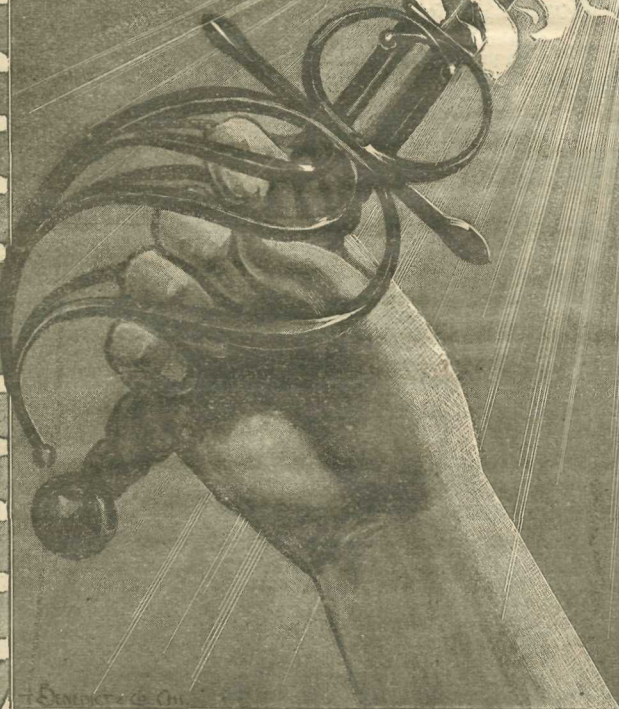


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The English Lion and the Russian Bear.

The Origin and Significance of the Terms; the Koreshan Solution of the Problem, Contrasted With the Anglo-Israel Theories of Prof. Totten.

Letter to Prof. Totten.

DEAR SIR:—For several years I have unsuccessfully endeavored to obtain a satisfactory answer to the following: What is the origin of the terms "English Lion" and "Russian Bear," as applied to England and Russia? I have published this query in many periodicals, of which the *Sun*, the *Boston Transcript* (Saturday evening edition), and the *Literary Digest* are types, and as yet I have not received any fundamental information. The failure of this method, together with that of my personal investigation, led me to write a personal letter to the editor of the *Sun* and request his special help in the matter. In a reply signed R. G. Butler, he informs me that you can furnish the desired information. I therefore present this matter for your kind consideration, and beg to thank you in advance for the courtesy of your reply. Appreciating the obligations under which I shall be placed by the favor, I am very truly yours,—G. G. FAUGHT, in "Our Race" *News Leaflet*.

Prof. Totten's Reply.

"I do not like to be considered as dogmatic, but in reply to your query will submit that Leo is that sign of the Zodiac which of old typified Judah—the Jews—who was (were) a lion's whelp. Christ is the Lion of Judah, but the insignia is Judah's scepterally. This Leo can be traced back in Israel's history and in ancient eastern lore to the very origin of the gospel, as it was once written in the stars and in the alphabet, and in all the mysteries. They were set there for signs and for seasons, and only the adepts at deeper knowledge ever get the hem of its garment in their touch. Now the unicorn is without doubt the insignia of Israel, and particularly of Joseph, in that Ephraim is his elected son and represents him, or the Ten Tribes. You should know that at the death of Solomon the unicorn separated from the lion, and the war between the lion and the unicorn began. It is not yet over, but the bloody part is finished. Samaria was Israel, and Jerusalem was Judah, and those are the two houses or folds of sheep who have the controversy of Zion before them. Not until they are united, and the one chained, very much as you see it on the arms of Great Britain, will the new, or Golden Age, return, which my studies indicate is now at hand."

OUR PURPOSE in replying to Mr. Faught's query, is partly to show the imperfection of Professor Totten's answer. Totten, like all others who have discovered the reciprocal relations of the constellations with the human race, fails to unravel the science of the co-ordination of ethnic development with the alchemico-organic (physical) heavens. There is both a physical and an anthropostic (human) Zodiac. The correspondence between them is absolute and perfect. The one in the alchemico-organic (physical) heavens is representative of, and corresponds to the line of universal life in the human race. There are twelve divisions of the Zodiacal belt in the physical heavens; there are also twelve corresponding divisions of the heavens of anthropostic existence. Co-ordinate with the physical Zodiac, there is a corresponding belt on the earth divided into twelve signs, also belonging to the alchemico-organic (physical) macrocosm. These twelve signs in the earth have their twelve corresponding divisions of human progress. Now, while the scope of this article does not warrant an extensive analysis of these twelve parts of the man, in their microcosmic and macrocosmic specifications, we shall attempt the specific analysis of what is involved in the two questions under consideration.

Why is England called the British lion? Why is Russia called the Russian bear? That part of the Zodiac called Leo in the alchemico-organic (physical) heavens, is the heart of the Zodiacal belt. It is a fact that in the Hebrew language, lion and heart are derived

from the same root. In the Zodiac, lion and heart are the same; and in the human organism, the lion and the heart are also the same. If we study the location of the heart in its relation to the other organs of the body, we find it to occupy the same relation to the shoulders and arms that Leo and Gemini, as signs in the earth, sustain to each other, as they occupy a position on the earth on the same parallel, being signs south of the Tropic of Cancer. The heart of the body is the center of collection and distribution; it is therefore the center and power of commerce in the body. The heart collects the blood from every part of the body, projects it into the lungs, or at least regulates its flow, where it is metamorphosed, thence it regulates its distribution to every part of the body. The heart, therefore, is the symbol of commercial power.

The British lion is at present the heart of humanity, because it wields the commercial power of the world,—the commercial power residing in the money power. How did England come to possess this power?

Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

The couching down here, has direct reference to the copulative process of the lion, which has its correspondence in God's copulation with the race, through the Lion of the tribe of Judah; namely, the Christ, the Son of God.

The twelve sons of Jacob comprised an interior human Zodiac; the twelve tribes, a less interior Zodiacal belt. Judah, the tribe of Judah, constituted the heart of this Zodiac. Its development and progress culminated in the production of the Lord Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus was the very soul and life of the tribe of Judah, hence, he was the Lion of the tribe of Judah, therefore the heart of the Jewish nation. Now, if you would know why England (the English people) is called the British lion, you must know where the Lion of the tribe of Judah—the Christ of the living God, the heart of the Jewish race—went to when he left the earth alive, in the presence of his disciples. The answer to this question cannot come from Professor Totten, because he is too rank in his materialism to furnish an answer.

The desire of the house of Judah for the manifestation of the Messiah, forced forward the spirit of that people to that human focal point,—the birth of the Son of God. When the Lord was manifest, he gathered into himself the spirit and the soul of the house of Judah. He comprised the potential force, the very heart of the Jewish race. Did this heart, this soul of Judah, the Lion's whelp, the Son of God, infiltrate the Anglo-Saxon blood? And if so, when and how? Jesus declared himself to be the bread which came down from heaven, which if a man eat he should live forever. We herewith set

forth a principle of law, of which Professor Totten is as ignorant as any Hottentot. It is this: The Lord Jesus was dissolved in the presence of his disciples, converted to energy, called the Holy Spirit, and was thus absorbed (eaten) by the church which appropriated him. To know how this life descended into and permeated the Anglo-Saxon, it will be necessary to know the origin of the Anglo-Saxon, hence, of the Germanic race, and thence the channel through which Judah's infiltration occurred.

