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

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## Koreshan Science of Mental Therapeutics.

Part II.

The Laws of Generation and Transmission of the Vital Force of Scientific Mental Healing ; Necessary Normal Equipose and Continuity of Desire in a Given Direction.

THE LAWS of healing may be included in this general statement: Generate, economize, and transmit vital force in some one or more of its qualities. How shall vital force (dynamis) or virtue be generated? How shall it be husbanded? How shall it be transmitted? When these three questions are answered, the problem of healing is scientifically settled. How can we generate dynamis (virtue), so called by the Lord Jesus? There is but one way to develop the force of real virtue, and that is to exercise every faculty of the mind and every organ of the body divinely; that is, be virtuous, and virtue (dynamis) will be generated in abundance.

The normal state of the body and mind is essential to success in the practice of our Therapeutics. We do not mean by this, that there is no power to heal where the mind and body of the Therapist are not absolutely in a normal state. The nearer the approach to normality, the greater the success; the further the removal from a state of normality, the less successful will be the practitioner.

The law of generation of force may be stated in one word, agitation. There is no generation of force without agitation. That the student may comprehend this statement, we resort to the laws of physics, and by analogy pass over to metaphysics in the application of the law or principle. The vibration of a musical chord creates friction by its rapid *trition* (rubbing) of the particles of air. The air is composed of oxygen and nitrogen; the friction of these particles by the tense

chord in rapid vibration, converts them to energy by the transformation of the physical matter to physical force. The transmission of this force through space will displace material substances at long distances; as for instance, particles of sand spread out over a plate of glass, will—by the vibration of a tuning fork placed some distance away—be arranged in definite forms. The same kind of substance, with the same kind of vibration or agitation, will invariably assume the same shapes, and the forms will become settled as soon as the vibration ceases, or a state of normal rest is instituted.

Persons who are normal are always in a state of rest,—so far as their own parts are concerned; that is, every organ and every function is in a normal relation and action. This is always rest; but we do not mean by this, inactivity. A person may be constantly active, and yet always resting. Normal activity is restful always. We will illustrate this by the teeter-board. Let two children seat themselves, balanced, on the two ends of a plank resting across a bar. They may teeter for hours and not become exhausted. But let the board be moved from its poise or equilibrium, and the enjoyment is dissipated; fatigue will be the consequence of a continued exercise or activity. The activity in the one case is enjoyment, a recreation; in the other, irksome and exhaustive.

### Agitation Must Precede the Rest State.

If we take sand and spread it out on a plate of glass as an illustration of disease, we may argue as follows:



The uniform layer of sand over the glass surface is the result of artificial manipulation. Its tendency—when agitated and subject to certain ethereal vibration—is to assume a definite shape, regulated by the special kind or quality of agitation. When the vibration ceases, the sand maintains the position and form occasioned by the peculiar agitation to which it was subject.

The student may inquire, "What has agitation of mind or body to do with healing the sick?" There can be no healing without agitation, therefore, inquiry into the nature of the agitation or vibration essential to a restoration to health, is both legitimate and imperative. If a person perfectly normal, that is, in perfect harmony with him or herself, a person in perfect concord, meets another in extreme discord, or out of balance, there is created an agitation of mind. If the one who is normal should be thrown out of balance by the discordant relations and conditions in the one who is unbalanced or ill, the sick one would not be benefited by the agitation, and the well one would be made sick by the discord. A thoroughly balanced person is not supposed to be thrown off guard or out of balance by the agitation of another. When a person is thoroughly well, he may remain so by observing the laws of his physiological being. This is the result of watchfulness and prayerfulness, or a desire to do righteously. Such a one is constantly on guard, because constantly surrounded by the influences of evil. Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."

While in this world, surrounded by the influences of the fleshly lusts and the determinings of the animal and lower human propensities, to maintain an equilibrium one must keep a continuous guard. Constantly maintain an equilibrium; that is, keep your balance. If the balanced Therapist (and every genuine Therapist is balanced) meets a person who is diseased, the Therapist at once perceives the discord or want of harmony between the parts, both anatomical and functional, of the patient. The tendency of such a state of functional disturbance existing in the patient, and revealed to the Therapist, is to perturb the mind of the healer; because in proportion to the harmony of the metaphysician, is the dissonance of the patient repulsive. This is because concord cannot be in agreement with discord. Concord does not agitate. Concord is reduction to equilibrium. Discord is the cause of agitation. Now comes the trial of the Therapist. If the balance of the Therapist is sufficient to maintain the normal equipoise (the state of rest), resistance is offered to the state of the patient, all the energies of the patient are aroused (agitated, vibrated), and force is generated as the result of the agitation.

Agitation of matter produces potency, by the destruction of matter and its conversion to force. The most foul matter (by the operation of complete decom-

position by combustion) can be reduced to force, either in the state of light, heat, electricity, magnetism, gravity, or other qualities of force, and not only rendered inert, but helpful.

Some metaphysicians are so active in their psychic potency, as to agitate not only a few, but all of the molecules in a patient. In such case, the rubbing together of the molecules or particles of matter in the body, causes a too rapid decomposition, consequently the patient is in danger of death. This process has been falsely called chemicalization. It is the decomposition of matter by agitation (vibration), which produces friction (trition, rubbing together), and if carried too far, destroys not only the morbid elements and reduces them to force, but destroys also the healthy molecules. It is thus seen that to be a true healer, the operator should have a scientific knowledge of the potency which he is capable of generating.

A metaphysician once made this statement to us: "The patients I treat, chemicalize to such an extent that it is becoming dangerous for me to treat them, and I don't know what to do." She did not know the reason, nor did she know how to control the phenomenon;—and yet she was a "metaphysician" of the school which claims to know it all. If her system of healing had been established on the science (knowledge) of Christ, or the knowledge which Jesus Christ had, she would have fallen back upon one simple axiom (a statement made and understood by Jesus), and thereby obtained a revelation of the whole question. This axiom has its basis in the Scripture declaration: "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." The axiom may be formulated thus: *Whatsoever the thought desires, may be attained to by the continuity of the desire in a given direction, until it is gratified.* This metaphysician had somehow imbibed the impression that it was a good thing for the patient to "chemicalize" (for particles of matter to pass by transformation, to the stage of molecular decomposition), and had so directed her desires until it became the habitual determination of her efforts to heal.

