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

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## The Descent of the New Jerusalem.

The Location of the Invisible Heavenly City in the Interior Mental Atmospheres of Humanity; and the Processes of the Descent into the External World.

IN ORDER to comprehend the character of the holy city, New Jerusalem, the Bride, the Lamb's wife, and to entertain a true conception of the purpose of her descent and the method of the fulfilment of John's prescient observation, the mind must so embrace a knowledge of the laws of correspondential proportion, as to be able to define the adjustments of form and function as they shall obtain in universal social organism.

John saw the holy city coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. One of the foremost considerations in the analysis of this part of the vision of the Revelator, is to distinguish between the heaven whence the descent was made, and its correspondent physical heaven, whence proceed the energies of the various forms and qualities of natural life. There are multitudes of people who—if at all interested in the fulfilment of the promises of the Lord concerning the evolution of the kingdom of righteousness in the earth and the reconnection of God and man—entertain the fallacy, that somewhere in the physical universe, aside from the material world in which we dwell, there exists some kind of a material heaven for the indwelling of spiritual and celestial beings.

The physical heavens do not constitute the abode of angelic or heavenly beings, but they do correspond to the analogical states in man, because man comprises the environment of the various heavenly degrees of anthropostic existence. The invisible world—invisible

to the natural eye—is made up of spiritual existences, entities who dwell within man, the basis of whose existence is the material gray substance called the cortex of the encephalic mass. Spiritual beings do not dwell in space. They inhabit people, the humanity comprising the environment or shell, so to speak, of the occult (hidden) world.

When the student of Koreshanity reaches the point where he can differentiate between the existence of the stars of the physical cosmos and the mental stars of the anthropostic correspondential cosmos, he has made a long stride in that substantial progress which denotes the advancement of an intellectual career toward its Deific and final destiny. Within the shell of the alchemico-organic (physical) cosmos, there are three distinct atmospheric strata. These comprise the three atmospheres which surround the central sun. They are the spheres or domains of three degrees of stellar or astral fields, the only visible one to the eye being that astral realm within the atmosphere of oxygen and nitrogen, in which the external humanity dwells. These physical heavens—in which are the three distinct realms of natural stars—correspond to the three spiritual domains within that environment called human life. There is a correspondence between the star in the physical heavens and the mental star constituting the intellectual (light) center of the anthropostic heavens—the heavens of human existence.

The New Jerusalem constitutes the internal or



occult Zodiac of the middle degree of the invisible world. It is a spiritual city, into which the advanced spiritual angels have been gathered from all the countries and peoples of the world, who have looked forward to the coming of the Lord. This gathering is from the spiritual spheres made up of all such as have been natural men and women in the natural world, but who have died in the natural world and have reached the state of overcoming in the spiritual domain, and become so chaste that they have no more desire toward the sensualities of the flesh. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The angels of the New Jerusalem are gathered into one personality in the natural world. This person is the *Sign* of the Lord's coming, Elijah the Prophet. It is he who will overcome and upon whom is written "the name of my God," "my new name," and the name of the New Jerusalem, the holy city, "the city of my God." The name of the holy city will be written upon one personality; and as the name of God is written upon this personality, he must constitute that Divinity of whom it is said: "Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, \* \* \* whom I will raise up unto them."

The New Jerusalem has twelve foundation principles, each of which may be analyzed and translated into the foundation principles of natural life. When the language of the spiritual degree is translated into the language of the natural world, the difference is so great that no man, not having the key to this metamorphosis, can comprehend the character of the foundation principles of natural being. The language of spiritual life must be reduced to that of the natural, before the natural humanity can attain to immortality; for it is a positive truth that immortality must be attained in the natural body;—this mortal must put on (be transformed to) immortality, and this corruptible must put on (be transformed to) incorruption. This can only be accomplished through the application of the natural science of life.

The descent of the holy city is the materialization of the principles (spiritual entities) of the heart of the angelic realm, by their descent into the material forms now existing. Through this descent, which is the marriage of the heavens and the earth, the new humanity is produced, for it is the conjunction upon which depends the fruition of the age, in that great consummation called the resurrection of the dead.

## The Great Apostasy of the Age.

The Inevitable Fate of the Primitive Church Foreseen by the Apostle to the Gentiles; Church Declension in Accordance with Law; the New Church and State.

"THE DEVIL ought to learn some new reason for starting his next church," says the *Baptist Flag*. We begin to think that the devil has exhausted his resources on the line of new reasons, for since the so called reformation, he has started so many churches, Baptist included, that his column of reasons must have given out. "We have already enough that have started, to make amends for the failure of the one Christ started," says the same writer.

The *Baptist Flag* ought to learn the fact that God started the Jewish church, and that it was not a failure, though it declined and became an enemy to its originator. It was not a failure, in that before its destruction and dispersion, it produced a new church. The "church Christ started" was not a failure, even though it has fulfilled the prediction that before that time cometh there shall be a falling away first, and "that man of sin shall be revealed"—in the church. The so called Christian church of today, is not the church that "Christ started." The church He started, made the keeping of the commandments the basis of Christian life. The church of today, including the Baptist church, denies and falsifies this doctrine of the Lord: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;

even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." John xv:10. Is this the doctrine and life of the members of the Baptist church? "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

Is the *Baptist Flag* ignorant of the fact that the present life of the Baptist church is an unmistakable declension from the life of primitive Christianity? "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." Does the Baptist church teach that the commandments of the Lord can be kept by its members? I have yet to find the Baptist preacher or layman who pretends to regard it possible for any man to keep the commandments.

If ye love me, keep my commandments, said the Lord. \* \* \* If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou, then, show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.



It certainly is not a doctrine of any of the "evangelical" churches, that the Son of God was also the Father; that the entire triunity of the Godhead was in the Lord Jesus, the Christ; that he was the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and that in him all fulness dwelt. The common doctrine of the trinity, borrowed from pagan-

ized Catholicism, is not the doctrine of the Bible. The church that "Christ started" has gone to the devil. "Behold, I make *all* things new." This means that at the end of the Christian dispensation, now closing, the old church will be destroyed, and there will be a new church, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

## Messianic Factor of World-Reformation.

The Radical Character of Koreshan Social Purification; the Unmasking of Modern Pharisees Through the Revelation of the Science of All Truth.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

**T**O BE THOROUGH, one must be radical. Thousands of would-be reformers have not hesitated to probe the wounded and corrupting body politic, in order to locate the seat of its constitutional disturbances, and to define the cause of the total disarrangement of its ever-dying humanity. Their manipulations have been demonstrably unskillful, merciless, and cruel. Results furnish an irrefutable demonstration of mortal ignorance of the laws of that life and immortality brought to light in the gospel of Jesus, the Christ of God.