Professor Totten will tell you that the German race comprised the lost ten tribes that escaped, and that England is Ephraim, and the United States is Manasseh. If England is Ephraim, then she is not Judah, unless Judah and Ephraim are one. If England is Ephraim, will Professor Totten tell us where Judah is, and by virtue of what process England—being Ephraim—wears the insignia of Judah? We say most emphatically, that the Germanic family is not the escaped ten tribes. The ten tribes were carried away into Media. They were taken there by the Assyrian power, and through intermarriage with the Medians, Persians, and Assyrians, produced the Germanic family. Israel absorbed Egypt, after which Israel (the ten tribes) was absorbed by the Assyrian power; the life of Egypt and Israel being infiltrated to produce the Germanic people. The very best of the Germanic family comprised the root of the Latin race; this also, is the root of the people of Russia.

Please take notice, in direct opposition to the teachings of Totten, that Israel especially, through the two tribes of Joseph, absorbed the very best of the Egyptian blood, and therefore, the blood of Egypt permeated Ephraim and Manasseh. The Midianites were also absorbed by these tribes, though the appropriation of the thirty-two thousand Midianite women was not confined to these two tribes alone. The Midianites were the descendants of Abraham, through Ishmael and Keturah. Subsequently, this absorption was followed by the absorption of the ten tribes into the Medians, Persians, and Assyrians. The Germanic nation was the product of this ethnic infiltration. This product was prepared for the acceptance of the gospel of the Lord Jesus; therefore, the life of the Christ descended into this people.

The Anglo-Saxon people—at present represented by England—not only involve Ephraim, but also Judah; because the Lion of Judah was absorbed, not merely by England, but by the Germanic family. The Anglo-Saxon being the most progressive and central, England constitutes the heart or center of commercial impulse and power, and is therefore called the British lion. The American nation is the direct product of England; that is, England constitutes the heart or center of the American people. We are her blood, and speak her language. If the people who constitute the core of the American nation are the offspring of Eng-

land, and England is both Judah and Ephraim, then the people of America are both Judah and Ephraim. Hence, by what mental legerdemain, or irrational hoccus pocus, Professor Totten can define the Americans as Manasseh, is beyond our ken. England is called the British lion because she absorbed the very heart of Judah; she absorbed more than any other people,—the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Christ of God. The United States is the lion just as much, because she has absorbed, through England, the same blood, and in her racial development she contains all that England does, and more, because she has not only absorbed England, but the product of all the other tribes. These people are not the tribes of Israel; because Israel has lost her identity and become Gentile.

Totten would have the British nation, coupled with the power of the United States, advance to the absolute supremacy of the world, as the chosen race of God. He says: "The lion of the tribe of Judah and the unicorn of Israel, and the motto of Benjamin on the banner of Great Britain, float over London's Keep, and there is no hand of might among the nations that can take it." Will Professor T. remember God's chosen race, the Jewish people, and Jerusalem? They fulfilled their mission when they brought forth the Lord Christ and the Christian church. The Jews rejected the fruit of their own production—and were scattered. Will the Anglo-Saxon race do better? The Jews comprised the heart of the world. The Lion of the tribe of Judah belonged to that great people. Did they lose that Heart, and did He pass over to another people? Has the Almighty made another law to govern the progress of racial life?

Totten tells you that "Christ is the Lion of Judah, but the insignia is Judah's sceptrally;" and he regards England as Judah. Let us emphatically declare that Jesus was not merely the Lion of the tribe of Judah, but that he was also as positively the Bear. Both of these animals represent phases of the Word; both were in the Christ of God, and as the Lord was the beginning of the creation of God, he was the source of all being; and whatsoever exists had its origin in him, in the Lord of heaven, the Lord Christ. The lion is that part of the Word (God) which pertains to the power of commerce. In the supreme and higher religious sense, commerce is that interchange of forces between God and man, by which the world (church) is impregnated for the purpose of the regeneration (reproduction) of the sons of God.

The Lord Christ was the seed of God, the promised seed. In his theocrasis (translation), his visible and tangible presence was transposed to the quality of existence denominated Holy Ghost (Spirit). His material substance was converted to spiritual substance, and he became the seminal essence of Deity. By this seed, or seminal fluid, the church was impregnated for regeneration. The force by which this was accomplished was the

power of truth in last, and also in first, principles. It was the power of the *commerce* of God and man. Immediately associated with this power, the power symbolized by the lion, was the power of the bear.

What is the symbolic language of the bear? This can only be known by a knowledge of the history of bruin's habits. The bear is essentially the bearer. The bear is the type of carrying, hence, the name bear. What part of the power of God (the Word) does the bear represent? He has the power to so plant himself as to perpetuate the circulation of the blood while the organ of respiration is hermetically sealed, and the powers of digestion are suspended. He accomplishes this by relaxing the lingual muscles so as to allow his tongue to drop back into the larynx, and thus seal up the windpipe. In other words, he swallows his tongue into his windpipe, and shuts off his wind (pneuma, spirit), and thus hibernates. He also has power to recall that wind and raise himself from his hibernation; that is, he has power to lay down his life and take it up again.

The Lord Christ is the tongue of God's speech; that is, of the Word of God. In the theocrasis, this tongue was swallowed back into the windpipe, and the church sank into hibernation, the winter of its long sleep. The wind (pneuma, spirit) of God has been shut off from the church, and the Holy Ghost has departed from it also. As the Christ was planted in the church, so at the end of the age a new church will arise, in which the Christ of God will be again manifest.

In the Lord Christ, the Lion and the Bear were one. In the death of the church, the Lion and the Bear are two, and a house divided against itself shall not stand. The Latin church—descended from the Lord's planting—has merged into the Anglo-Saxon; the Greek or Eastern church, descended from the Lord and divided from the Latin, has merged into the Russian bear. There are two powers of the Word, the one represented by England, the other by the Tsar of Russia, and both are prostituted. At present, we are beholding the anomaly of the Russian bear waving the *olive branch*, while the lion is converting its plowshares and pruninghooks into swords, and Columbia, the Dove, in the role of the Eagle, is swooping down upon, and devouring the defenseless. These are signs of the principles of the Word, none of which are exercised in their legitimate and normal divine functions. Professor Totten will by and by awake to the knowledge of the fact, that while he is good in figures and their application to astronomical chronology, he is perfectly at sea as to their application to human events.

If we take the Zodiacal belt in the heavens and denote its revolutions, we will notice that the twelve constellations move according to a definite law of order, and in harmony. We will also notice that the lion in

the Zodiac conforms to the same law of revolution as the extra Zodiacal constellation Ursa Major, or the great Bear, the constellation of Russia. They are not in conflict. If we take what should, under normal conditions, comprise their correspondence in the race, we

find absolute chaos. The lion in the Zodiac of human activity revolves oppositely from, and in conflict with the activities of Ursa Major, the great bear in human life; and we repeat, a house divided against itself cannot stand.

The Greatest Love in the World.

The Laws of Physical and Mental Magnetism; Jesus the Messiah Was the Supreme Manifestation of Divine Love, the Exalted Magnet of Humanity.

L. E. BORDEN.

EVERY phenomenon in the universe has its origin in attraction of atoms. From lowest to highest, one law reigns, and love is the motor impulse. The magnet draws steel filings, and the tigress springs forward to defend her cubs till a bullet strikes her heart. These are primary workings of the great principle whose degrees of manifestation are infinite.