The desire is the wish; it is the *prayer*, and to be efficient, must be unbroken in its continuity. The more continuous the aspiration, the more efficacious the prayer or thought. Thought is substance. The desire, the affection, which is the love of the thing you desire, and which is generated in the will by its effort, is the psychic force. It is a potential substance, and is generated by the continuity of thought thus expressed. "Pray without ceasing!" It is only by such continuation of your desire upon a given object, that your prayer is answered.

At one time, the disciples of Jesus had failed to heal a sick person brought to them. They had tried without avail. When Jesus came, he accomplished the restora-



certain nerve-cell connections; how certain bits of knowledge may escape our memory, for a time, because of a temporary incapacity of the nerve-cells to make the proper connections; and so on indefinitely."

A slight examination of the nature and discoveries of Experimental Psychology, is enough to show that as a science, it bears directly toward and leads up to the Koreshan doctrine of the interconvertibility of spirit and matter; but although its whole message treats of the mysterious and intimate relationship between the two, although its discoveries effectually disprove the old idea of the mind as a separate entity, yet does it fail to bridge the chasm. It stops short this side the truth, nor is there any indication that it will ever take the last step.

One of the exponents of the new Psychology, whose work was crowned by the Society of Arts and Sciences of London, in a course of lectures designed for the students of the American University with which he is connected, summed up the subject in these discouraging words: "We may conclude that the physiological and the psychic represent each a universe within itself, so that we cannot make the two convertible; at the same time, the correlations are so close that the psychic activity is manifested only through the physiological."

Now a little while before, in a preceding lecture of the same course, he distinctly states that "in the cell (brain cell) there takes place a transformation of potential matter into kinetic force, the nerve-cell becoming the center of the correlation of matter and energy, the

resultant being the manifestation of the highest degree of vital force."

Right here, Koreshan Science would aver that the latter statement—which contains more truth than its author suspects—gives a plain contradiction to the former,—that the brain cell is the laboratory where the physiological and the psychic not only meet, but are reciprocally transformed, interconverted; that when potential matter is changed into kinetic force, a part of this force is psychic—the only kind of psychic force there is in the world, of which the human brain is the generator and reservoir.

By psychic or soul force we mean mental force, the understanding and the will, or intellect and love. The fact that we have no experience nor manifestation of psychic force apart from the brain as its organ *and generator*, adds a strong presumption in favor of the Koreshan idea. The phenomena of modern spiritualism offer no exception; the brain of the medium being in every case the source of the various manifestations alleged. As for the evidence of design in Nature, the laws that govern the physical universe have their origin in mind, the perfect mind of the God-man, who is periodically manifest in human form with a human brain. Spirit apart from matter has no causative force; cause lies at the nexus of matter and spirit in the brain.

Experimental Psychology is working in the right direction. In studying the brain, its structure and functions, it is investigating in the realm of causation, and has done good service in disproving the musty theories of theology. As shown above, from the lips of one of its own teachers, it finds and recognizes very definite limitations to its researches.

## Judgment to the Line and Righteousness to the Plummets.

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

It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment. \* \* \* Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my Spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. \* \* \* He shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth. \* \* \* The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment. \* \* \* Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne. \* \* \* Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off, for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

**T**HE MESSENGER of God's Covenant, the Messiah, the Judge upon whom God put his Spirit, who brought judgment to the Jew, was Jesus. The one spoken of in the second quotation, as given above, "shall bring forth judgment unto the Gentiles." The first Messenger came in the end of the Jewish age—the time of judgment, the "great and dreadful day of the Lord" of that age. The Messenger to the Gentiles "shall bring forth judgment unto truth." He comes at a time when there is no truth, either in church or state—heaven or earth. Adultery in every domain of existence is at its full. "He will bring forth judgment unto truth,"—set truth again upon her fallen throne. However impossible the undertaking may appear, "He shall

not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth." This will be the consummation of the prayer that Jesus taught: "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." It is declared in Malachi:

I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

### Governmental Robbers.

Governments are in league with usurers and speculators, to rob and pauperize their own poor subjects. A few common examples will make this—impossible as it may seem—entirely apparent. In a western state, a farmer had a farm worth \$1200. On this farm, a usurer held a mortgage (*death grip*) for \$50. The usurer class that manipulates money, had made it so scarce that his neighbor farmers, with his example before them, dared not encumber themselves to help him, so they were obliged to see the whole farm, at the sale of the property, go to the usurer, or some pal of his, for the \$50 *and costs*, said *costs* being the government's share of



in the trusts, in the competitive system of the robbery of the people, and in all the systems of oppression,—from the kings down to the priests who shackle the minds of millions. The world is rapidly nearing the final crisis; the crash *must* come. The hightide of crime and corruption, dissipation and debauchery, is coming. Crime is increasing, and suicides are multiplying. Men are being lynched, tortured, and burned at the stake, with all the horrors of the Inquisition. Men drink liquid fire, eat opium, use tobacco, and other narcotics. Both homes and houses of ill-fame are full of prostitution. Every nefarious business which the mind can conceive and invent, is being conducted in all the cities of civilization. These are *facts*; and we have not exaggerated them. It is difficult to find words adequate to describe the terrible conditions in which humanity finds itself. It is in bondage; the conspiracies and the intrigues of hell are successful. In all domains and departments of the human world, there are perversions and corruptions; they are expressed directly from the selfish heart of humanity. The world has made its external life and conditions just what it is in mind and heart. The people have presumed to rule in the western world; society, industry, commerce, and government have been adapted to the selfish, sordid, and sensual tendencies of a retrogressive humanity. The world has clothed itself from within, with all its undesirable environments. Absolute purity is a stranger; truth is unknown to the masses. Honesty and integrity find no welcome among the common herd; and justice and liberty do not impulse the aristocracy. Is the world growing better? The university, the college, church, and society, and the government say that it is; but the facts and Koreshanity deny it. The world is as it was nineteen hundred years ago, and worse; *then* it murdered the Christ for telling the truth about humanity. The Koreshan Prophet, through THE FLAMING SWORD and other avenues, dares to tell the truth regarding modern civilization, regardless of the consequences. Heroes always dare to be true to truth; he who cannot make enemies, cannot make friends that can be depended upon!