Men and women have not been honest before Jehovah, in their search for truth in his name. Inherent as part and parcel of their mortal condition, is their fear of a compelled self-condemnation before Jehovah's awful throne, where the mortal heart is laid bare in the radiant white light of the law's fulfilment in His own true, divine manhood. When men are asked to turn for light to the science of the law, endorsed and fulfilled by the man Christ Jesus, they feel as the Pharisees must have felt when they appeared in his presence to condemn the Magdalene, and the Lord wrote that never-to-be-forgotten sentence: "Let him that is without sin among you, cast the first stone." They one and all knew that in the eyes of one too pure to behold iniquity and not gladly die for its transmutation, they were one and all guilty of the sin they condemned in the woman, —the prostitution of their sex functions. He that is guilty in one point, is guilty of all; for the unity of divine love is involved in each.

The Pharisees still make broad their phylacteries, still give alms to be seen of men, and seek to stone others for their own sins focalized in their victims. Evil is present with us, in its harvest fulness of multiplied forms. In the midst of as crooked and perverse a generation as ever walked the earth in its nethermost hells, there stands one who is an unknown quantity, a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense. He wears the garb of the publicans and sinners, and recognizes the hopeless wretchedness of those who continue in sin in this body of death. He reasons as did Elias of old, of righteousness and judgment, and offers—as the sovereign remedy for sin and the source of all true reform—the application of the science of the law, of which he is demonstrably the supreme living exponent.

The law of God's divine manhood, the law operative to perpetuate the life of God in the universe, must be known and understood if laws for a righteous social organization and its perpetuity are to be in harmony with it, to effect the production of man as an individual, and as a collective body in the image and likeness of God in the flesh, a living soul. Genuine social purification can be effected only by a social purifier, personified.

There are those whose standards of social purity are so remote from that of Jehovah, and so demonstrably hell-born, that they are ready to accept the leadership of devils and demagogues of every description, even that of the devils principled in the determination to have naught to do with a Messianic manifestation in any form, apart from themselves, no matter what credentials, Scriptural or scientific, he may possess; such were the rejectors and crucifiers of Jesus the Messiah, who was the door from the Jewish to the Christian era. They committed the unpardonable sin of their generation, 1900 years ago, in their rejection of the Holy Spirit, the seminal essence of Jehovah, and are consequently unprepared for the recognition of Jehovah's standard of righteousness today—the harvest time of his era. They are therefore unprepared to receive the science of His crucifixion, his obedience to the law of the cross, by which he fulfils all righteousness, and appears as the just one—the justifier of all who were buried with him by baptism into his death.

The rejectors of true science prefer to build upon the shifting sands of time, rather than upon Petros the Rock, their stone of stumbling and rock of offense, because he would blockade the broad road to destruction, turn back the river Euphrates, and lead his people like a flock into the straight and narrow way which leads to life eternal.

Society is to be most radically purified, and is already furnished with a Purifier who will kindle the fire unto which this world is reserved. He has erected the standard of Jehovah, and thrown upon it the searchlight of Universology—the science of universal law. This standard he will never surrender; he has raised it for ages of glorification. The sunlight risen upon it to glorify it will not decline till the night of God's natural day veils it, and the moon and the stars guard the slumber of his animal life in the Garden of Eden.



Behold, I will send my Messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver [divine truth]: and he shall purify the sons of Levi [conjunction with God], and purge them as gold [divine good] and silver [truth], that they may offer unto the Lord [not unto God] an offering in righteousness.

Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And 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.

The sons of Levi, in whom the purifying effects of the science of the law, and obedience thereunto are to be manifest, are those who have eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil during the Christian era, and have thereby been rendered discriminating. This acquisition of discrimination prepares them for the manifestation of the Tree of Life, and themselves to appear as its fruit. These wise ones who are to shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father, are lovers of the law of Moses as fulfilled by Jesus the Christ.

The Lord Jesus was the holy seed of the Tree of Life; his planting brought forth a tree, and that tree has produced a righteous Branch, bringing forth the fruits and holy seed once more of the Tree of Lives, which have absorbed all the progressive energies of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This righteous Branch is the Messenger of the Covenant and the cross of Christ. The sons of Levi will rally round this High Priest of power, and enter with him the school of Christ, the crucible of the divine Alchemist,—that social fellowship in obedience to the laws of divine life, in which alone the human heart can be searched and tried, and its wicked ways revealed.

The mission of the Messenger of almighty love and wisdom, is to subject the wicked to its burning, to his heat and his light, for their purification and transmutation. These purified sons of Levi will constitute, through their final conjunction with Deity, the primary nucleus, in the divine economy, of the Arch Triumphant social order. In this, that celestial order of kings and priests—the order of Melchizedek—will be manifest in earth. These will rule and reign in earth, and will establish equity in every domain of life.

The foolish and vain babblers about social reform, social purity, social equality, socialism, godless, and worse than godless,—the nominally Christian, will soon be forced to realize that the one and only source of divine social purification is "the Messenger of the Covenant." He is the legitimate guardian of the Ark, in which are the sacred law of Moses and Aaron's rod that budded. Divine prescience guards all things, it keeps the way of the Tree of Life, turns back the wisdom of this world's wise and makes it foolishness: He it is who can anoint the waiting sons of Levi, with power to effect all the essential sacrifices for the animal life of

Deity, and will eat with them the passover at the marriage supper of the Lamb. He it is with whom they must be co-operators in building the New Jerusalem in earth, to be the earthly social center of divine commercial equity, where wisdom will be personified and reign supreme for ages. In this center of purified social order, the humanity of Deity will be continuously manifest, to dignify and sanctify all flesh, preserving the science of the law which creates the true brotherhood of man, through the adoration of the Fatherhood and Motherhood of God, in divine biune conjunction.

