually said to them: Now, I show you where I am going; you must eat my flesh and appropriate my blood in order to have life. I am going into you as the divine seed, the seminal essence of Deity, and there I must die. I cross myself, my divine life, flesh, and blood, with the corrupt, mortal world, just as a seed placed in the soil must pass into dissolution, and through corruption reach down and appropriate and save the elements of the soil. I am going to become at-one with you *in death*, during the period of an entire dispensation, in order that the elements of the mortal man may become at-one with me in life.

Jesus was placed in the great crucible of humanity; he was crossed—crucified—in man; and that cross was symbolized by his crucifixion on Calvary, just as his at-one-ment was symbolized by the appropriation of the emblems of the body and blood of the God-man. The at-one-ment is complete when the men into whom he went during the administration

of the divine essence or Holy Spirit, during the first century, are raised out of mortal humanity and enter into conjunction with God Almighty.

The law of the resurrection is the law of seed-sowing and harvest; and if you can study the processes of the generation of life in the soil, through the processes of corruption of the seed and the reconstruction of the life cells from the state of death of the seed, and in the elaboration of substances in the plant, and the final grouping of the corpuscles and formation of the many seeds at the end of the season, you have the processes of redemption completely and scientifically illustrated and demonstrated in nature, in conformity with unalterable law. The Koreshan Science of the at-one-ment, the cross and death of Jesus, is beautiful, scientific, and consistent with facts of Nature and the Bible; it is rational, and reaches logical conclusions from the basis of demonstrated facts, analogies, and laws of life in the natural world. The theories of atonement taught in the modern church are silly, fallacious, and absurd, and must in time so offend the rational mind as to result in wholesale repudiation of the entire system of churchianity, and world-wide acceptance of the truth of Koreshanity.

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Earth Embraces the Universe.

A New and Startling Theory of Our World.

We Live on Inner Surface.—The Sun the Center, and Gives All Its Heat and Light—Far Reaching if True.

We were handed the other day a book of 200 pages, about five inches by seven in area, with the request that we review it and publish in the *Times* the result. The book is occupied with setting forth a new conception of the material world in which we live. According to the author, the sun is the center and the earth is the circumference of the universe. The earth is a hollow sphere with a crust composed of metals and minerals, in thickness about 100 miles. The distance between the farthest points from side to side of the hollow sphere or form is, of course, concave, and on this inner concave surface we live. The sun proper is located at the center, rotating on its axis, and its visible projection has an orbital path on the ecliptic. The planets are spheres of energy, the stars focal points of light, and the moon a sphere of energy. The whole is eternal; the earth is God's footstool and is essential to his existence; it is the utmost and outermost limit of expression of the divine mind. The earth is the only physical world; it has no orbital motion; it is fixed and relatively stationary, while the sun, moon, planets and stars move in orbits in the heavens above us, and are inseparably connected with the universe.

It will be readily seen that this theory is directly opposed to the one commonly accepted. For centuries the world has been taught that the earth is a large globe filled with molten matter, the crust composing the surface is convex on its outer surface and it is on this convex surface we live; that the earth is but a mere speck in the vast ocean of infinite space, and revolves upon its axis once in twenty-four hours, and in one year completes a circle around the sun; that the sun is placed at a distance of 92,000,000 miles from the earth, and around it revolves a family of planets and satellites.

It is claimed for the new theory that it corresponds to ascertained facts, whereas the old is based, for the most part, on assumptions. To prove that the surface of the earth is not convex, experiments were made on the surface of water.

A Proof that the Surface is not Convex.

If the water were convex, when boats and ships disappear in the distance hull down, they would do so because the intervening hill of water would prevent their being seen; it is conclusive that if this were the case, the telescope would be powerless to render the occulted portion of the ships visible again. It is equally clear that if the telescope can restore the vanished hulls, the water upon which they sail is not bulged and does not curve downward beyond the horizon.