The measure of a man is the measure of his love. How broad is it? Some men find their limit in the narrow circle of self; nothing really moves them beyond their personal hopes and fears, joys and griefs. Other men extend the circle a little, to include a few friends and relatives. Such men are never called great. The supreme test that governs all our estimates of character and performance, refers to the breadth of a man's sympathies. Even our artists and writers must submit to be judged by the same standard, and no amount of technical skill can redeem a lack of heart.

What was Zola as the exponent of a new theory of literature, to the world at large? But look at him today, returning to France after an exile of eleven months, radiant, triumphant, crowned with the gratitude of every lover of justice! He became a citizen of the world when he dared to face the mob in defense of a betrayed and innocent compatriot.

Pope enriched our language with brilliant epigrams, but the only time he is stirred to genuine emotion in his verse, is over his quarrel with Addison; then he shows a vigor worthy of a higher feeling than petty malice. Whittier has not contributed witty sayings, but his burning zeal to redress the wrongs of the slaves, inspires respect, and the sincerity of his emotion imparts a glow to his poetry, that redeems its lack of art; yet like all verse inspired by a particular crisis, much of his work is evanescent and is already losing its interest now that slavery is a horror of the past.

There is a love that is broader and deeper than any awakened by national crises or individual distress,—a love that goes back of the individual or the cause, to embrace eternal principles—a love that yearns with infinite pity over all the sorrows of men everywhere. Such a love looks at the toiling, sweating millions stunted by poverty and tainted by crime, and thinks of their origin and destiny, seeing in each low-browed, vice-stained creature, a soul in the crucible of experience that will one day bear the image and likeness of God.

This love is never impatient—it is never intolerant, and it gives itself with tender compassion to a world that repays it with sneers and curses and the martyr's crown.

"Ah!" you say, "this love is beyond the temper of humanity, it is *Christlike*." Yes, the greatest love in the world is the love of Christ, the Messianic love; but ah! how strange and sad the story! This love offends the world, which is always ready to applaud lower manifestations of the same principle.

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Briefly, then, it goes beyond the old theology in saying that Jesus came as a concrete expression of love. The spiritual desires of the Jewish age were materialized in him. Just as two gases may unite to precipitate a liquid, so the mental force, or the love of the past, united in the spiritual world with the ardent desires of those who were living in the hope of the Messiah's coming at the time of the Christian era, to precipitate or materialize the pure flesh of Christ, from which currents of healing virtue streamed forth to the hem of his garment.

How does Christ save the world by his love? He saves it just as the new shoot of a higher variety saves every branch of the wild or natural tree, upon which it is grafted. The divine life was grafted upon humanity, not by the death, but by the translation of Jesus. His death upon the cross was both a symbol and a scientific necessity—a symbol of the crossing of God's life with man, and a necessary preparation of his physical organism for the translation.

It is a principle of Koreshan Science that a law in one domain has its correspondent in every other. If an atom of zinc can be converted to electric energy, the law that governs such convertibility is applicable to the human body. This physical organism is as easily

converted to energy as any single atom of matter, *provided the law is known*. Jesus knew the law; he dissolved his body and converted it to the spiritual energy received by his disciples; when he disappeared from sight he passed into their minds, thus fulfilling the supreme object of his life and death—to impart God's life to the race.

The sacrifice of the Messiah, although performed in obedience to law, is entirely a voluntary sacrifice; and here it reaches the plane of the highest art. By as much as any man approaches this complete love, he becomes Christlike. By as much as any poet approximates this universal sympathy, he becomes a world-poet—how few deserve the title!

The Messianic principle is the central truth of being,

the most wonderful, the most mysterious of the secrets which God's mind has kept through the ages. What of the three sects that reject this principle and deny the greatest love in the world? Christian science proclaims an impersonal Christ, not the God-man. Theosophy preaches every man his own God, and the spirits that profess to return from the undiscovered country, say: "We know nothing of Jesus Christ; he is not here."

In contrast with these negative utterances, the recognition of the Messianic principle gives to Koreshanity a central positiveness, that should commend it to the large class of persons whose hearts cling firmly to the Divinity of Christ, notwithstanding the assaults of agnostic criticism, and who ought to welcome a scientific interpretation of certain phenomena recorded in the Scriptures, that transcend present experience.

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"Then the Lord awakened as one out of sleep." "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O arm of the Lord!" Thou, therefore, O Lord God of hosts [the God-man], the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen." "As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image." "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

AS JESUS declared that he was in the Father and the Father in him, so he also declared that he was in the disciple and the disciple was in him; and that when he went away he would go into his disciples, and, as the divine seed, dying in them, would be in them alway, until the end of the age, the time of harvest, and then would raise them up, as the wheat life is in the wheat all through its cycle, raising it up until the reproduced seed, the ripened crop, appears in the time of harvest.

The early Christian's conception of death was that it was a falling asleep in Jesus, to which, if you add the thought of Jesus, it will appear that he also was fallen asleep in them. In the sleeping man, all the operations of physical nature go on regularly; but there is no development of power to effect results outside the man, for they are the results of mental activity, which, for the time, is in abeyance. The man is alive, but he must awake out of sleep before he can produce results in the external or objective world; so God—the God-man, as the divine seed, having taken upon himself the sins of the world, and as the wages of sin is death, having died, gone to sleep in the human race—must wake up out of sleep before he can put forth the effort necessary to save anybody.

Jesus nowhere promised to save anybody, in the expressive Greek phrase, through into eternal life, until the beginning of the next, the Aquarian age. He said at the last day, end of the Christian age, he would raise

up, resurrect into eternal life, all that the Father had given him. Until that time they would all, including the penitent thief on the cross, be with him in Paradise, the garden where God plants his seed, sleeping the sleep of the begotten, unborn child; being alive and growing, having "Christ formed within them, the hope of glory," but having to wake out of sleep before their kingdom could come in the outside world. When that time comes He must be there, in that outside world, to raise them up according to promise, so that none of them be lost. Observe that this was not spoken of men in general, but only of those whom the Father had given him.

It is nowhere said that Jesus came to save other men from being lost, as the church of today teaches; instead, he came to save those that were already lost. But after the divine seed had been planted in them, and its age-long growth and development in them had begun and progressed until the time of harvest, he would see that none such were lost. The manner of his coming, then, is a waking out of an age-long sleep in humanity. But there is always a first and a second coming, as nineteen hundred years ago, when Jesus came. Then, His first coming was in his personality, in which he comes as a thief in the night, and is never recognized by the outside world. After His going away to Spirit, in his translation, he came again according to promise, as the Holy Ghost—the Comforter, which was the divine seed by which men were "begotten again to a lively hope [a hope of life] by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," which hope the same writer declares, will find its fulfilment in the "salvation ready to be revealed in the last time"—end of the Christian age.

Now, in the end of the Christian age, the Christ will also have two comings; the first, in his personality, as a man—the Messenger of the Covenant, declared by

Malachi to be the Lord; the second, after his theocrasis, will be his coming in the "clouds of heaven," the 144,000 sons of God, the product of the planting of the one Son of God in humanity, in the beginning of the age. Then He and they have "awaked out of sleep," and the

kingdom of heaven will be established in earth according to the prayer he taught us to pray. Then will it be true that earth's sorrowing exiles, "Mercy and Truth, have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other."