It is lamentably useless to prate of social purification without the purifier, so self-evident is the desperate social need of him. Koreshan Science leaves mortal man without a hope of aught apart from the promised Messianic manifestation,—the Messenger of truth. The testimony of every progressive atom in the universe is against such a hope. Every progressive atom is demonstrably polarized in the sun of universal alchemico-organic being; and every progressive man and woman must become polarized in that "Son of man," who is the Messianic Sun of human destiny, if he would be purified, by the divine organo-vital solar energies, for the attainment of divine sonship. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." This is the inspired recognition of the law of polarization for divine revitalization and social purification, and the restoration of all divine things.

"Let no man deceive you." There is only one way to escape deception,—demand the legitimate credentials foretold by prophecy and revealed by the science of the law. There is but one way, one truth, one life, one door leading the kings and priests unto God, from one dispensation to another. There is just one Messianic infoldment of each dispensational fruitage, and this One is the sole possessor of the legitimate titles and powers. He alone can polarize and draw unto himself those predestined by virtue of the begetting in the seed-time, to follow him in the glories of the resurrection harvest. To this supreme involution of the new order, it is given to be caught up and translated to the glory of the sun, and to draw all men unto him.

The fulness of the Gentiles is manifest; Horos, the Sign of the Sun of man, declares the day and hour known only to the Father of light. He alone can read the cosmogony of his universe and give the light of the anthropostic sun to those who sit in the darkness of the valley and shadow of death.

Despite all opposition, the Messenger's work of refining and purifying will go right on;—THE SWORD will do its mighty work; the axe will be laid at the root of the tree, and the golden calf will be melted. The sons of Levi will seek their Father in the Father's house; they will find a place for repentance, and will do works meet for repentance. They will let their light—the wonderful light of the science of truth—shine. The world will yet behold their good works, and the families of the earth be blessed by the holy seed. Their Father in earth shall be made king of the highest heavens, and his name shall be made holy.



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

Ninety-three souls had been converted at a cost of \$201.90 for tent meetings and evangelistic services. That is only \$2.17 for each convert: a small investment, but what a return!—Dr. H. F. Carpenter, in *Messiah's Advocate*.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. \* \* \* The poor have the gospel preached to them. \* \* \* Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere, preaching the word.

**I**N THE TIMES of the early and only real Christians, before the rise—as the first marked outward stage of the great apostasy—of the standing order of the clergy in A. D. 210, and before the first church edifice was erected, about A. D. 160, when all Christians were kings and priests unto God, and equally entitled to preach his gospel, nearly the whole Roman world was converted to the new religion in a very short time. In A. D. 104, the younger Pliny, who was Roman governor of the remote province of Bythinia, informed the emperor Trajan—who was then persecuting the Christians—that they had become so numerous that the Roman temples were almost deserted, and their worship long since suspended. The historian Coleman says:

It must stand confessed, to the immortal honor of the earliest missionaries of the gospel of Christ, that in the short space of one hundred and fifty years, they had published its glad tidings to all the principal nations of the earth; to men of every color, clime, and condition. They had gained their conquests in the Roman legion, in the camp, the cabinet, and the court; and carried them up even to the throne of the Cæsars.

All this was not the work of a learned and trained order of the clergy, or of great missionary societies which at vast expense train and send out men and women to convert the heathen, but of the simple testimony of individual Christians who, since they were moved by the new Spirit—the Holy Ghost, had something better to communicate than the world knew, in the pursuit of their various callings, for they earned their own subsistence, or, when they were scattered by persecution, “went everywhere, preaching the word.” They had received one Spirit—the Holy Ghost, that came from Jesus’ holy body going away to holy Spirit; therefore they talked one language,—not a babel of conflicting tongues like the religionists of today, who profess to be followers of Christ, and to have received the Holy Ghost. When they talked about regeneration, they knew what it meant; that the process of it was age-long, beginning with the reception of the Holy Ghost (the divine seed), and ending with Christ being perfectly formed in them, so that in the end of the age,—the time of the harvest of that seed, the resurrection from the dead,—they would stand on Mount Zion as the sons of God, redeemed from among men. They knew that this would not take place in some future, imaginary spiritual world, but right here in earth, according to the prayer indited by

Jesus, when he said: “Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.”

Having a definite gospel to preach, and having a perfect knowledge of its terms, so that one of them did not say one thing and another something else on the same subject, their united and consistent testimony prevailed, especially since it was added to good and consistent lives. In Isaiah it is declared:

My people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Those real conversions to Christ, to God, were without money and above price. Far be it from us to say that these cheap conversions are not realities! It would be far better for the subjects of them if they were not.

As every body—whether lower animal or human—generates its own spirit, which enables it to live and put forth its various activities, so every body of men, as a church, political party, or society, by means of consociate activity, generates the spirit which produces all the results of that activity. In times of high political excitement, a life-long democrat becoming negative to the spirit generated in a powerful republican meeting, may be converted, and ever afterward remain a strong republican.

As the prophet declares, “hell hath enlarged herself” until all men are in it; to which fact Jesus testified when he said to all the men of that time and of this: “Ye are of your father the devil,” hence are in hell. Being in that condition,—because of ignorance, for God declares, “My people have gone into captivity because they have no knowledge,”—a man enters an A. C. camp meeting, and being ignorant of the facts in the case, and becoming negative to the spirit generated there, which is *not* the spirit of Christ, but of the A. C. body, is converted, not to Christ, nor to God, but to the A. C. faith. Being deceived as to the fact that he is yet in hell, and assured that he is now sure of heaven when he dies, he has certainly become “twofold more a child of hell” than he was before; and his chances to get out of hell, if accomplished at all, must be in this life, for as long as he is subject to death he is in hell.

Cheap things are usually dear at any price; cheap conversions are pinchbeck, not gold. As to genuine conversion by the Holy Ghost, there are none now, for the Holy Ghost is not available as the divine seed, as it was not in the time spoken of in John vii:39, and will not be again until it comes, as it did then, by a holy body, soul, and spirit going away to Holy Ghost—the Comforter, and being sent unto men, as Jesus said he would send it.



## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

WHO IS CYRUS of Bible prophecy? The clergyman is at a loss to explain. The popular theology forces the conclusion that the king of Persia, who lived during the sixth century B. C., is referred to; he was a heathen king, outside of the Hebrew race entirely. If the prophecies refer specifically to that personality of ancient times, in what way did he fulfil the predictions concerning his office? "That saith of CYRUS, He is my Shepherd, and shall perform *all* my pleasure." "Thus saith the Lord to his Anointed [Hebrew, *Messiah*; Greek, *Christos*] to CYRUS, whose right hand I have holden to subdue nations before him." Was Cyrus the king of Persia, the Messiah? Did he perform Messianic functions? The clergyman must answer in the affirmative, or deny that the prophecies were true. Were the prophecies highly figurative? If so, were the prophecies of Jesus of the same character? A christian science journal undertakes to solve the problem. Hitherto, it has been supposed by that school that Christ was a principle—a great principle which Jesus exemplified in himself; and yet it is admitted that the real Christ was originally the man Jesus. Now the announcement is made, as a veritable *reflex* from Koreshanity, which is being plagiarized by the hundreds of teachers, that Cyrus is *also* the Christ; that "Cyrus stands for the I in each of us"! The fact is, that Biblical prophecies refer to *two* personal Messiahs: one coming through the lineage of Judah, as the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah," and the other through the lineage of Joseph, as the "Shepherd, the Stone of Israel." Jesus had a splendid beginning in Abraham. The personality who is to fulfil the predictions of the Shepherd to perform all God's pleasure, and before whom the Almighty takes special pains to subdue nations before him for his special benefit, had a good beginning in Cyrus, the king of Persia, whose spirit the "Lord stirred up," and to whom he promised all the nations of the earth. The Persian king did not possess them in ancient times, any more than Abraham inherited the earth. Abraham looked forward to the fulfilment of the promises made to him, in the climax of the dispensation, the personality of Jesus, and likewise, the king of Persia reaps his reward in the goal of his destiny, at the beginning of the Cyrusian (Koreshan) dispensation, in the manifestation of the anthropostic Sun, the great luminary of the human world!

A number of our readers cannot understand our attitude toward America and the civilized world. The trend of hundreds of our editorials is, that the governments of the world are corrupt, and the people uncivilized; while in other editorials we laud American progress, praise its heroes, and sustain the American war policy in the Philippines. We have been asked which attitude is correct? We answer, both! Nineteen hundred years ago, the Jewish nation was corrupt. The masses were retrogressive; they were opposed to truth and purity; but out of the masses came the most progressive Man of the age, with a circumferential following, with sufficient potency to head a new dispensation. Progressive as well as retrogressive evolution takes place in the same people, in the same nation, in the same world. America contains the elements of corruption as well as the elements of progress. Its corruptions extend to the most external affairs of the nation; but the forces of progress impulse the entire mass in the direction of the final goal of liberty. The scientific Eye can distinguish between the two elements, and point out which is dominant in every national transaction. Some of our readers do not understand this, and charge us with inconsistency. We have simply gone further into the

intricacies of the great problems than other journals. The retrogressive elements are going to destruction; the victory is to be achieved through the progressive elements involved in the nation. When the evil is destroyed, only the good will remain. We are both pessimistic and optimistic. We condemn and commend; we see both the dark side and the light side of American affairs, and know what the result will be. Our friends will, in time, recognize the fact that the judgment of THE FLAMING SWORD is reliable upon all questions of the hour. In time, they will get our view-point, and see the world in its true perspective!

The very meaning of the Greek word for sun, is indicative of the character of the universal luminary, as well as its functions, and the character of the substances radiating from it. The central sun is the helical constant of the universe, the positive pole of the great electro-magnetic battery of the physical cosmos, the seed of the mineral kingdom. *ἥλιος* (helios) means sun, from *ἑλε* (hele), a root from which a great family of words is derived, including *ἑλιξ* (helix), which means that which is rolled, coiled, or wound around; a spiral. The coil in the electro-magnet is a helix, *ἡλίσσω* (helisso), meaning to roll or turn around, while *εἰλω* (eilo), means to wrap up, to shut in, to roll together, to involve. The central sun of the physical world is a *helix*, the turning in or involution of the circumferential shell. The universe, from the Latin *uni*, one; and *vertere*, to turn, turns or rolls in itself, in its own helix, the sun. The central sun has a spiral or helical motion; while the projected sun has a specific spiral motion, as related to the physical belt of the Zodiac in the earth's shell; making the whole a great dynamo with its magnetic field and revolving armatures, as well as positive and negative poles at right angles with the plane of revolution. The energies from this great helix are electrical. The word electricity is from *ἡλεκτρον* (electron), which is derived from *ἥλιος* (helios), the sun; and the word *ἡλεκτωρ* (elector) means the beaming sun! The sun is the magneto-electric pole or helix of the universal battery, the involution or rolling-in of the cosmos. In the Copernican system, these words can have no such meaning. The Koreshan System is true to the last analysis of all things, of all languages, of all life, and of all forms and functions.

It is claimed that America is a Christian country; that it is the land of Bibles, and that its laws are founded upon Christian principles. While the modern Christian religion is not recognized as the state religion, it is, nevertheless, practically the national religion. Chaplains for its legislative bodies and armies are paid by the government to address the Almighty concerning the affairs of the nation, while the national representatives talk to the people and to one another concerning their pet schemes for benefiting the money power. Is the American nation a Christian nation? It is, after the modern conception; but it is not *righteous*. The government caters to the millionaires and the trusts; the municipal powers put a premium on crime by licensing saloons, houses of ill-fame, and other iniquitous and nefarious establishments. The nation encourages that kind of industry and commerce which is rapidly making paupers of the masses and enriching the few; and thousands of the members of the church are engaged in the various unjust lines of business in the hellish competitive system. Has the church built up this nation? If she has, as she boasts, the people must soon or later, demand that she share the responsibilities for the crime of modern civilization! The office of the modern church is to deify the corrupt governments; to sanctify the devil in the



home, and to invoke blessings upon the nefarious schemes of industrial and commercial pirates. It sanctifies the selfishness and hypocrisy of the vidual; throws a halo about the corruption of society, and sends the criminal on the gallows to the heavens of their choice. In the interest of reform, the church is silent; it pardons crime, and whitewashes the corruptions of the age!