The orthodox churchmen are as busily engaged in displaying their ignorance of the Bible, as are the 'higher critics.' The latter attack the Bible, on the ground of its contradictions to modern science, while the former make a few feeble efforts to prove that the Bible is inspired. Both the orthodox churchman and the critic accept the modern scientific theories, but the two schools of Bibliography arrive at opposite conclusions. Both sides are endeavoring to analyze the Bible; and both sides are trying to find evidences to prove their claims, in ancient hieroglyphics on tablets, and in temples and tombs; and each school claims to find testimony which conflicts with the discoveries of the other. They pursue circuitous routes to conclusions; neither school will solve the problems of the Bible. Koreshanity monopolizes the field of Biblical verification and demonstration. The Bible must be understood before it can be either logically refuted or scientifically verified. The Bible is written in the language of scientific symbolism; and not until the symbols of the universe are understood,—not until the universe itself, with all its forms and functions, is comprehended, can the language of the Bible be proven true or false. Koreshanity reads the Bible in the light of demonstrated science. If what the Bible contains is the veritable truth; if its symbolism is correct; if the laws it expresses are the laws of life, it matters not who wrote the Bible. We take truth for authority, and not authority for truth! Koreshanity demonstrates that the astronomy of the Bible is true; that its alchemy is scientific; that its symbolism involves the profound mysteries of life and creation; that its astrology is reliable; that its ethnology is faultless; that its

physiology is verified by actual facts of human form and function; that its biology is the science of divine existence; that the resurrection is a possibility in humanity; that its Messianism is the very essential, fundamental, and central principle of universal perpetuity; and that its prophecies are forecasts of history, fulfilled in current events. Such demonstrations are of infinitely more value than all the archeological fragments from the debris of the past!

The people are growing tired of the modern church; its pretensions and hypocrisies are becoming repulsive to the masses. The church organizations are as full of trickery and wire-pulling as are the political organizations. The church conferences are on a par with the political conventions. The preachers and politicians are alike in many respects, and denominational enthusiasm is like that of the political parties. The church is breaking up, and leaving the old creeds. The walls of theological seminaries are crumbling; the students are crying out for something more liberal. The preachers are asking that the theological masks and muzzles be taken off, that they may speak their convictions freely. A Presbyterian minister has thrown a bomb at an annual synod; and thousands of occupants of the pulpit are realizing the truth of his startling statements: "The church will not last long under present conditions. You will soon gather around the dying embers, and wonder where the former glow is. The Sunday school is a great bulwark, not only of conservatism, but of bigotry." The many radical and startling things concerning the modern church, which have been declared through the columns of THE FLAMING SWORD for years, are now being re-echoed throughout the world. The church is a miserable failure; it needs to enter oblivion, and it is rapidly moving in the direction of destruction.

The creeds teach that the physical universe was created and built up from nothing, about 6,000 years ago; that the whole system of existence was made in 144 hours. And yet, the universe is claimed to be infinite! It seems quite remarkable that it required a longer time to make the earth and put it in shape for habitation than it did to make the infinite number of worlds of suns and stars which are supposed to fill the infinite space of the Copernican system of the universe. The processes of continent building that are now going on incessantly, are the same processes by which the continents that are now existing were made. The sun and the sea are factors in world-building and world-perpetuity. Billions of insects in the sea and on the shore are tiny workmen, instrumental in the construction of islands, peninsulas, and continents. The physical world is always being created; the ceaseless rounds of cycles are eternal. The physical world never began in point of time, and it will never end. The great clock of the ages has always been ticking off universal time; it has kept time for more ages than there are grains of sand on the sea-shore. Law is eternal; and it is eternal by virtue of the fact that it always had and always will have a physical world, a physical pediment, in which to operate. Law is but the mode of action of substances which make up the eternal whole.

It is not possible to be what has not been in the past. Whatever conditions are reached in the world, are reached in accordance with law; and all law is eternal. There is nothing that man can truly hope to obtain, that has not been possessed by others in the past; for nothing can occur in the universe that has not, in accordance with ever operative law, occurred in ages gone by. History repeats itself; the progressive poles of cycles return to the same point, and produce the same results. Men have been immortal in the past; mortality could not now be if it were not so. The sons of God are coming again; the res-



urrection, the standing again, is about to take place. A superior race of men existed previous to the darkened period of the world's history; they were in the world previous to the days of Noah. The three great ages of every cycle of 24,000 years, are ages in which immortal men are manifest in the world. The Iron Age is the age of mortality; the age of darkness; the age of declension and delusion,—and the Iron Age is about to end. The great Alchemist is engaged in the work of transmutation of iron to gold, and will usher the world from the Iron Age to the Golden Age of immortality. It is a scientific process, and will take place in the external, natural world of humanity.

The American government is no more imperialistic today than it was previous to the Spanish-American war. If it is oppressing the Cubans and the Filipinos now, it was oppressing seventy millions of its own people before. Do the anti-imperialists think more of the savage tribes in the Philippines than the people of America? How does it come that the Filipinos find champions among those in America who were silent during all the years of American oppression previous to the cession of the Spanish colonies? If the American government is a free government; if it is more advanced and more liberal than the small, changeful, and petulant republics of Central and South America, would not the Filipinos be benefited by becoming a part of the more advanced republic? Can the Filipinos give themselves greater freedom and greater security than the United States of America can guarantee to them as a fractional part of the integral whole, under the flag of liberty? If the American government should be driven out of the Philippines, it should also be driven out of America; but if America is the land of liberty; if it contains the highest elements of civilization and progress in all the world today, then in the name of common sense and humanity, let it expand!

Magistrates, sheriffs, constables, policemen, and detectives resort to rank injustice and persecution for the sake of money. The practice of magistrates—that of giving fifty per cent of fines to informers,—creates innumerable parasites who prey upon citizens. The Illinois flag law recently went into effect; and before the men who had been printing the flag could change their designs or use up stationery already printed, hundreds were arrested on all sorts of technical charges, under warrants signed by magistrates but filled out by constables when they had, in disguise, trapped their victims. A detective recently visited a business man and asked if he knew where a counterfeit silver dollar could be obtained; the detective wanted one for a keepsake, he said. The detective was shown a lead dollar; the detective purchased the same for fifty cents, and immediately arrested the man for passing counterfeit money. Thousands of similar cases occur every year. The injustice is obvious—a form of injustice which creates contempt for the courts, disrespect for the law, and makes anarchists.

"Social Christianity demands a Christ in humanity." The demand should be made of the proper source, and means employed to put the Christ into the people. The process is obviously Messianic. A Messiah is a man; Jesus was a man, and he went into his disciples through an incorruptible dissolution, which reduced his body to divine energy or Holy Spirit. The Christ was first objective to his disciples; he then became subjective in them. He was the divine seed which fell into the soil of the mortal world, and died during the age—as every seed must die in order to reproduce. The only way in which the Christ can get into the people of the nineteenth century, is utterly ignored in Christian socialism; it cannot put the Christ into the people, hence it cannot reform the world.