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY and competition are culminating in one of the most gigantic forms of oppression the world has ever known. Western liberty to engage in all lines of commercial piracy is bearing its fruit in the great corporations and trusts; and the questions of their origin and probable results in the world of commerce and social relations constitute the greatest problem which confronts the popular mind. The politicians who are not directly concerned in the creation of the trusts, are agitated and chagrined, and reform leaders are sounding notes of alarm. We have already noted in this and other departments of THE FLAMING SWORD, the rapid culmination of events in the field of social economy, and have foreseen the stupendous success of all antithetical co-operative efforts of the closing century; and have time and again pointed out the results. The marshalling of the forces of capital against the forces of labor means inevitable revolution. The trusts began with capital of a few millions, but now the world stands overawed at the announcement of the formation of a railroad trust which almost rivals all other trusts combined! Three great railroad kings, Vanderbilt, Pierpont Morgan, and Cassatt, have planned an alliance to control all traffic of America, with a capital of over \$2,500,000,000. The combine embraces eighteen great railroad systems, representing over 40,000 miles of railway, 10,000 passenger cars, and over 420,000 freight cars. The daily press is discussing the questions which this great combine suggests: "Whither are these great systems tending, and how will their tremendous power be exerted?" The history of American greed is too well known to rest the question on the supposition that the trusts are philanthropic; the unparalleled power acquired through absorption of the wealth of a nation, the power to rule and control the great industries and all the people engaged in them, will be exerted for the specific benefit of the few. The monopolies are rapidly developing into an organization of control which will overtower and overpower the American government itself; they are already beyond all control of legislation, — aye, they constitute the power behind the throne! These conditions confront the reform world; the trusts have come unexpectedly to the agitators; the trusts appear as storm-clouds threatening to sweep away all little schemes of direct legislation, socialism, municipal ownership, and monetary reform. The people of the world are facing new and stupendous issues—issues which they are wholly unprepared to meet, problems which modern economic scientists are unable to solve, conditions which statesmen are powerless to change. There is but *one* solution to the great problems of the hour—but *one* way to redeem the world from its curse; and that has been promulgated by the Founder of Koreshanity for the past thirty years!

It has been estimated that the caloric force of the sun's perpendicular rays upon the earth, at the distance of 92,000,000 miles, is one horse-power per square yard. If it is one horse-power for one square yard at that distance, every other square yard in the great sphere of circumradiations would represent one horse-power, amounting in all to over 350 sextillions of horse-

power generated in and transmitted from the sun continually. This force would represent a lifting power of nearly 12,000,000 sextillion pounds, one foot per minute, or nearly 200,000 sextillion pounds, one foot per second. The unit of measure of the sun's force as above, is one calory, and consequently the aggregate number of calories in 350 sextillions of horse-power, is the measure of only a small portion of the inconceivable volume of all the qualities of electro-magnetic energies that would be generated in so great a sun as is claimed to exist in the Copernican system. Whence are derived the solar dynamics? The astronomer knows of no source of supply of the sun's fuel—it is an inexplicable mystery to the modern scientific world! The combined surface of all the planets of the popular system is supposed to receive and intercept only about one billionth part of all this vast amount of energy, while 999,999,999 billionths are radiated into infinite space and lost! Contrast this excessive waste of energies with the conservation of forces of the universe as it really exists. Beginning with the premise of the one horse-power per square yard of the earth's concave surface, the caloric energies would be represented by 600 trillions of horse-power; there is no waste, for the great hollow of the earth's surface receives all of the energies radiating from the central sun. The sun is continually receiving energies generated in the earth, and the sun and earth are related on the basis of interdependence; and the earth continually and eternally supplies the sun with fuel.

There can be no greater perversion of the doctrines of Jesus than the anti-Messianic claim of modern metaphysics that the "bread of life" is the "inward life" of any and every man. The fallacious view would make no difference of nature between the mortal and corrupt humanity and the immortal Son of God. Koreshanity holds that Jesus himself, his literal flesh and blood, the *external* divine man, was the bread of life, which came down from heaven through processes of divine generation in the Jewish race. Contrary to the modern view, Jesus said, "Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood, ye have no life in you." The great Personality at the beginning of the dispensation was the *literal* bread of heaven, transmuted by the fires of theocrasis, and appropriated by the church,—literally absorbed; and thus the church was vitalized with the new life, the very seminal essence of Deity, in order that he might multiply himself and manifest a new race in humanity, in the harvest of the dispensation. We have no sympathy whatever with hundreds of antichristian fallacies that are being promulgated in the world, to cultivate the most dangerous form of bigotry and conceit, in the presumption that every man is God, containing the I Am, the Christ, the life, and many other things in the vocabulary of the Bible, which ignorance has learned to repeat, but not to understand.

The new automobile is an example of the lack of originality of the average American mind. A single idea is stumbled onto and adapted to forms gotten up with some other purpose in

view. Fragmentary reform would patch up the old garments, because the originators of small schemes have not mental acumen sufficient to devise an entirely new costume. The automobile takes the form of a carriage which is in every way adapted to the horse; even the dashboard, which was designed to protect the occupants from the splash of the horse's feet, is present on the horseless carriage: the side-step, the raised box, and general appearance of the rig, are reminders of the animal that is not there! A carriage without a horse should be designed to suit the new conditions; it ought to be up to date, and would be if the American inventive genius could see beyond its pecuniary interest in what it produces.

The modern churchman is intensely gratified at the news of the arrest of a prominent Mormon leader on the charge of polygamy, and the growing tendency to repudiation of congressman Roberts because he is a Mormon. Polygamy in Mormonism is as much a sacred rite, a religious institution, as monogamy is in Christendom; and does not the Constitution of the United States guarantee absolute freedom in the exercise of religious conscience? But the Mormons are an easy mark for corruptionists who hide behind the rites of a false marriage, and commit crimes of sensualism as obnoxious to the sense of purity as those in possession of a multiplicity of wives. The divine vengeance will be visited first, not upon the Mormons, but upon the more profound corruptions of Christendom.

The great cry is heard on every hand, "Let the church give us a sweeping revival of religion." It is heard in the pews, in ministerial gatherings, church conferences, and associations. There is an endeavor to imitate Wesley's style of creating a religious stir, but the fountains of enthusiasm are empty. The modern church has apostated too far to revive; its people have too long engaged in defrauding the neighbor by modern commercial methods,—too long engaged in the service of mammon, to undertake to convict the world of sin, and bring it to judgment for crimes of which the church itself is guilty! Babylon will never revive! The decaying walls cannot rear themselves; the great structure of the modern church is crumbling, and its foundation is sinking in the quick-sands of ignorance.

A number of doctrinal statements, creeds of declarations of principles, have been submitted to the various spiritualistic societies of America, for adoption; they are asked to take their choice, as out of the number, each fastidious spiritualist can likely find a ready-made fit. One declaration contains the following item: "That on the question of who, what, and where God is, Spiritualism gives us no absolute, final, and demonstrated knowledge, but leaves it for each one to determine by the light of his own understanding." By all means, let every society adopt this statement; it is corroborative of many Koreshan statements to the effect that the modern church, spiritualism, and kindred superstitions do *not* know the true God!

In the present evil world, the devil is running the governments, the churches, the commerce of the world, science, education, the morals of the people, and all other departments. The only way he can do this is to allow each department a little domain of its own, and consequently, they are all separated and independent as to specific management,—not in different worlds, but in the one humanity. When the Almighty takes possession he will unite all these departments in one great system, in one great empire of church and state, and social economy. Koreshanity advocates the principles of unity of all the departments of human affairs under divine-human supervision, the true socialism, the socialism of God.