The straws of the November elections show which way the political wind blows. It is a great republican sweep, which causes rejoicing in Washington. Rome reached her crisis quickly, when there was virtually one powerful party which controlled everything its own way. The great pageant which follows the elephant through the gateway between the centuries, will at last reach the circus tents, where the cyclone of revolution will demolish the whole, and clear the rings. The menagerie will be uncaged to spread terror among the natives. We desire to see America advance toward the culmination; it will come sooner, if the quibblers are relegated to the rear of the procession. It would be better to transmute a *great* nation, with its billions of wealth and its vast expanse of territory covering half a world, than a scrimping nation in the democratic style of anti-imperialism and anti-expansion. Americans have at last discovered that the "let-alone policy" will not make a great and powerful nation of the western republic. It must compete with the other nations; in this age, the age of hell, it must do as others do who are in hell. America at the present time, cannot rise in the scale of power except through oppression; but it would be better to press on through oppression, than not to press on at all. Where injustice *must* reign, it is better to be heroically unjust, than to have a nation made up of vacillating material, unfit for any use, and having no power. A strong character in hell will make a strong character in heaven; the worse the devil the better the god—when the devil is converted. The same is true of nations!

The President's proclamation of prosperity and peace, under the head of "Thanksgiving," contains a few inconsistencies. He enumerates a number of things for which he says the American nation has exceptional cause for the giving of profound thanks to the Most High. No great pestilences have invaded our shores; there are abundant crops; national finances have been strengthened and public credit sustained; in all branches of industry and trade there has been an unequaled degree of prosperity,—even to the formation of gigantic trusts! Patriotism has been exalted in the victory of America over Spain; and therefore a day is set apart for national worship of the beneficent promoter of American prosperity. If we compare this proclamation with the promise of the republican party in 1896, it would seem reasonable to conclude that the thanks of the nation are due to the President! Has not the gold party fulfilled its promise? It has brought that *kind* of prosperity which makes possible the closing paragraph of the President's proclamation, in which he recommends that on the appointed day "labor shall cease from its accustomed toil, and charity abound toward the sick, poor, and needy"! A nation truly prosperous, and having innumerable things for which to be thankful to God Almighty, would have neither sick, nor poor, nor needy!

God and man in the human kingdom, sustain the same relation as seed and plant in the vegetable kingdom. The identity of the seed is preserved in the central line of persistency of the life of the plant, and the seed is produced from the plant as the aggregation and unity of the most progressive cells of the plant. The Almighty masquerades through the ages in the masses of humanity, marching through the central and most interior spheres of human life, periodically manifesting himself in the external world at the end of specific dispensations and cycles.

The seed is the cause-point in the creation and perpetuity in every plane of existence, from God down to the mineral kingdom, with its perpetual pivot and pole—the central sun. The astral nucleus is to the physical universe what God is to humanity. The sun baptizes the physical earth with energies that are absolutely necessary to mundane activities; and likewise, the Almighty, as the anthropostic Sun, renews the life of humanity in himself, and radiates the Elixir of Life to receptive circumferences. The Koreshan theology is scientific; Koreshanity is the scientific religion.

The earth's atmosphere is soon to be invaded by countless thousands of meteors; and the world is to witness a stupendous pyrotechnic display in the physical heavens. For four consecutive days, a stream of meteors will pour forth from the constellation Leo; the meteors are known as leonids. If the nights of November 13 to 16 are clear, from midnight until morning, the showers may be seen at about the altitude that the sun is visible in August. Of course the public will be interested in this phase of astronomy, both before and after the display—Koreshans especially, because there are a number of things involved which contradict the Copernican conclusions; and we will point them out when the showers are over. Note first, that for four consecutive nights, the radiant point from which the meteors proceed is in a single constellation of the physical heavens—a fact easily comprehended from the basis of Koreshan Astronomy, with its revolving sphere of the heavens within the cell; but which will puzzle the Copernican to explain on the basis of a whirling earth, with a thin film of atmosphere surrounding it, with the meteors streaming forth from space!

The Biblical prophecies concerning the falling of the stars, have no direct reference to the falling meteors in the physical world. The Adventists, in their "midnight cry," ignorant of the fact that meteors fall every thirty-three years, have pointed to the great pyrotechnic display of 1833 as the sign of the Lord's coming. The stars fell nineteen hundred years ago; they were the mental stars which fell from the spiritual heavens of the Man Jesus, into the earth of the early church. Another shower of stars is about to precipitate the substances of the divine baptism into hundreds of thousands of people. The falling of the stars foretold in prophecy, will take place at the time of the conjunction of the anthropostic Sun and Moon, immediately after the great tribulation which is coming upon the earth. These signs will constitute the signal of the coming of the Lord in power and great glory, in the establishment of his kingdom in the earth, the beginning of the universal day in both the world of humanity and the physical cosmos.

The British empire hangs by a slender thread; it is facing an issue which will determine whether or not it will longer enjoy commercial supremacy. We have watched the English army on the borders of the Transvaal; we have seen the army surrounded by hardy, determined Boers, and have witnessed the surprise of England at the reverses experienced in the present war. Before the war, President Kruger said that "if in the end we must yield to the demands of Great Britain, we will do it at a sacrifice which will astonish humanity!" With the Orange Free State in alliance; with the prospect of hundreds of thousands of Boers in Cape Colony arising in arms against the British, and with the prospect of the protest of other nations against the English blunder, can England stand the strain? If not, it will be the first step in her downfall!

Reliable statistics of the world's wealth and commerce are furnished by the Philadelphia Commercial Museum. From the reports we gather that from the standpoint of wealth, the Uni-



ted States of America ranks first among the nations of the world. Great Britain has only about 75 per cent, France 60 per cent, and Germany 50 per cent as much wealth as the American nation. In annual products of manufacturing industries, the United States also ranks first, while Great Britain falls to 44 per cent. With wealth comes power. America is in the ascendant, while in the same scale, the British fall to second place. The pole of progress is in America; the kingdom of the Almighty will be established in America, and all great events are penciling toward the final focus!