Are there too many preachers? Vastly too many of the wrong kind—the kind that is unacquainted with the principles of righteousness and of purity. It is an indisputable fact that both clergymen and criminals are multiplying. As Christianity spreads, crime increases; as civilization advances, corruption keeps pace with it. The members of a false church are engaged in a false commerce. Preachers, politicians, and other parasites and pretenders, alike oppress the people. There are too many preachers, priests, Pharisees, and false prophets; too many pulpits and pews; too many ministers who minister for mercenary purposes. The modern world has produced ignorance and insanity; selfishness and superstition; money and murder; judges and jails. The church is not civilizing the world; it is not even civilizing itself.

The modern world is perverted in life, thought, and conduct. In both desire and deed, the world disobeys the laws of existence; and the mental conceptions of a perverted world are necessarily fallacious, because the very foundation fabric and fiber of the man are corrupt. Right thinking is the key to right living. The mentality of the world is in exact correspondence with the quality of its material base; the world is full of chaos and discord in all its affairs. The self-evident corruption of the world is an infallible index to the quality of its life and mind. Its science is fallacious; its religion is superstition; and its commerce and governments are oppressive. The world should feel ashamed and conscience-smitten to call its theories scientific, and its civilization righteous.

The great astronomical telescope in preparation for the Paris exposition of 1900 is attracting considerable attention. It will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, but it will solve none of the hundreds of unsolved problems, nor settle any of the difficulties which are encountered in the popular system of astronomy. If the scientific world would expend a few hundred thousand dollars in the extension of an *absolutely straight line*, a number of miles in length, such as was accomplished by the Koreshan Geodetic Expedition in 1897, it would destroy every vestige of the modern fallacy, and forever settle the question of the shape of the earth for those who will not accept the facts of the Koreshan survey. A scientific retribution is coming, and the victory will be ours!

Christians and Jews are taking it upon themselves to fulfil prophecy, by inaugurating a movement for the return of the Jews to Palestine, and for the establishment of a Jewish republic, with Jerusalem as the capital. Jewish capital is behind the scheme; the money power will claim it, and control it in the event of its establishment. This movement is but the most external reflex of the genuine gathering of Israel in the New Jerusalem, which is now in the spiritual world of the Messiah of the age. Zionism purposes the restoration of the external Jew under a republican form of government; and thousands of Jews may be gulled into believing that the Jewish republic is the veritable restoration of David's throne, the re-establishment of the theocracy of Moses!

The legislature of Illinois has made the American flag a sacred thing. It has passed a law forbidding the printing of pictures of the flag on advertisements, or on goods for sale. The patriot must keep it off his letter-heads and envelopes; it must not appear in connection with any printed announcements of any business, nor adorn the windows of business houses. Small business men must not desecrate the flag; the flag must be utilized to protect the nefarious schemes of the millionaire. The flag may not drape the windows of small concerns, but it will wave over the trusts and corporations as an emblem of their



prosperity. Desecration of the flag must now be left exclusively to the money gods!

Earth, air, and water, also physical and human energies, are made to contribute to the wealth of the millionaire; all of the available resources of the universe are drawn upon to satisfy the greed for money, regardless of the consequences to humanity at large. In the mad race for wealth, in the universal worship of gold, the welfare and happiness of the masses are left out of the question entirely. To all intents and purposes at the present time, the universe exists for the few. The pirates and the parasites enjoy prosperity, while the poor luxuriate in poverty!

Recent experiments in acoustics have disturbed the physicists, and have "pointed to the necessity of reconsidering certain accepted dogmas relating to the transmission of sound waves." The prevailing theory of sound is proving very unsatisfactory in scientific circles, and a new theory is demanded—a new hypothesis as a basis. It is a poor system of physics which cannot settle itself beyond the possibility of being disturbed by subsequent discoveries! Acousticians need a *sound* basis; but it is evident that the accepted physics does not furnish them such a premise.

Political parties cannot increase the earth's productiveness nor the laborer's skill; but the money power behind the parties so controls capital, as to make prosperity for the millionaire by appropriating the products of the earth and labor. The money barometer rises and falls in the domain of commerce; it is manipulated by commercial pirates, who prosper at the expense of the millions who are forced to serve the few!

Science is the last thing in the world that an agnostic should undertake to teach; for science is from *scire*, to know.

Science means knowledge; the Greek word *gnosis* means knowledge. *Agnosis* means exactly the opposite—without knowledge. An agnostic is a man without knowledge; it is impossible for such a man to teach science. The majority of the modern scientists are agnostics!

The lion-hunters of South Africa have at last encountered the king of beasts in the jungles and on the mountain sides. The formidable lion is out for gold, and purposes placing his mark on all his victims. His roar is heard in the Transvaal; it is the voice of the cannon!

The world is not *living* on the inside of the earth; it is dying there. Death prevails throughout humanity; and not until Koreshanity triumphs, can man be said to *live* anywhere.

The process of civilization of the cannibal has been aptly described by an old African chief: "First come missionary, then come rum, then come traders, then come army."

The Adventists claim to be sounding the "midnight cry;" they are crying out of darkness. Koreshanity deals with daylight!

The accumulations of the millionaire are stupendous; the privations of the people are co-loss-al.

Political candidates and corruptionists strive to make their "calling and election sure."

Protestantism is composed of mere disintegrated elements of Catholicism.

The spirits of the money power talk through the medium of exchange.

## Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

### Koreshanity the Coming World-Power.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Your bold and fearless way of attacking the corruptions of church and state, is a powerful attraction to me. Allowing Koreshanity to come straight from the devil, any fair-minded reader of the Koreshan literature and observer of the ways of the world, must acknowledge that it is far in advance of the church of today. Seeing the corruption and the poverty, you have set yourselves to the noble task of applying the only true remedy, while the churches, in company with tyrants and agnostics, are soaked in blood and carnage.

Still, I am honest enough to admit that I often find myself asking the question, Are not KORESH and his disciples the great impostors of the latter days, of whom Christ said: "Insomuch, that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect"? Nevertheless, after reading the Koreshan literature, I am obliged to admit that KORESH is by far the greatest man in the earth today, and that Koreshanity is destined to become a power—of some kind—the world over. With your correspondent in Colorado, I am satisfied that there is an enormous supply of *brains* back of the Koreshan gospel; and that you can answer—to the satisfaction of Koresh-

ans, at least—whatever questions we may ask you. So I pray you be patient, while I ask some more:

(1) Do you claim KORESH to be the Christ, or simply the Sign, the Messenger of Christ? (Koreshan literature appears to me to try to evade a straight answer to this); and if so, inasmuch as you claim Koreshanity to be the exact teaching of Christ, why not call him by his right name, and the gospel, Christian?