It is with reference to this phenomenon that special observations were made on August 16, 1896, from the shore of Lake Michigan, World's Fair Grounds, by the Experimenting Staff. The atmosphere was clear, and the horizon sharply defined against the sky beyond. Several sloop yachts and a schooner were observed at a distance of about twelve miles, from an altitude of ten feet above the water (from a pier extending into the lake), the hulls and about one half of the height of the masts were invisible to the unaided eye; through an opera glass, all of the surface of the sails and the full height of masts were visible, with the hulls still invisible; but with a telescope of about forty powers, the hull of each vessel was brought into view with remarkable clearness.

Ocular Demonstration of the Earth's Concavity.

A stake two feet in height was placed midway between the Observing Station and the target, with cross-bar at top of stake. With the telescope at same altitude, the cross-bar was observed to be a little below the top of the target, with the target foreshortened by perspective to a breadth equal to the above one half the length of stake. With the telescope axis of the telescope two inches above the water, the cross-bar was seen to be in line with the top of the target.

Besides this observation, an absolutely satisfactory view was had of the water's surface itself. With the telescope placed absolutely level, the water appeared to slope gradually upward to the center of the telescope field. With the objective end of the telescope placed a little upward from the true level, and with the water still visible near the objective end of the instrument, the actual concavity of the water—a midway depression—was clearly observable. This midway depression was at the point of the stake, with cross-bar midway between the point of observation from the target, from which midway depression there was a gradual slope upward to the target. This view was obtained by

the long terrestrial eyepiece, and also by the astronomical eyepiece, the concavity through the latter being the more marked. There could be no mistake as to the concave arc; the water was seen to be not convex. It did not appear to be a plane, but concave!—Kingston (Ont.) *Times*.

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The Founder of Koreshanity in Baltimore.

The Morning Herald's Brief Review of the Principles of the System, and View of the Prophet.

Baltimore is entertaining a prophet. He is the founder of a modern system of science and religion, which involves new and startling theories regarding every knownology and ism, and proposes to revolutionize every department of human thought, from politics to theology.

The pen name of the prophet is KORESH; his real cognomen is C. R. Teed, and Fate made him a citizen of Chicago. At present he is the guest of H. N. Rahn, at the latter's home, 1228 North Stricker street.

"The earth," said Dr. Teed, last night, in explaining the principles of Koreshanity, "will soon witness one of the most complete social, political, and religious revolutions in its history. The forces of the common people, tired of the oppression and tyranny of capital, will rise in their might and overthrow those who now make them slaves. All existing governments will fall, and every one of the multitudinous peoples of the world will become united. They will be ruled by God in person. As assistants He will have 144,000 divine, yet human, beings, who, by slow evolution, have attained a condition of spiritual superiority, corresponding in a measure to the Hindu Nirvana. They will be free from the sensual desires of the ordinary man, and through obedience to law will reach what we call the 'point of biologic absorption.'

"Christ we believe was God—the three in one, the unified trinity. Every 24,000 years he is reborn, and has been from the beginnings of eternity. At his last death, when our era began, his spirit was absorbed by those who were true believers, and at the end of the 24,000-year cycle, in which we now live, the spirit, becoming purer and purer by its gradual progression through the generations, will be incarnated once more, and Christ will walk the earth again. This process will continue forever."

Dr. Teed believes in alchemy and claims to have converted several common metals into gold. The process, however, is too expensive, he says, to warrant employing it on a commercial scale. He also upholds the theory of reincarnation, and maintains that the soul of a man may descend into one of the lower animals. Dr. Teed is a man of fine physique and good address. His eyes are deeply set and piercing, and when he explains a knotty point in his science, they glimmer and snap. He began his teachings in 1870, and now has a rather large number of converts, most of whom are residents of Chicago. It is his mission, he says, to instruct the ignorant, so that when the Great Day comes they will be admitted into the inner circle without having first to undergo the inconvenience of being killed.—*The Morning Herald*, Baltimore, Md., June 6.

The Baptist Flag and the Flaming Sword.