The anti-imperialists have before them the actual facts that the Philippine islands have been ceded to the United States, and are as much the territory of the United States as the Indian territory, Arizona, or Alaska. When Indians go on raids in these territories, they are rightfully suppressed by force of arms. Since the cession of the Philippines, in accordance with the terms of the Spanish-American treaty and American purchase, the inhabitants have risen in rebellion. Civilization has marched westward as the aborigines have decreased in numbers. Has the progress of America in its own territory been justifiable? Will the anti-imperialists ask the United States to make the Indians of America free and independent? If not, why the Filipinos?

The Americans love all kinds of fights and wars, and worship the heroes of every conflict. They have prize fights, political fights, church fights, dog fights, cock fights, labor fights, industrial and commercial fights, and fights in the Philippines. The war spirit is everywhere; there is even *war in heaven*, as well as in hell. War settles great questions; it is a case of the survival of the fittest, the victory of the supremest.

The writers of the Bible understood the language of symbolism and the laws of correspondence which relate humanity to the physical world. The Bible describes what takes place in the domain of human life; it is the scientific language of Cause expressed in symbolism. Higher criticism, in utter ignorance of man and the analogous universe, undertakes to condemn the Bible because it does not agree with the absurdities of modern science!

The Almighty has both right and left hands. With his right he reaches into the heavens; with his left, he reaches down into the hells. Jesus was right; he was exalted as the right hand of the power of Deity, and ultimately the army of the regenerated will be placed on the right hand; the goats will constitute all that is *left* of humanity!

A mind may appear brilliant, and yet be only a meteor in the world's mental atmosphere. Hundreds of so called leaders shine only for a time; they burn out and are seen no more. They are worthless, compared with the permanent, glittering stars and the shining sun in the intellectual firmament.

It is said that thousands of people in Egypt live in tombs. They do the same in America and other countries. Every mortal man is a tomb; humanity is an immense cemetery. Nineteen hundred years ago the Pharisees were "whited sepulchers,"—and the modern churchmen are no better!

In the world's parliament of religions, some common ground was sought on which all creeds and popular religions could stand together. It was discovered in the congress; it is the ground on which they now stand, and on which they will all be destroyed—ignorance of the truth!

The military stars are falling from the British constellation Leo, as we approach the time of the great pyrotechnic display of the leonids or meteors from the constellation Leo in the physical heavens. The meteors are falling in the air on the borders of the Transvaal.

The endeavor of the "higher critics" to criticise the intricacies of Bible symbolism, is on a par with the effort of the ten-year-old child to criticise the formulæ of intricate trigonometrical problems!

A famous journalist has said that "If all editors hated an untruth as they do a libel suit, we would be basking in a journalistic millenium!"

The Illinois flag law is declared by the Supreme Court to be unconstitutional and unjust, and is made void. How many others are just like it?

When the world accepts the Koreshan Astronomy, the Copernican stars will fall from considerable heights of imaginary space.

The principal cause of the trouble in the Transvaal is the would-be Colossus of Rhodes.

Humanity is the great graveyard from which the dead will be resurrected.

The English Army is becoming considerably Boered in South Africa!

The editorial notes of THE FLAMING SWORD bear 100 per cent interest!

The only way that one can be saved by fallacy, is to stop following it!

In South Africa: Is it a lion hunt, or a Boer hunt?

Koreshanity is the seventh wonder of the world.

The pole is the pivot of the power of the whole.

Advocates of fallacy are illusionists.

Gabriel blows his own horn!

## Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

### The Flaming Sword and the Filipinos.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—In the issue of October 6, you say that "the anti-imperialists are straining at gnats and swallowing camels," insinuating—acknowledging—that the American war of conquest in the Philippines is an unholy war; while in another issue, I find you upholding that war. You are bold to take the right side and speak the truth concerning England and the Transvaal war; but what are you

trying to do with the United States and the Philippines? Stand by both sides?

Why are you so liberal with plain and truthful expressions concerning England's war with the Boers, but so stingy and careful with your expressions about our war with the Filipinos? Two weeks ago, you leaned a little toward the Filipinos; today, you lean a great deal the other way. Where are you? This appears to be about the only question in existence that

you are afraid to declare the truth about, as you see it. It does not look reasonable that a man of your calibre can consistently uphold this war with the Filipinos; especially, since you are laboring under a divinely-inspired Leader. Or does the administration pay you big for doing so? You justify yourself in a reply to a question of mine recently concerning advertisements in THE FLAMING SWORD, by saying that Jesus advises to make friends with the mammon of unrighteousness. If so, what is the difference between that and any other bribe? Or is it necessary



to destroy the Filipinos for some reason not realized by the outside world, as in the case of the Hebrews, who, KORESH says, "through an intuitive consciousness, saw the importance of destroying certain nations to preserve the race from which must come the Son of God"?—P. A. C., St. Albans, Vt.

In the first quotation made above, we referred to the *anti-imperialists*, not the *imperialists*. The anti-imperialists "strain at gnats" or the so called mistakes of the administration in the Spanish-American war and its results, and swallow the "camels" of democracy, competition, and other gigantic evils of the nineteenth century, which make the "gnats" possible. For the life of us, we cannot see how any one can conceive that such a statement is sustaining the Filipinos, nor that the statement contradicts a subsequent editorial. We caution our readers not to jump at conclusions as to our meaning. In the quotation first referred to, we meant just what we said—not what was supposed that we said and meant.

We have definite conclusions concerning all of the great questions of the hour; we make specific statements concerning our position in each, and are fearless in our expressions. During the past year, THE FLAMING SWORD has contained some very emphatic articles on the Philippine question, and all our readers, except new subscribers, understand our position. The reason our correspondent has not seen these articles and paragraphs, is because he has been receiving THE FLAMING SWORD but a comparatively short time. Ours is the broad view of the situation, consistent with the progress of a nation of destiny. It is that America assumed the responsibilities of the Spanish-American war, and it must assume the responsibility for the results. It had as much right to purchase the Philippines as it had to purchase Florida, Louisiana, California, and Alaska. Surely, if America is the most *advanced* nation in the world, it can give a greater degree of liberty and security to the Filipinos by making them a *part* of the American nation, than the Filipinos can give to themselves. Or do you think that the Filipinos are more advanced than the Americans?