(2) In THE FLAMING SWORD of October 6, you say that God does not know all things; while KORESH tells us that "He possesses omniscience—omni-science." You also make the statement that KORESH is in possession of the "philosopher's stone, the key to all knowledge." Again, it is said there is a simple key which "unlocks universal mystery." Is KORESH further advanced than God? Please harmonize this contradiction, lest we call you a set of blasphemers and hypocrites.—P. A. C., St. Albans, Vt.

The time has been in the history of Koreshanity, when KORESH was considered to be a weak fanatic, unworthy of notice; but the fact that thinking minds are now recognizing the superiority of his scientific System over the mental products of modern blunderers, is proof that he is making rapid progress in the direction of a stupendous triumph over fallacy in the world. The Founder of Koreshanity is

today making a greater and deeper impression upon the mind of the world than ever before. Thousands of people are willing to concede the fact that he possesses a wonderful mind, which has expressed itself in a marvelous System. The agitation will increase more and more, until he wins.

Already he is a curiosity to the world. Newspaper reporters leave him after interviews, with surprise and wonder; audiences listen to his eloquence with profound attention, questioning in their own hearts whom he really is, and what is to be the result of his work. KORESH has thousands of enemies, and thousands of friends; both classes will rapidly increase until the culmination. A *weak* man can never have many enemies, nor many friends; the man who is *able* to make enemies that will fight him bitterly, is also able to make friends that are staunch and true to his System.

The next question, after admission of the manifest and self-evident stupendous force back of Koreshanity, is the question of its truth. This question cannot be settled by those who simply in-



quire but do not investigate. The Man and his System must be studied in order to be understood. The enemies of Koreshanity are those who know the least about it; its staunch friends are those who best know the System and its Founder. The System contains its own methods of test. How could the principles of Alchemy be tested by other methods than those which belong to Alchemy itself? Every true system has its premise. Koreshanity has a specific premise, which is susceptible of test; it defines what that premise is, as well as the methods of demonstration. If the System is true, there is but one conclusion concerning the Man with whom it originated; and that is, that the Man is as true as his System. Such a system as Koreshanity *must* concern the world. If it is true, it is the most magnanimous system ever brought to the knowledge of man; and the world must, in time, welcome it with joy. If it is false, the world has it to fear; because it has a potency behind it that will push it throughout the wide world!

(1) Koreshan literature does not attempt to evade clear and specific statements concerning the mission of KORESH. The great trouble is the failure on the part of the people to comprehend what to us is clear and emphatic. The fact is, that the function and mission of the Founder of Koreshanity cannot be thoroughly and satisfactorily understood and appreciated until the System itself is understood and accepted. There are so many complexities concerning the intellectual fruitage of an entire cycle of human progress, that it is difficult to answer such questions satisfactorily in a few words, or in a few pages to those who do not understand the System; it would require volumes.

We find that people are prone to jump at conclusions from old premises or suppositions; they are so liable to form erroneous and absurd conclusions, that care and judgment must be exercised in the promulgation of Koreshanity. For the most part, we do not find it necessary to express always, *ultimate* conclusions, where *steps* are necessary for the investigators. It should be sufficient for the student of Koreshanity to take the necessary *logical steps* in the route to inevitable conclusions, rather than to attempt to have promiscuous conclusions given them before they are able to grasp what the conclusions mean, and how they are arrived at. One would not think that a teacher of common school branches is evading the subject, because he does not at once tell the student all about the intricacies of the more advanced departments to which the branch belongs. There were many things

which even the disciples of Jesus could not understand; and they were told, "Ye cannot bear them now." There is a systematic method of study of all subjects; and there is a promiscuous, haphazard, and *harmful* method—the one usually employed by the modern mind.

Is KORESH the veritable Jesus the Christ? No; there was but one Jesus the Christ; *he* lived nineteen hundred years ago. Jesus was the name of that unique, immortal personality which was manifest as the Messiah to the Jews. In Him the mind of the Almighty was manifest in the philosophic degree; he was the manifestation of the love and will of God. KORESH cannot be *that* personality, any more than Jesus was the personality of Moses. The Messiah of this dispensation must, of necessity, be *another* personality, with another name, performing a different function, because he is a manifestation of another degree of divine mentality—the scientific degree; he is the manifestation of God in the intellect; and hence puts forth an intellectual System, the Science of the Universe.

KORESH proclaims himself to be the Messiah of this dispensation, the Precursor of the coming sons of God. The Messianic manifestation of the present time is both the Messiah and the *Sign* of the Son of man, the Elijah who comes before the second coming of Jesus in the 144,000 sons of God. The word Christ means anointed; it is not a name, but a title. The church does not know this, and uses the word as a name! The name of the Messiah at the beginning of the age was Jesus; the literal translation of *Ἰησοῦς Χριστός*, is Jesus the Anointed, or the Anointed Savior. The name of the Founder of Koreshanity is KORESH; it is the Hebrew for Cyrus; and Cyrus is his legitimate, first name, by which he has been called since 1839, and is the name prophesied that he should possess when manifest to the world. Isa. xlv: 28; xlv: 1-3.

(2) There are no contradictions in Koreshan literature, nor in THE FLAMING SWORD. The seeming contradiction referred to above, is with the inquirer. We did not say in THE FLAMING SWORD of October 6, that God does not know all things; but specifically and emphatically that God *does* know all things. We used the following words: "The knowledge of God is limited; when he knows all things, he knows all there is to know, and can know no more." The knowledge of God is limited to the universe, which contains all things. The Almighty knows all things; hence his knowledge is limited, because there is a limit of the number of

things in the evolution of a perfect cause. The knowledge of God is *not* infinite; for infinite means incomplete, imperfect, and unfinished. If God's knowledge were infinite, it would be incomplete and imperfect, the same as that of the mortal, ignorant man! We hold that God's knowledge is *complete*, and that the Deific perspective embraces the entire universe, with all its contents. There is nothing more than the universe to know.

Thought is Transmitted in the Direction of Desire.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—(1) You say that the spirit of a man enters the anthropic or human world when he dies. If so, when a man is buried alive, and dies in the grave, what process does his spirit pass through before it enters the spiritual world? (2) Who will be the Messiah at the end of the next dispensation?—E.C.D., Cedar Lane, Pa.