The Flag Admits that It Cannot Comprehend the Almighty; the Man Jesus is the Tangible God of Koreshanity.

We are amused at the reference of the *Baptist Flag* to "unknowable phantasms," which it assumes are the bases of all analyses of THE FLAMING SWORD. If analyses of substances of tangible human structures and definition of the laws of the physical universe are "unknowable phantasms" in ethereal regions, pray what are the subjects of Baptist sky-theology? Will our contemporary condescend to tell us whether the objects of the *Flag's* affection and worship in the physical heavens are knowable or unknowable phantasms, and whether they exist in ethereal or atmospheric media? Any definite information about the existence of the Baptist god will receive our due consideration!—THE FLAMING SWORD.

It is said in an old book we have in our office, that the God whom Baptists worship is "Past finding out." His infinite character is such that "The heaven of heavens cannot contain him," and the "height, and depth, and breadth of his love passeth knowledge." Since God is infinite, the finite minds of Baptists do not pretend to comprehend him, or to be able to analyze his nature. Do we understand that Koreshanity has a God that can be analyzed and dissected, and his analysis reported as to its different qualities, like a bottle of medicine or any other material compound? The God of the Bible is an infinite Spirit, and may not be known to the material view of mortal man. We recommend THE FLAMING SWORD to purchase a Bible and read some Baptist doctrine.—*Baptist Flag*.

The Flag Thinks Tares Were Never Sown in the Soil of the Baptist Church.

Evidently the *Flag* is neither a shining light, nor an instrument of revelation of the mysteries of divine life. If it were, it would recognize the truth of Paul's declaration concerning the apostasy of the church which Jesus founded. The church of every dispensation waxes old as a garment; and if we are approaching the end of the age, some preparation must be made for making all things new. Even life must be renewed—and renewed in new, organic structures. If the Almighty makes everything new, must he not reconstruct the church?—FLAMING SWORD.

Come, now, brother, please quote for us where Paul said the "church Jesus founded" would apostatize. He truly said there would be an apostasy from that church, but Paul said that the true disciples had the divine seal on them, and the Lord knew them, and that "God should receive glory, by the church, throughout all ages, world without end." Eph. iii:21. The total apostasy of the "church Jesus founded" is the doctrine of infidelity, not of Paul. Paul was a staunch believer in the stability of the institutions of Christ. It was Paul who said: "We, receiving a kingdom that cannot be moved." Heb. xii:28. The Lord never promised to make a "new" church, but, the rather, said: "On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not

prevail against it." That church is stable and undying. The reformer who vainly imagines the Lord's church is dead, is deluded.—*Baptist Flag*.

Making Sheep Out of Goats.

"A new fountain of life has been discovered on a Missouri goat farm,"—FLAMING SWORD. Pshaw! That is just a Campbellite church in the grove near the pond, and they put in their time trying to make sheep out of their goats by dipping them in the pond.—*Baptist Flag*.

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The World's News.

Wednesday, June 7.—Cuban soldiers at last conclude to accept money from the United States, and surrender rifles; hundreds now being paid.—Refugees coming to Manila by the thousands.—Fall of the French ministry threatening; excitement continues over Dreyfus case.—Gomez issues his farewell manifesto, committing Cubans to protection of the American government; retires to enter private life and business.

Thursday.—Chinese being employed in Manila instead of Filipinos; discontent among the natives of the city.—Bishop Hurst and wife, of the Methodist church, separate without divorce: trouble over money affairs.—News comes from Alaska that at least 200 gold seekers perished on the trails during the winter.—Great cave discovered in New Zealand, larger than the famous Mammoth cave of Ky.—2,000 Cubans apply for pay at Matanzas.—Famous "Nun of Kenmare" dies near London.

Friday.—Aguinaldo dissolves Filipino congress, and declares himself dictator; Washington officials think he desires power to surrender to Americans.—Landslide in Arkansas buries 28 men.—Cloudburst in Texas drowns 25 persons.—Ambassador Choate and Salisbury agree on temporary Alaskan boundary, slightly in favor of Canadian demands.—Austrian empire in danger.—England and Transvaal on the verge of war.