We have canvassed the situation thoroughly from a scientific standpoint—the standpoint of scientific prophecy; and we contend that our attitude toward the Filipinos is correct. America is ultimately to control the world; and in order to do so, it must make a beginning. It must gain power; it must gain wealth; acquire territory, control the seas, and subdue nations. Under the leadership of Moses and Joshua, the Israelites marched into

Canaan and took possession of what is now Palestine. From the standpoint of the natives, it was an unjust war; but from the standpoint of the Hebrews, it was the only thing that they could do and fulfil the purpose of the Almighty in and through them. For similar reasons, we maintain that America must conduct wars of conquest. It is conceded even by the anti-imperialists, that the territory of the United States belongs to the Americans. But where did they get it? They stole it from the Indians!

The Americans have gradually conquered and exterminated the millions of the aborigines; and the result is the greatest nation in the earth! Would it have been in the interests of progress to permit the Indians to continue to control the American continent? Would the destiny of the Anglo-Saxon race have ever been reached if, through an anti-war policy, the whites had left the Indians alone? If it was right to establish a great civilization in the western world in the way it has been established, it is right now to further expand over 1200 islands of the Philippine archipelago and other islands, by similar methods. What if a phase of injustice does obtain in the process? It is the inevitable. Carbonic anhydride is the inevitable result of the burning of the diamond; the chemist must create the poison in creating the forces in the burning of the diamond. Until perfection is reached, evils must result from the march of the Almighty through a great people. Solomon's temple was erected on the ground obtained through wars of conquest; and the Christ came out of the people that waged the wars. The Almighty makes even the wrath and the corruptions of the people to praise him!

We have made such editorial expressions over and over again. Does it look as though we had omitted just one question from our discussions? We are not conscious of there being a single subject under agitation in the world, or within the range of possible suggestion by any mind, that we are afraid to take up and discuss when necessary. The history of Koreshanism is a demonstration of the truth of this statement. We are antagonized by every faction under the sun. We encounter the forces of competition, and of a false commercial and industrial system; we are opposed to the corruptions of governments, the hypocrisy of the church, and the selfishness and sensualism of the individual. We resent the suggestion that we are employed by the administration to defend its Filipino war policy. We take bold stands upon questions from a scientific point of view, regardless of whom it

may offend, or whom it may please.

We are patriotic for scientific reasons; we have a rational admiration for the American nation; it has its faults, its evils, and its corruptions; but out of it will come the glories of the Golden Age. We reach our logical conclusions and express them with force and emphasis; we are teaching the people; thousands listen to us. We have the truth, and *know* it; and there is no possibility of changing our mind by any possible form of attack, because we know our ground. The United States has become what it is through the power that is behind its guns; and it must continue to resort to the arbitraments of war as long as hell exists in humanity. God Almighty does not shrink from crushing those who stand in his way; he annihilates nations whenever necessary; and those who do not like his methods must stand in his way and get the worst of it, or run!

#### The Christ is not in the Masses.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—In March 17, 1899, FLAMING SWORD, page 7, you say: "The Christ is in a very, very few only." And on page 10 of same number you say: "The man Jesus was composed of millions of spirits of men who had lived in the past." This, as I view it, is a little contradictory. Do not imagine that I am finding fault—I do not feel capable of doing so; but I want to learn all I can of the Koreshan System, that I may understand it as you do. I hope we may all have the Christ within us sometime.—B. C. C., Lecompton, Kan.

There is no contradiction in the above statements. If, as the prophet foretold concerning the involution at the end of the Jewish age, Jesus "gathered the lambs with his arm and carried them in his bosom," he certainly was a composite man. He was the resurrection of an age; all who had died during the Jewish dispensation, looking forward to the coming of the Messiah, found their resurrection in him. He was the resurrection of the thousands and the millions. Abraham was in him; in him, Abraham reached his inheritance. Jesus was the resurrection of David; he was David's son and David's Lord. David spoke of Jesus when he spoke of himself, so the apostle Peter said. Moses was in Jesus; and so was Elijah. Moses and Elijah were manifest when Jesus was transfigured—metamorphosed; they came out of him, and were seen by the Apostles. Paul enumerated not only the church of the living God, but the holy City, an innumerable company of angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect, in Jesus.

Now, look at Jesus as he stood among the Jews nineteen hundred years ago, as the involution of the age. He was in reality composed of millions of spirits;



yet he stood alone. No one else contained the spirit of the Almighty, because the Almighty had anointed Jesus with his own spirit—all of it, not a part of it—to preach the gospel of glad tidings. We could truly say at that time, that the Christ was in *one* personality only. It can be readily seen that there is no contradiction in such a statement. He said to those about him, "I am from my Father, which is in heaven; ye are of your father the devil." He told them that he was from above, while they were from beneath. It is a settled fact, according to his own statements, that the Christ at that time, was *not* in the masses, until he sowed himself in them. Is not this clear?

The early church contained the Christ. He went into his disciples; he was the Seed planted in the mortal soil. The seed germinated and died during the age; the church was formed and fell away. But just as during the Jewish age there were lines of progress converging to one focus, so there have been persistent lines in the interior of humanity. An involution obtains again; the truth comes in one man again; although composed of millions of entities, he stands alone. Others have only so much of him or his truth, as they are able to comprehend and appropriate the mental substance emanating from the one. We may say again, with emphasis, that "the Christ is in a very, very few only;" but he will be in the many when, through the processes of theocrasis, he is disseminated to the many, and begins the work of overcoming for each, in each of those who are to become sons of God.

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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, Nov. 2.—Lecture by KORESH. The possibilities of human attainment to the condition of theocrasis (translation) and the laws governing the same, were set forth in a train of logical deduction which admitted of no controversy. There are two processes of combustion, or the conversion of matter to energy. One is almost instantaneous, the other of longer duration. A tree may die, and for years undergo a rotting process, by which it is transmuted to energy. On the other hand, we may submit it to the flames, and the same object is attained by more rapid methods. What is true in the vegetable domain is true of the human. Mentality is the most potential of all forces. Intense love and hate, pivoted in a personality understanding the law of theocrasis, will generate a friction (or fire) sufficient to consume the physical body

and transmute it to spirit. This was accomplished by Jesus nineteen hundred years ago, and the same law holds true today.