(1) The mental substance of a man who dies in the grave, passes through the same processes that it would in death under any other circumstances. Neither space nor material substance offers any obstruction to the transmission of thought either in life or at death. It is a well-known fact, that gravic energies pass directly through any known material without being obstructed in anyway. If the most subtle physical energies penetrate materials, it should be easy to see that mental substance, the most subtle and refined energy in the universe, can pass through any gross material. Physical energies occupy space, and are transmitted through space; and it requires time for the transmission. In the spiritual world or world of mind, there is neither time nor space; and between mind and mind there is a relation which goes beyond and above space and time, for it belongs to that degree of substance in which there is neither time nor space; and therefore, time and space cannot be considered in the transmission of mind from personality to personality. The processes through which the mind passes in entering the spiritual world, are transmutations from one state to another.

(2) In the coming ages, sons of God will be manifest; they will be the Savors or Messiahs of future dispensations; there will be many instead of one. The names are not yet revealed; they are written in the New Jerusalem, in the Messianic manifestation at the end of the present age. The names of the divine personalities will be given, as the personalities are manifest in the tangible world; there would be no use in their being known before; for until the most progressive minds reach a certain point of progress, the names could not be comprehended; and that point is the actual point of mate-



rialization into sonship. The sons of God are the only ones who will sing the new song;—the only ones who will comprehend the new names. There will, however, be a distinct individual and supreme manifestation at the beginning of every dispensation of the Golden Age, a manifestation of the femininity of God in the divine Mother.

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### In the Field of Koreshan Propaganda.

Weekly Synopsis of Topics Discussed by Koreshan Lecturers.

Koreshan Hall, 316 W. 63d St., Chicago.

THURSDAY EVENING, Oct. 19.—Lecture by Rev. Berthaldine, on Social Purity. Occasionally, one meets with people who deny (because ignorant of the facts) the almost universal prevalence of immorality in the world today. Oh! for an immense auditorium, where the people might congregate and there witness (as thrown by stereopticon in gigantic characters upon the screen) the true statistics of lust and depravity; the dens of infamy and blighted lives! Truly, then, might come an awakening of humanity to the necessity for purification of life.

SUNDAY, 3 P. M., Oct. 22.—Sermon by Rev. Berthaldine. Text: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." Koreshans dare to come before the world, acknowledging the man, KORESH, as the fulfilment of prophecy; the Messenger of the Covenant; the Messiah of the age. But why this belief? Is it but the vain babblings of religious fanatics, as many imagine, or have we a reason for the hope that is in us? KORESH (or Cyrus) has brought to a chaotic world a system of universal science,—the absolute truth,—all parts of which blend into one complete harmony. Necessarily, the man bringing such a message is the Messenger—the great teacher of the age.

Jesus came through the lineage of Judah; but another personality is prophesied to come through the posterity of Joseph. The name is also given: "That saith of CYRUS, he is my shepherd, and shall perform *all* my pleasure; even saying to Jerusalem, thou shalt be built; and to the temple, thy foundation shall be laid." Much other evidence was given, of so forceful a character as to strongly impress the intelligent mind that Koreshans know whereof they speak.

MONDAY EVENING, Oct. 23.—Lecture by Prof. Morrow, on astronomy. The lecturer began with setting forth some fundamental principles of geometry, as follows: two straight perpendicular lines, drawn equally distant one from the other, are called parallel. A like term is applicable to two straight horizontal lines drawn

under the same circumstances. We may take the two perpendicular and the two horizontal lines, fit them together, and we have a true square. The extension of a square is the rectangle. What is true in geometry, is equally applicable in mechanics. Geometry deals in lines and angles; mechanics, in surfaces and corners. Any good artisan can construct a perfect square or a perfect rectangle. If we place the ends of two rectangles together perfectly, the horizontal axis of rectangle No. 2 is but the extension of a like axis in rectangle No. 1, and so on, time without number. Such is the principle of the "air line," as run with the Rectilineator, in the Koreshan Geodetic Survey on the Florida west coast, and upon which principle we challenge the world. Then followed a detailed account of the late survey, and the inevitable conclusions resulting from it.

Koreshan Hall, 681-83 W. Lake St.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 18.—Lecture by Prof. Morrow, on Astronomy. This was the first of a series of lectures on the above named subject, to be held in our West Side hall. The evening was mainly devoted to showing up some of the many absurdities of the Copernican theory. The rapidly revolving (?) earth has spun the yarn from which the entire fabric of modern religion, astronomy, and sociology has been woven.

The theories of evolution and the creation were reviewed and mercilessly scored by the Professor. If God intended to create an infinite universe, he never could complete it, as the word infinite means, literally, *unfinished*. On the other hand, we have the great fallacy—evolution—in which dead, inert matter miraculously took upon itself motion; evolving from chaos a great system of law and order. Away with such nonsense! We want none of it! Koreshanity demonstrates the universe to have always existed. Cycles of time succeed each other as day follows night, but the physical cosmos is perpetual.

City Street Meetings, Conducted by Mr. W. R. Wallace, at Flaming Sword Wagon.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 18.—State and Randolph Sts. Subject: "On with the Dance! Peace a Delusion." This is an age of disintegration, and chaos rules supreme in all domains of human activity. The cry of "peace" is today but the song of the siren, lulling men to rest, while the great ship of state plunges on toward the rocks of perdition and destruction. The Christian dispensation has been, throughout, a career of bloodshed, and its entire history presages the character of the end. Universal revolution is the inevitable lot of a race that loves darkness rather than light, because its deeds are evil. Koreshanity is the ark of refuge for all who would seek divine mercy,—the beacon light leading to the haven of peace,—which condition obtains after the great conflict of the hosts of perdition, when the fires of hell will have burned themselves out.

SATURDAY EVENING, Oct. 21.—63d and Halsted Sts.—Subject: "The Cellular Cosmogony." Extracts were read from the writings of eminent astronomers, in which they admit having no proof of the Copernican system. The Koreshan System was explained from the premise of the earth's concavity, which being demonstrated proves all, as the entire System hinges upon this proposition. The gauntlet has been cast down to the scientific world, and we await the issue.