Saturday.—Admiral Kautz at Hawaii, on way to U. S.—Jeffries-Fitzsimmons prizefight at Coney Island, New York; Jeffries wins and becomes world's champion.—Senator Mason ends food investigation in Chicago.—Cuban bandit chief lynched at Holguin.—Big nail mill at Joliet, Ill., closes indefinitely, throwing 2,000 men out of employment.—Serious rioting and plundering in India.—Nearly one half Spanish prisoners in Philippines reported dead.

Sunday.—45,000 steel, iron, and tin workers at Detroit receive 25 per cent advance in wages.—Paris plot on foot to insult French president at the Sunday races.—Bland, the silver champion, reported dying.—Filipinos attacking Bacoar, south of Manila; routed by Lawton's men.—Germany bitterly opposes arbitration plans in peace congress; congress may result in total failure.—Harry Beno, a freak without physical sensation, is buried alive for eight days' sleep, in Chicago.

Monday.—American government establishing schools in Porto Rico.—French president attended Sunday's races in Paris, guarded by thousands of soldiers and police.—Terrific tornado at Sioux City, Ia.—More bloodshed in Armenia; old feuds renewed.—Brooklyn proposes to celebrate July 3 as "Schley day."—Dr. Kjeller, of Stockholm university, declares

that Andree is alive and returning from the north pole.

Tuesday.—Terrible storm in Minnesota and Wisconsin; hundreds of lives reported lost; appalling disaster at New Richmond, Wis.; buildings undermined by floods from attendant rains.—College exercises and baccalaureates everywhere.—Strike riots in Cleveland; street-cars attempt to run with non-union men.—Dupuy cabinet falls in France.—British war offices busy; great fear of conflict with Transvaal.—Russia leases harbors for war vessels in Korea.—Cuban outlaws mob two Spaniards at Guines, Cuba.

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The Flaming Sword's High-Class Exchanges.

Leslie's Weekly, June 22.

"THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY."—LESLIE'S WEEKLY, in the June 22d number, tells with graphic details the story of the famous Dreyfus case, the Jewish officer whose faith led to his fearful persecution, and characterizes it as "The Crime of the Century," and so it is. Nothing in romance or fiction is of greater interest. The same number tells and illustrates the remarkable child-kidnapping case which recently centered the interests of fathers and mothers throughout the country upon the 8,000 policemen in and about New York who were looking for the lost child. Both these stories are profusely illustrated. The double page gives one the best idea yet presented pictorially, of the Paris Exposition of 1900. Historic Savannah, one of the great cities of the South, has a very attractive illustrated supplement, and other illustrations include a first page, showing New York's lively Sunday afternoon summer, bicycle and flower show; the three great army and navy rifles; the next speaker of the House, David B. Henderson, of Iowa; yacht-club views; and the favorites in the great Suburban horse-race. This is one of the greatest numbers of LESLIE'S WEEKLY, and any one who pays ten cents for it gets his money's worth, with interest.