Startling news of the increasing number of strikes that are

occurring the world over, is appearing in the daily press. These expressions of discontent of the labor world have come in time to rebuke the attempted establishment of universal peace! The great agitation continues; the labor organizations and the trusts are mighty factors of preparation for the stupendous revolution which must break up the old order. Trusts of labor and trusts of the wealth produced by labor are nearing the inevitable conflict. THE FLAMING SWORD continually points to the fact that there will be no peaceable evolution of the New Order; it must be born through the birththroes and convulsions of the present evil world.

Nineteen hundred years ago, the effort of the Jewish church was to convert the heathen and make proselytes to Judaism, while the Messiah found it necessary to endeavor to convert the Jews at Jerusalem. The greatest corruption in all the world at the close of the Jewish dispensation was in Palestine; it was where the greatest condemnation rested, and the Jews were the people who came into terrible judgment, in their punishment and discharge from the service of the Almighty. Today, the church is presuming to gather from fields where the divine seed was *not* sown, posing as instruments of salvation, when in fact, of all peoples of the world, the modern church is *most* in need of reformation!

The extent to which skepticism and agnosticism pervade even the church and its universities, may be seen from the following significant statement by a professor of one of the largest universities of America: "Half of our *divinity* students are skeptical, which is about the same proportion as prevails amongst the professors who instruct them." The "*divinity*" students are being educated for the ministerial "*profession*;" they do not believe the doctrines they are preparing to preach to the people. It is now a common thing all over the country, to make the ministerial vows with mental reservations in favor of higher criticism, which is honeycombing the great churches of the world!

Socialists are having a hard time defining what socialism is. There are scores of little conflicting factions of reform using the word socialism, and each faction is claiming to be *the* movement. There are nationalists, advocates of public ownership, municipal ownership, social democrats, Christian socialists, socialistic communists, anarchist socialists, agnostic socialists, the socialistic labor party, and others, that are as incapable of united effort of reform, as are the inharmonious elements of the modern church in saving the world. People who enjoy snarling and snapping, faction fights and party feuds, certainly derive intense satisfaction from the reform press of America!

Primitive Christianity was a system of faith, an intuitive recognition of the Star of divine polarity, manifest in the Messiah nineteen hundred years ago. Koreshanity is a system of science; it is faith transformed to demonstrated truth—it is hope transformed to realization in the manifestation of the Guiding Star of Divine Science. Through faith and charity, love and wisdom have been transformed to truth and good; and the practical application of the laws of life to the external man, through the external mind or intellect, will redeem the body of man, and make him immortal in the world of tangibility.

The light of the moon is less by about 300,000 times, than the light of the sun; that is, it would require 300,000 moons to make a light equal to that of the sun. It is estimated by astronomers that the moon of the Copernican universe receives less than one trillionth part of all the sun's energies radiated into space; and yet the sunlight exceeds in brightness the light of the moon by only 300,000 times! By what law does the moon mul-

tiply the infinitesimal portion of sunlight it is said to receive, to the brilliant, silvery light of the full moon? The modern astronomical system is an inconsistent vagary!

This is a century of machinery. Human labor is being rapidly supplanted by machinery. Machines have been invented to do nearly all that man in times past, has performed by hand. Machines write, talk, and make arithmetical calculations—do everything but *think*, and even thinking-machines are said to be under way. The latest machine is for the purpose of curing insomnia, a combination of the phonograph and stereopticon, to produce photo-acoustic hypnosis and dream states necessary to restore the mental equilibrium of the patient!

The microbe advocates are becoming so afraid of the little objects of their study and research, that they advise against purchasing fruits and vegetables that have been exposed to germ-laden dust. The farmer may soon be ordered to grow his fruits and vegetables in glass houses, and to sterilize them before taking to market. A humanity that succumbs to the invisible animalcules and bacilli must be weak indeed, with its life forces almost exhausted; but the physician who succumbs to the theories of modern bacteriopathy is weaker still!

If organized labor is feeling the tyranny of organized capital, hundreds of thousands of men who have not consented to pay dues to the unions for the privilege of being ordered out on a strike at the command of labor leaders, are feeling the tyranny and oppression of the labor trusts. The great commercial trusts are forcing smaller concerns to failure and bankruptcy; and the non-union laborers are being forced out of employment, persecuted, harassed, and even shot, by the "philanthropic" brotherhoods!

The entire time of the western world is taken up in the service of the money gods; selfishness and greed, books and papers, have increased, and the mental powers have diminished to such an alarming extent that suavity, politeness, and consideration for the neighbor have almost vanished, and the art of conversation is becoming lost amid a sort of mental privacy, which is made to cover a cranial hollowness which forbids intelligent discussion of the great and burning questions and problems of the hour!

Astronomers claim that the moon reflects the light of the sun. Observation of the lunar surface reveals the fact that it is *not* a reflector. Allow a light to shine upon a polished convex surface, and a mere point of light will be seen. If the moon were smooth, shining by reflected light, only a small portion of it would appear illuminated; and if the surface were similar to that of the earth, it could appear no brighter than a chalky cliff or mountain side in the sunshine.

The sky-pilots of a western town are on a strike for higher prices for sermons delivered to the inmates of a soldiers' home. We presume the state authorities have been considering the real value of the "spiritual food" purchased for the occupants of the charitable institution, and desire to pay accordingly. The goods of the modern church are very much shop-worn and antiquated; and the time is coming when the superstitious stock cannot even be given away!

It is a mistake to say that Christianity is civilizing the world; there is no Christianity in the world today. Between that which is called Christianity and the primitive system from which it sprang, there is as much difference as there is between day and night. THE FLAMING SWORD points out the growth of Christo-Paganism in the mediæval and modern periods of the present dispensation, and its rapid decline during the past twenty-five years.

Koreshanity brings to the world the only genuine revival of primitive Christianity; it is truth restored, the prodigal returned to his Father's house; it contains the very elements of life, and reveals the knowledge of the universe—the science of all truth. It is the new scientific gospel; and will succeed Babylon for the same reason that primitive Christianity supplanted apostate Judaism.

War has begun in the camp of Adventism concerning the millennium, the coming of Christ, and kindred subjects. This is but an insignificant part of the battle of Armageddon. The Adventists comprise merely one of the hundreds of religious tribes, and fighting among themselves will perhaps leave less work for others, when the time comes for the complete demolition of Adventism!

The great trusts have grown out of the protection of home industries, and the legal right to steal the wealth of millions. Likewise, the protectors have created great trusts of diseases, which afflict humanity, through the legal right of medical fraternities to steal the health of the people. The physicians have but to name a new disease to make it popular!

Every revolution must have its poles. The great revolution of nineteen hundred years ago was in the domain of the soul; it was a war of God and the devil in the heart of man; the weapons were spiritual. The impending revolution is in the domain of the world's external affairs; it is a war of truth against fallacy, science against superstition, life against death.

The serpent Moses lifted up in the wilderness was the divine wisdom of commerce—the cure for the poison of the serpents of the false money power. Jesus was the great Serpent of church commerce. Koreshanity is the science of commerce on all planes in which commerce is possible, and lifts the Serpent in every department of human life.