SUNDAY EVENING, Oct. 22.—State and Quincy Sts. A large crowd gathered immediately, upon the setting up of the astronomical charts. The topic for the evening was: "Koreshanity the Key that Unlocks all Mysteries." Notwithstanding the great ingenuity of man (as manifest in this wonderful age of discovery), the origin and destiny of the human race have remained shrouded in mystery. The endeavors of great minds to solve the mystery of the ages, have but resulted in greater perplexity. Life is a burden to the masses, as is evidenced by the constant resort to poisonous stimulants, both of mind and body. Religious systems now in vogue, are powerless to save. Everywhere is written: Mystery; Babylon the great!—the abomination of the earth! KORESH comes in the fulness of time, as the Voice of God, crying to a benighted world: "Let there be light," which light is as the brightness of the noonday sun, dissipating the shadows with its effulgent beams, and revealing the hidden mysteries of secret places.

The audience remained attentive for two and one half hours, at the termination of which many copies of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY were sold, and considerable literature gratuitously distributed.

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### Koresh in California.

Famous Dr. Cyrus R. Teed, the Founder of the New Religion, Visits the City of San Bernardino.

KORESH is here. The famous and remarkable Dr. Cyrus R. Teed, the Founder of a new religion, is in the city. He arrived last evening for a short visit, and is stopping at the residence of John M. Lane, No. 580 Eighth street, between E and F streets.

Dr. Teed has become noted from ocean to ocean, from the fact that, while claiming to be KORESH, the head of a new religious sect, he has taken a new departure in science; and instead of admitting that the earth is a globe surrounded by myriads of stars, each as large as our own sun, that are scattered through space for millions of millions of miles in every direction, and that our sun is but one center of a multitude of systems of similar worlds, he insists that the world is a hollow shell, with the sun 4,000 miles away, in the center of the shell; and that we all live and move and have our being upon the interior surface of this shell.



This is no new theory, for there has been located in Pennsylvania for nearly a hundred years, a colony with this belief as its corner-stone. [The *Sun* is mistaken; no member of the colony referred to entertained the idea of the hollow globe until it was presented by KORESH, the Founder of Koreshanity. The Koreshan communistic System is the first one ever founded on the science of the cellular universe.—EDITOR.] It also believes in communistic ownership of property, and is opposed to all marriages of any kind, relying upon proselyting to keep its numbers up. This last has been a failure, as there are now only about 40 members of the colony; but the property has increased in value, until each member is more than a millionaire.

The visit of KORESH to San Bernardino, is evidently to establish a branch of his church here; and to this end he will no doubt be heard at the Opera House, Pavilion, or some other place where an audience can be gathered to listen to the explanation of his peculiar religious and scientific views.

He has one convert here in John M. Lane, who was called up before the Baptist church, of which he is a member, last Monday evening, and asked to recant his Koreshan doctrines and come back into the Baptist fold. But Lane was obdurate, and while the church would not expel him, the right hand of fellowship was withdrawn from him until he should see the error of his ways and come back into the fold. This was done out of sympathy for his son, who is in the East studying for the Baptist ministry.

San Bernardino is liberal in religion and science, and will turn out en masse to listen to the distinguished visitor, should he conclude to address the people upon KORESH, or the hollow globe in which he says we dwell; and no doubt, as he is said to be a speaker of great power and magnetism, he will make many converts in this city.

"Great is KORESH, and Teed is his prophet!"—San Bernardino *Daily Sun*.

#### Promulgating a New Theory.

The Surface of the Earth Claimed to be Concave and Not Convex.

Rev. U. G. Mitchell, of Gouverneur, N. Y., formerly pastor of the Universalist church of this village, and who did a remarkable work for this church during his pastorate, is in town just now, engaged in very peculiar work. He is the New York state agent of the Guiding Star Publishing House, a religious organization of Chicago, which is engaged in the work of promulgating the idea that our earth has a concave and not a convex surface; that the earth is a great hollow globe 8,000 miles across, with the entire solar system inside; that stars can be seen through the moon; that the disappearance of vessels at sea is only a trick of the eye. They also claim to have made a survey of the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, and claim they have demonstrated that the surface of the water is concave and not convex. The theories advocated by this organization are causing, to say the least, a tremendous amount of discussion among thinking people.—Cortland (N. Y.) *Evening Standard*.

## The World's News.

**Wednesday, Oct. 18.**—Exciting reports from the Transvaal, that the Boers have been repulsed from several towns which they had captured in English territory; battle said to have occurred at Kimberley; active movements of Boers on eastern and western Transvaal border.—English parliament adopts war policy, and determines to push the war in South Africa.—Officers in the Philippines express indignation over blunders of Gen. Otis; protest against capturing towns, and then abandoning them to insurgents.—Belgian socialists hope to control affairs of government.—Money panic in Bremen, Germany.—Anti-imperialists discuss their views in convention at Chicago.—Big frauds in life insurance discovered in Sweden.

**Thursday.**—Bourke Cochran and Carl Schurz champion the cause of the savage Filipinos; ask for justice to the rebels.—2,000 medical students compose a disgraceful mob and attack meeting held by Dr. Dowie, at Chicago; windows smashed, rioting occurs in hall, and offensive chemicals are thrown.—Fierce battle said to be in progress in Natal, South Africa; British display white flag at Mafeking; active war in progress, and thus far, the British have been the losers.—Serious rioting in Prague, Austria.

**Friday.**—Train loaded with British soldiers and officers trapped and captured by the Boers in the vicinity of Ladysmith; war news meager and unreliable; great excitement in London; English forces thought to be in danger; many skirmishes reported.—Czar of Russia refuses to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican.—American soldiers are continually defeating the Filipinos without whipping them!—National association of spiritualists at Chicago.

**Saturday.**—British win in a small battle near Dundee; Boer losses said to be 800; English troops being hurried to seat of war.—Negro burned at the stake at St. Ann, Miss.—Columbia wins in final yacht race at New York; cup retained in America; Shamrock fairly and squarely beaten in all races this year.—General rioting and fighting among students of university of Vienna.—100 Russian convicts escape from mines in Siberia.—Great famine in India; prevails over 100,000 square miles of territory, embracing 1,500,000 people.

**Sunday.**—Another small battle between Boers and British; Boers defeated; British capture a few guns and equipments.—Tornado at Sagua, Cuba, kills 10 people, and demolishes houses and crops.—Filipinos are maneuvering to trick Gen. Otis into some sort of recognition of Filipino government.—F. Tennyson Neely, the great Chicago and New York book publisher, fails, with liability of nearly \$500,000.—Germany spends £70,000 on a 10-ton experimental air-ship.