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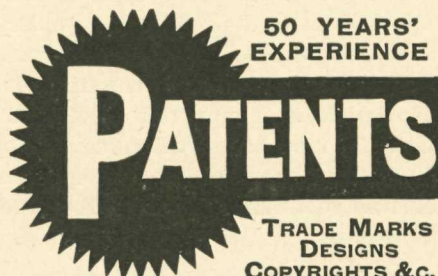
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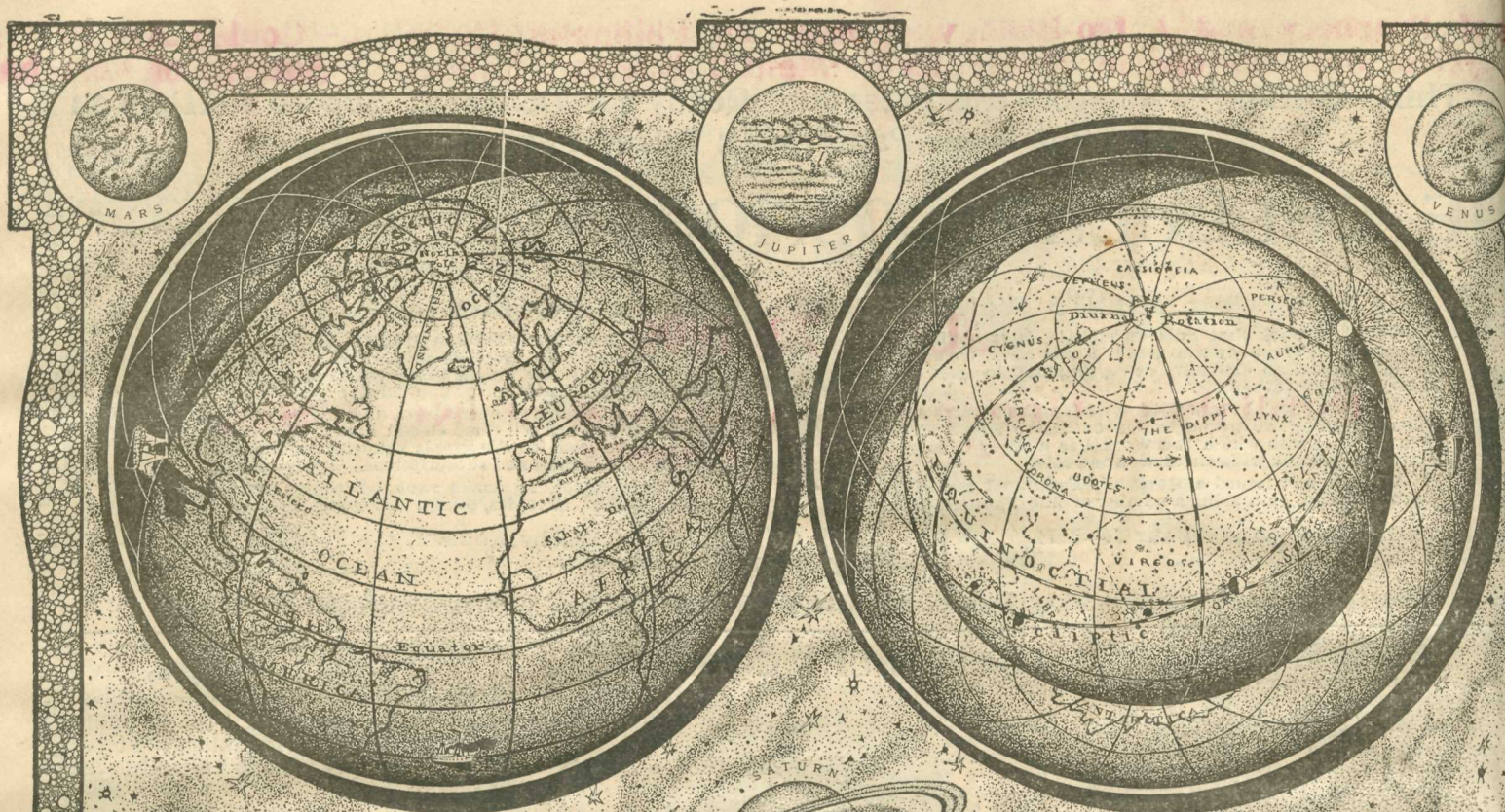
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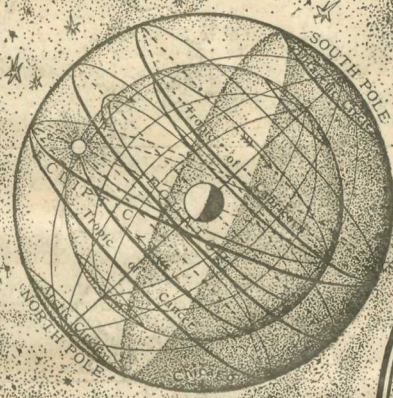
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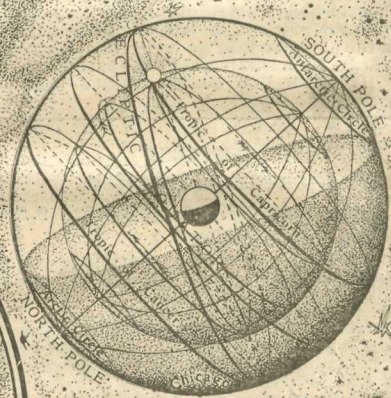
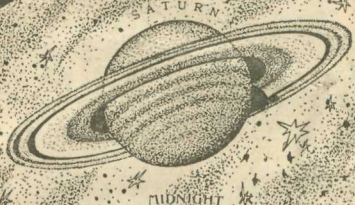