Agnosticism claims to be supplanting the church; but it does not follow that agnosticism is a permanent thing in the world. Mushrooms grow out of decay and fermentation; agnosticism is a mental mushroom growing out of the corruptions of the church,—an excrescence of effete religious thought.

Koreshanity advocates not only the free woman and the free man, but also the free man-woman—the virginal biunity of man and woman in single, individual, immortal personalities, the new genus or race of the divine humanity, for whose coming the entire creation enters the birththroes of revolution.

All of the corruptions of modern times—the church, hypocrisy, whisky, beer, tobacco, opium, physicians, drugs, selfishness, firearms, crime, politics, and competition—follow the course of the world's so called civilization!

When starch is converted to sugar it is no longer starch, but sugar. When the spirits of the Jewish people were converted to the Christ, they stood forth in the tangible world in the person of the Messiah.

Books increase in proportion to the decrease of the mental powers of humanity. Jesus the Christ was not a bookworm; he contained the words of all true books; even the universe was involved in him.

The so called religions and the governments of the world are fragments and perversions of the great system of divine Theocracy which existed thousands of years ago.

The trusts are the fruit of commercial piracy, created through the avenues of competition, permitted by the people and fostered by the American government.

Church federations are great religious trusts, organized for

the purpose of controlling evangelical and Sunday school work of both Christendom and heathendom.

The great combines have concluded that co-operation, not competition, is the life of trade.

Modern charity hides from the view of the world a multiplicity of commercial crimes.

The true government is religious, scientific, and divine; it is the kingdom of God.

True science is the expression of the divine mind in the human intellect.

The millionaire is the personal expression of the love of money.

The church is making "Christians" abroad and heathens at home!

Money is a fraud; the love of it is the root of all evil.

True capital is labor and its products.

Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

What About Theosophy, Spiritualism, Mormonism, etc?

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—(1) I have read much of mysticism and the philosophy of nearly all ancient and modern religious systems; and being a liberal investigator of all that is new in science and philosophy, I am naturally inclined to inquire further as to the successes and reverses the Koreshans have made in the past. Can you tell me how many have joined your order, and how many have withdrawn their membership? How many members now reside at Estero, and how many at Chicago and elsewhere?

(2) What religious significance do you attach to such great movements as Theosophy, Seventh-Day Adventism, Mormonism, Spiritualism, Swedenborgianism, Faithism, (whose doctrines are found in Oahspe), Buddhism, and Mohammedanism? May not all these various religious movements possess the truth in part, and be stepping-stones to the broader and more liberal religions of the future, where the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man will be accepted as the all-sufficient creed that shall lead to the highest unfoldment of the God-given powers of humanity?—Dr. W. F., Detroit, Mich.

(1) Koreshanity is not a philosophy, but a system of Universology, and therefore contains the knowledges of the universe and its laws, and the science of their application to all human affairs and relations. It is the antithet of all other systems extant, and is opposed to all conditions, perversions, and corruptions of the present evil world. Koreshanity therefore meets with opposition in all the departments to which the System is applicable. We have to combat the church and modern science; all of the fads and fallacies of the present century. We have the competitive system to contend with, and the prejudice of an unthinking people.

The work of building up a system of reform that is ultimately to prevail throughout the world, and embrace all of the departments of the world,—its government, social economy, commerce, education—in short, the work of establishing the kingdom of God in all its external phases, is a decidedly revolutionary work, and is one of the most stupendous undertakings in all human history. We do not

proceed on the basis of modern fads. Our movement begins at the foundation of human economy of life, and grows only through the sacrifice of noble characters. Its accretions are from the most advanced elements of progress. From the founding of the System it has met with success; but that success is measured by its own standards, and our own appreciation of gathering momentum. It has succeeded from the beginning; it has never failed. It is stronger today than ever before, has a greater influence, and is becoming known throughout the world.

With regard to its following, every bright light is appreciated by those who use it; but it attracts numerous *mental moths*, who are unable to comprehend it. Jesus encountered hundreds of such people; at the slightest offense they left him, and "walked with him no more." Both the coming and going of such characters serve a purpose necessary to them and to us. It is just as necessary that some go away as vehicles of mental refuse, as it is for those who are progressive to remain. The Koreshan institutions are places of testing human character. The processes of selection of personalities with integrity and honesty of purpose, guarantee a veritable Gideon's army. Our success is in conservation, concentration, and polarization of vital energies. The Founder of Koreshanity is establishing a great anthropostic battery which, when perfected, will constitute the nucleus of the power of the new kingdom; but without which, though he had hundreds of thousands, even *millions*, as a following, the object of the Koreshan System would not be attained. Connected with the communistic and co-operative colonies of the Koreshan Unity in Chicago and Florida, are about 300 persons. We have as many more who are members of the various Societies in different cities, besides scattered members who reside in towns and villages; also a large circle of readers and investigators of Koreshan literature; and our friends number thousands.

(2) The religious significance that we attach to the many metaphysical and occult theories that are being promulgated, is that they are decidedly antichristian. They are stepping-stones neither in the development of the great System of truth, nor in the investigation and demonstration of truth. Nineteen hundred years ago, Truth came in one personality. Jesus was an expression of love and wisdom; he taught a philosophy,—the divine metaphysics. Koreshanity is the primitive Christian system, with an added experience of nearly 2,000 years of human progress. Jesus taught truth in *primates*; Koreshanity is truth in *ultimates*—it is, therefore, divine science.

There cannot be another expression of truth in its fulness except through a single personality; entities of truth must aggregate in the formation of the Guiding Star of human destiny. There is no truth in the abstract; there is no truth separate from personality. If truth was involved through processes of involution or focalization of entities nineteen hundred years ago, it is just as inevitable that when that truth—the divine philosophy—ultimates in *science*, it must be involved in *one* man, to find complete and perfect expression.

The fallacies of modern times are reflexes of the divine philosophy of Jesus. They are the result of the involuntary mental activity of Jesus. Every dispensation opens and closes, begins and ends, with a Messiah; truth must reach its seed-form in the seed-Man, whence, through sowing, springs all human progress. Jesus taught the necessity of a Messiah. The Messianic law is the law of polarity of human thought and human love,—a law that is wholly disregarded by all modern fallacies. It is noticeable that christian science, theosophy, spiritualism, and all modern phases of occultism and metaphysics, instil the belief into the minds of their following, that each individual is as much the Christ, as much God Almighty, as was Jesus; and

this we most emphatically deny. It is one thing to teach that God is in humanity; but it is quite another thing to *locate* him in the human world! The metaphysics of Jesus must ultimate in science; faith must become transformed to knowledge, and hope to realization of the things hoped for. The great blunder of modern religious fallacies is in the endeavor to teach occultism as a science, when it should be known to all rational minds, that science is the uncovering of mystery, not its perpetuation. Mystery revealed is no longer occult. At the time the Almighty is in the external world proclaiming the science of the universe, metaphysicians are seeking knowledge from the interior!