**Monday.**—European powers said to be planning to force England to stop war in South Africa.—Excitement in London over reports that France and Russia are planning to take advantage of the Transvaal situation.—Another battle reported at Elangslaagte; 400 Boers killed; light and frequent skirmishes on borders of Transvaal.—Mexicans and American cowboys engage in a fight at Naco, Ariz.—Mexican secretary of the treasury declares in favor of the gold standard.—Incipient revolution breaks out in U. S. Colombia.—13-year-old evangelistic freak, Claude Cooke, of England, strikes Chicago.

**Tuesday.**—British forces in Natal believed to be in a serious position, and in danger of massacre by the Boers; hundreds of British soldiers driven back from Transvaal border; trouble threatening for the English on western border also.—Belgium preparing to fight the oil monopoly.—State of siege continues at Barcelona, Spain; government determined to enforce payment of taxes at point of bayonet!—Cubans in convention at Havana, talk of independence.—Universalists make changes in their creed at biennial convention at Boston.—Insurgents in U. S. Colombia busy capturing and arming river steamers, and burning bridges.—If the world's peace has come, pray, what is war?

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

**Leslie's Weekly.**—The South African war is being watched with eager interest the world over. It is not enough for the public to have the news of the military movements; the cause of the war is desired by the masses, and moreover, pictures are necessary to satisfy the people. A special feature of this week's *Leslie's Weekly*, is a plain and candid statement, accompanied by numerous illustrations, of the cause of the war in South Africa. Other special features of the publication include a double page illustration of the methods of harvesting the golden crops of the West; the great international yacht races, inclusive of another double page picture; President McKinley's visit to the West; the return of Gen. Funston from the Philippines; Admiral Dewey's reception in Vermont and Massachusetts. The letter press contains a number of interesting things, besides the usual departments, which are always interesting. Copies at all news stands.

**The Saturday Evening Post.**—The College Men's number of the *Saturday Evening Post* (of Philadelphia), appears this week with striking and tastefully colored covers, and contains a large account of reading matter of special interest to all college men. It is devoted especially to the facts and fiction of university and college life. The short stories are clever, humorous, and true to life, and will be read and appreciated by thousands of people interested in educational institutions. Robert W. Chambers, in "The Spirit of the North," tells of the adventures of a party of Columbia naturalists in an unknown country behind the Hudson mountains. The story of the Great College Fight between Princeton students and the passing Wild-West Show, is vividly told by Jesse Lynch Williams; and Charles Macomb Flandrau contributes Prince Protococoff and the Press Club. Among the contributors to this number, are President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, who discusses college athletics; Thomas Wentworth Higginson, who describes College Life in the Days of our Grandfathers. At all news stands this week. Price, 5 cents per copy.

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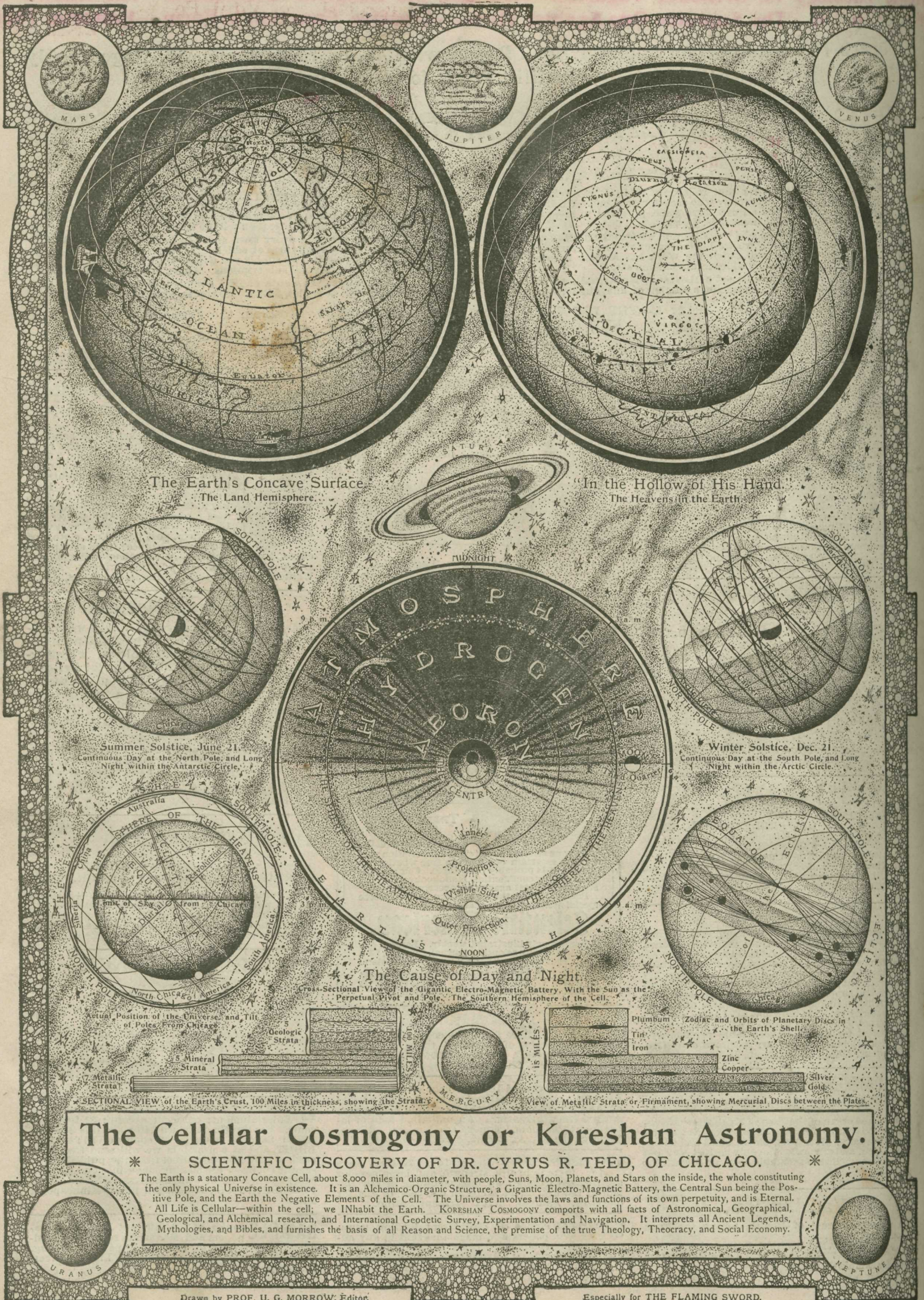
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