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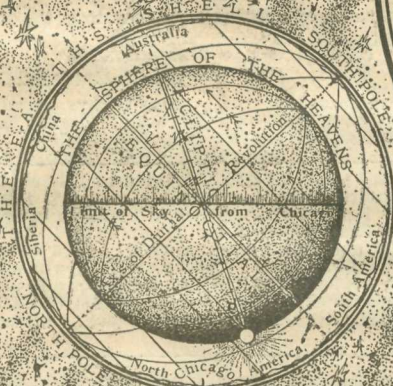
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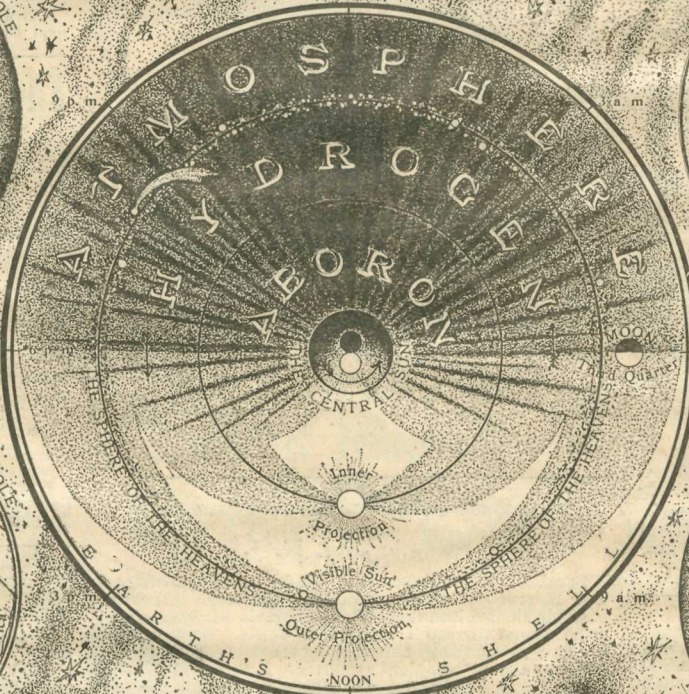
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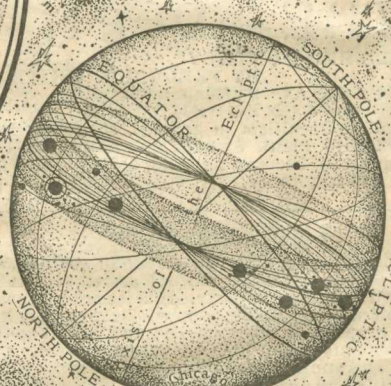


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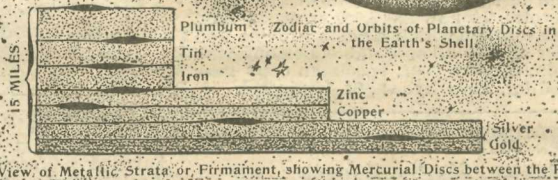
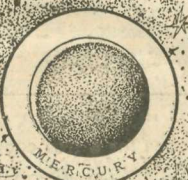
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