Theosophy is Buddhism revamped, with a few Christian fallacies added. What truth Theosophy contains is *perverted* truth. There is nothing that is perverted in Theosophy that was not contained in the primitive Christian system. It is one thing to talk vaguely concerning absorption into Nirvana, and quite another thing to actually become absorbed into Nirvana. Jesus the Messiah was an example of actual absorption; and yet Theosophists ignore him, his work and his doctrines. Adam, Enoch, Noah, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus were all examples of absorption. With these demonstrations of victory over death along a line of divine progress, why go outside of this line of actual accomplishments, to seek truth in a Theosophic system that cannot point to a single instance of actual verification of their claims? While Buddha was a teacher of truth adapted to the genius of his time, he did not demonstrate his teaching by actually overcoming death. He taught a fragment of the great system of truth which existed prior to the time of Buddha. Thousands of years ago the sons of God were in the world, and they went away by absorption; Buddhism has lost sight of the facts, and now merely suggests the idea; modern Theosophists know less about it than Buddha. Christian science, Theosophy, and Spiritualism constitute the great three-headed antichrist; they are the three unclean spirits that were foreseen by John.

All of the systems mentioned in the above inquiry, however, do not belong to the same category. Swedenborg was a Messiah to the spiritual world; he was divinely illuminated as to his interior, and he taught the truth in the spiritual degree; Koreshanity is the truth in the *literal* degree, which Swedenborg acknowledged to be the potential degree of the divine Word. Swedenborgians undertake to intellectually comprehend the

spiritual degree, which is equal to breathing hydrogen. Hydrogen is poison; but when precipitated as water, it becomes useable. Swedenborgianism, as promulgated today, however, is the nearest approach to the truth of theology of any other system extant except the Koreshan.

Adventism in the past was progressive; the movement from 1839 to 1870 was similar to the movement contemporaneous with the coming of Jesus. The Advent movement has served its purpose in awakening an expectation of the coming of the Messiah. The Messenger of the Covenant, Elijah the Prophet, has appeared, with the truth in fulfilment of divine prophecies, and the Adventists have not recognized him. Adventism is now non-

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progressive. The entities of enthusiasm aroused in the proclamation of the coming of the Messiah, have left the Advent movement and passed over into the progressive spheres of Koreshanity.

Mohammed was a teacher sent to the Arabians, and from his standpoint he taught the truth—that is, the truth necessary for that people. There are now about one hundred different sects of Mohammedans, and they have no more true conception of the doctrines of Mohammed than the modern Christians have of the doctrines of Jesus. Mormonism is merely one of the fallacious reflexes of the Advent movement which appeared in the thirties; it is an antithet of Koreshanity. The same is true of Faithism,

with its spurious Oahspe, which is the expression of antiquated spirits through the medium Newbrough. Oahspe is decidedly antichristian and anti-Messianic. Its cosmogony is founded on the Copernican system, to which is added the Cartesian vortex theory. Oahspe's history of Pan is confused; though it is a reflex from an ancient period, it is unreliable, and is in no sense divine; neither is it rational.

How Jesus Fed the Multitude, and Other Questions.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Please answer the following questions: (1) How did Jesus the Christ feed the multitude with five loaves and a few fishes? (2) How did Jesus know that John the Baptist was Elijah? (3) Did John the Baptist have the same knowledge of himself that Jesus did? (4) Will man be in the exercise of the seven senses when he attains perfection? (5) When eternal life is reached, does personality become annihilated?—N. C. M., Paris, Tex.

(1) The question of how Jesus produced the loaves and fishes sufficient to feed thousands of people, has never been answered by the modern clergyman nor the so called scientist; chemistry is wholly inadequate to explain the wonderful phenomenon. It is inconceivable, on the basis of the theory of the indestructibility of atoms of matter, that food could be produced through any mental functions of Jesus. If chemistry were true, of course the substances which composed the thousands of loaves and fishes, must have been external to the person of Jesus; and the question arises, in consideration of the subject from the standpoint of the chemist, whence were the atoms obtained?

The problem finds easy solution in Koreshan Alchemy. Matter and spirit are interconvertible; that is, matter is susceptible of being reduced to spirit, and spirit is convertible to matter. Every form in the universe is an expression of thought; the physical universe, with all its forms and functions, is the outermost expression of the divine mind. Through the processes of evolution, or descent of life from the highest to the lowest planes of existence, the energies are metamorphosed to various qualities, and find expression in all the activities of the tangible, physical universe. If, instead of expression of qualities of mind through long cycles of descent of life, there should obtain a direct materialization of mind, the same results would be produced. This is exactly what occurred in the production of the loaves and fishes with which the multitude was fed; they were direct creations through the projection and materialization of pneumo-psychic energies from the mind of Jesus. To comprehend the processes, the fundamentals of Koreshan Sci-

ence must be mastered. The process, however, is similar to that of materialization of gold, silver, or copper in electroplating, and the formation and precipitation of rain, hail, and meteors, which are the result of the materialization of energies.

(2) Jesus understood who John the Baptist was through the influx of spiritual entities dwelling in John, the aggregate force of which comprised the spirit of John's baptism. In the baptism of Jesus, John transmitted to Jesus pneumo-psychic energies, the spirit of anointing of the Messiah. Then Jesus involved all of the divine entities that were in John, and consequently comprehended all that John was in office and function.

(3) John the Baptist came for the specific purpose of preparing the way for the Messiah, and of anointing the special personality when he presented himself to receive the energies which he had to impart. John knew that he was Elijah; he openly proclaimed that he was the Voice in the wilderness, and knew what work he had to perform. He was Elijah to those whom he baptized, and more especially was he Elijah to Jesus. But when asked by those who could not comprehend his mission, he was *not* Elijah to them, but merely the natural John.

Previous to the baptism of Jesus, John understood who he was, and through the entities in himself he knew that One was to come after him who was greater than John; and when Jesus came to be baptized, John recognized him as the Messiah. He said: "He must increase, but I must decrease." He meant that in the performance of his mission he was emptying himself of the entities of baptism, while Jesus was gathering the lambs in himself, and increasing in power. In a short time after the baptism of Jesus, when the entities had departed from John, and when he was but an empty vessel, he forgot whom Jesus was, and sent his disciples to Jesus to inquire if he were the one who should come, or should he look for another.

(4) Man, when complete in his biunity, will possess the seven senses naturally, and also the exercise of their correspondence, spiritually. At the present time man is dual; that is, one personality is male, and another, female. The sixth sense is specifically masculine, while the seventh sense pertains to maternity.

(5) Eternal life is the state of consciousness reached through absorption into Nirvana; it is the central consciousness of the divine humanity. Immortality, the state of biunity in the natural world, is the stepping-stone to eternal life. When eternal life is reached, the personality passes away, but *not* the individual con-

sciousness; man retains his individuality. The personality is the external form. The word person is derived from *persona*, which means mask or covering. However, the individual consciousness is not separate from personalities, for all human mind and consciousness are in man. Absorption into Nirvana is absorption into the interior mind of humanity.

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The World's News.

Wednesday, July 5.—Disastrous floods raging in the Brazos valley, Texas; hundreds of square miles inundated, and thousands of people are confined on islands in the flood, without help or food.—The Fourth of July was celebrated in England; known as American day.—The Schurman peace commission in the Philippines a failure.—Cubans celebrate the Fourth.—Obligatory arbitration defeated at the Hague.

Thursday.—Michigan supreme court declares municipal ownership legislation unconstitutional; decides that neither public opinion nor the majority can be followed.—Kentucky democrats unite to defeat Bryan.—Governor of Texas appeals to war department for aid for flood sufferers; hundreds of persons reported drowned, and thousands are suffering.—International convention of Christian Endeavorers opens at Detroit, Mich.—Cuban agitators fail to stir up another revolution; appealed for support in Spain, Mexico, Venezuela, without success.

Friday.—Earthquake shocks at San Francisco.—American association of Osteopaths meets at Indianapolis.—Zola's novels confiscated in Germany; action condemned in German press as a disgrace to the civilized world.—The pope advises Christians in Belgium to stop rioting and cease revolutionary attitude toward Belgian government.—Riots and disorder in Vienna.—Serious riots in Barcelona, Spain; Jesuits' college guarded by soldiers.

Saturday.—Admiral Cervera and other officers of Spanish fleet destroyed at Santiago, acquitted by special court martial at Madrid.—Members of international Woman's Council entertained by the Queen at Windsor castle.—Statistics show startling increase of crime in Germany.—Cardinal Vaughn advocates Anglo-American alliance for the purpose of crushing despotism in the world.—Bryan cheered at dollar dinner at Columbus, O.; favors 16 to 1, and anti-trust policy.

Sunday.—Gigantic railway trust under way in New York; capital \$2,545,230,000; to control railways of America.—Michigan reformers disconcerted at decision of supreme court against municipal ownership.—25,000 destitute Texas flood sufferers being fed by the government; 10,000 square miles of territory overflowed; financial loss not less than \$6,000,000.—Transvaal government yields to demands of England, and grants franchises to Uitlanders.

Monday.—Strike riots in London, Ont.; a mob of 5,000 persons rules the city; street cars ruined, and policemen and car men are stoned; non-union men objects of attack by unions; militia called to restore order.—Great storm raging in Manila; officials fear inundation of the city; over 7 inches of rainfall in 12 hours.—Christians begin a raid on Mormonism at Salt Lake

City, Utah; A. M. Cannon arrested on charge of polygamy; say others will follow.—Annual convention of national educational association, at Los Angeles, Cal.—Anglo-African war still threatens; Transvaal difficulty not settled.

Tuesday.—Work of recruiting of ten regiments of U. S. volunteers for the Philippines, temporarily suspended by mysterious order from secretary of war.—Representatives of Aguinaldo hold another peace parley with Gen. Otis; negotiations again fruitless.—Red Cross steamer Portia, wrecked off Maine coast; passengers rescued.—New York street car men threaten a great strike.—Civil war threatening in Spain, with prospect of control by republicans.—Bulgarian delegate to peace congress, sympathizing with the Czar, smarts under the failure of the plan, and denounces the great powers of the world for withholding support and co-operation.

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Leslie's Weekly.

A special feature of the issue of July 20, is an illustrated article by an ex-naval apprentice, now a prominent Methodist minister, showing how the United States trains and fits men for success behind the guns in times of war. Another feature of equal interest is "The Campaign of the Jungle," with two pages of illustrations of volunteers, and domestic life in the Philippines. The rough riders at Las Vegas; the intercollegiate regatta; celebrations of the first anniversary of the naval battle at Santiago, and the bicycle feat of Mile-a-minute Murphy, are subjects of illustration and letter press. It is a fine midsummer number, with its interesting page of personals, and other departments.

The Saturday Evening Post.

The issue of July 15 contains an excellent article by Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, on the Misgovernment of the Modern City; it gives an insight into

municipal affairs, and practical municipal politics, with useful suggestions for the suppression of the bribe-giver and the boodler. The Misgovernment of the Modern City is one of a group of articles dealing with questions of vital import, written by experts of international reputation. The July 15 number of the *Post* also contains articles and stories by Bret Harte, Mollie Elliot Seawell, Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), Ex-Senator Ingalls, Robert Burdette, and others equally well known.

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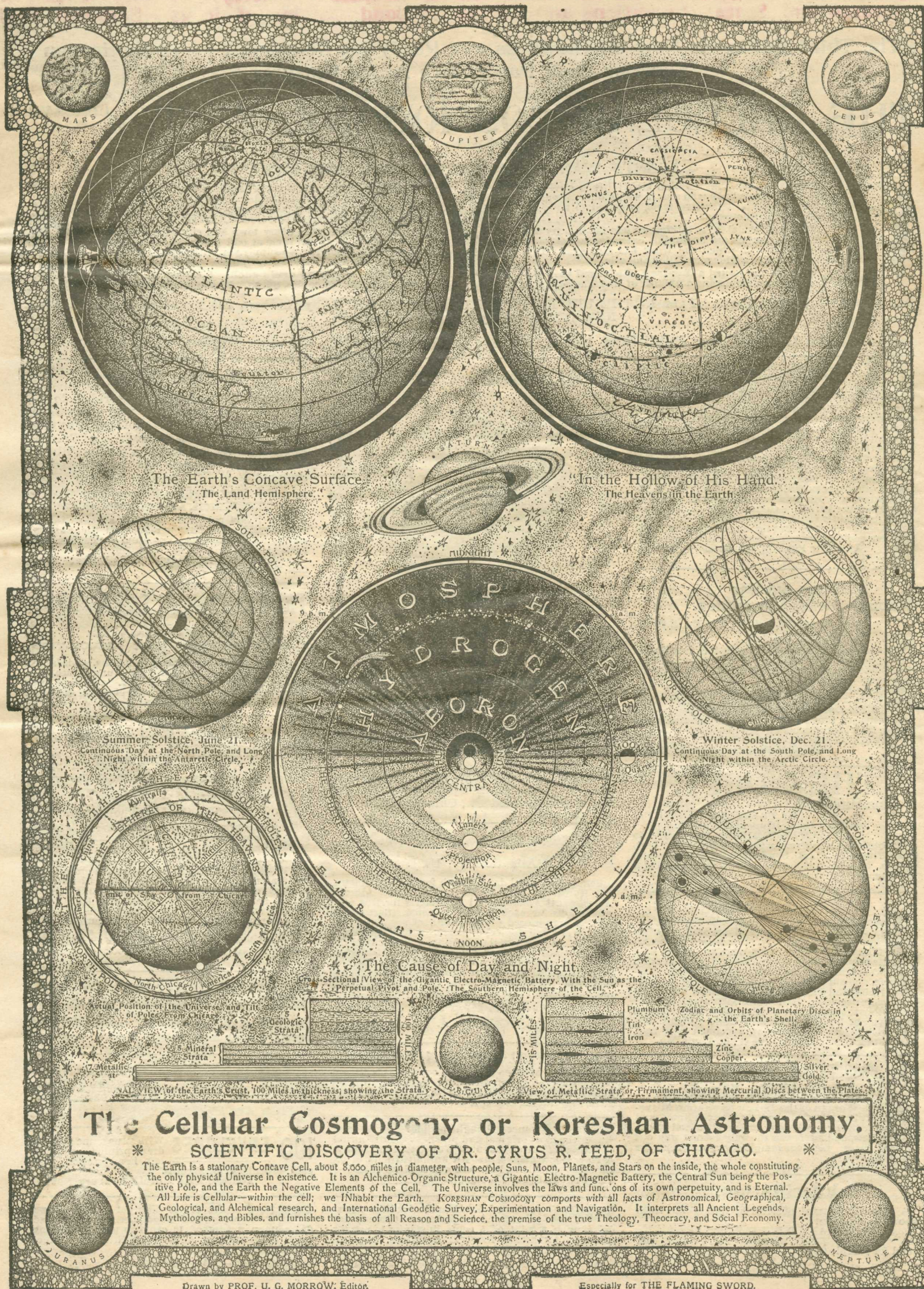
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