SUNDAY, Nov. 5, 3 P. M. Sermon by KORESH. Subject: The New Jerusalem (Rev. xxi). The spirits of all who died during the Jewish age, looking for the coming of the Messiah, were gathered into Jesus, the Shepherd. "He gathered the lambs with his arm, and carried them in his bosom." When He went away, his body was transmuted to Holy Spirit, and those who received the baptism became the receptacles of the spirits which had been gathered in him. The spiritual entities aggregated in the Messianic center of this age, constitute the New Jerusalem, now about to descend into the humanity prepared for its reception.

MONDAY EVENING, Nov. 6. Lecture on Astronomy, by Prof. Morrow. The Copernican theory (that gigantic air castle built upon the shifting sands of hypothesis) was sharply contrasted with the Koreshan System, whose premise is as absolute as the universe itself. The meteoric shower (predicted for November 13, 14, and 15,) constituted the theme for a very entertaining talk. Several questions were answered, among which was: What has astronomy to do with salvation? This question was later enlarged upon by KORESH, who said that the subject of astronomy and cosmogony was of so much importance that the Bible begins with it, as evidenced in the narrative of creation. God is not, however, generally supposed to know much concerning the form and function of the universe which he created. The universe is the macrocosm (great world), which is self-perpetuating—hence eternal. Man is the microcosm (little world), who—when perfected—becomes immortal, resembling the pattern—the physical universe.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, Nov. 1.—Lecture by Prof. Morrow, on Astronomy. A fine, new chart of the great pyramid had been prepared, upon which the Professor discoursed at some length. The building of this pyramid involved a marvelous comprehension of astronomy, geometry, and mathematics. Modern mechanical appliances would be powerless to even lift the immense stones used in its construction, and the perfection of the mason work is beyond present possibility. A critical study of the subject proves, beyond a doubt the existence of a prehistoric civilization, with which the spurious civilization of today presents no comparison.

Adjacent to the site of the great pyramid, is a heap of fragments hewn from the stones used in building the structure. These have their correspondence in the fragmentary truths in the world today; a worthless heap of shapeless rubbish, gratifying only to the curiosity seeker, but not entering into the construction of the great Pyramid—the Temple of truth now in process of erection.

SUNDAY EVENING, Nov. 5. Sermon by KORESH, from the text: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John xv: 13.) The world has no conception of love today. That which is denominated love, is merely

lustful passion. The ten commandments are summed up in the word love; the only true love being the performance of use to the neighbor.

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

SUNDAY EVENING, Nov. 5.—State and Quincy Sts. Meeting opened by Mr. Rollin Gray, who spoke for a short time upon the Koreshan premise, after which the audience was addressed by Mr. Wallace, who chose for his subject "The corrupt Church and State." Much discussion followed the close of the meeting. Many people are defending Koreshanism against all comers, and evidences are not lacking of the onward march of our work in this great metropolis.

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### The Earth a Hollow Globe.

A New York Paper Briefly Reviews the Koreshan System of Astronomy.

The earth is not round like a ball, and it does not revolve on its axis. It is a hollow globe, 8,000 miles across. The sun, moon, and stars are inside, and we live on the concave interior surface. Science is all at fault in its theorizing. These are some of the beliefs which a missionary is trying to propagate in Binghamton, presenting in evidence, elaborate geometrical calculation, figures, and experiments.

The Rev. U. G. Mitchell is in Binghamton, as the New York State agent and missionary for the Koreshan organization of Chicago, a newly-organized body, which claims that the speculations of modern scientists and astronomers have had more to do with the making of infidels and skeptics than all other agencies put together. In order to prove the correctness of the Bible, the Koreshans try to prove that the earth is stationary; and that the heavens revolve, and that when a ship sails around the world, it sails around the entire solar system—which, is scurrying around inside in a queer sort of fashion. KORESH, the founder and high prophet of the sect, waves away the stumbling block of the apparent disappearance of vessels at sea, as "only a trick of the eye"—which an account of elaborate experiments detailed in their book *CELLULAR COSMOGONY* is said to explain.

Stars can be seen through the moon, say the Koreshans. From a balloon, the earth always appears as a basin. And in support of these theories, they claim to have carried on experiments upon the surface of Lake Michigan, and to have made a survey upon the Gulf coast of Florida, costing thousands of dollars and taking months of time, and demonstrating beyond question that the earth is concave and not convex. Mr. Mitchell, has traveled over a large part of the country advocating the seideas and distributing literature.

The ordinary man might wonder how Koresh is going to explain how it is that the sun "rises and sets," and leaves folks in the dark, if the luminary is inside of us all the time. But this doesn't feaze the new scientist in the least. "The phenomenon of sunrise," says *CELLULAR COSMOGONY* airily, "as explained in the Koreshan System, is not caused by the rotation of the earth, with apparent sunrise above the convex surface, as in the Copernican system; but



by the sun coming into our sphere of vision, and thus bursting into view. \* \* \* The Bible does not convey the idea that the sun ascends in the morning, and goes down or descends in the evening, but that it comes into view, as in Eccle. 1:5. The sun ariseth [Heb. *zarach*, bursts forth], and the sun goeth down [*bo*, goes in] and hasteneth to the place where he arose [*zarach*, bursts forth.] When the sun "sets," it simply goes out of our field of vision.—Binghamton (N.Y.) *Republican*.

**Koreshan Astronomy Being Discussed in the Schools.**

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—The schools in this vicinity are considerably stirred up over the CELLULAR COSMOGONY. Some students ask their teachers about it, but the teachers are unable to answer them. Some of the teachers have advised the scholars not to buy the book. One of them said to a boy, in answer to the question, "Do we live on the inside?" "We'll not talk about that now; we are on the outside of the earth." The evening I remained in Colton, three schoolboys came and asked me if I was the lady who was teaching that we are on the inside of the earth; I replied that I was. They said their teacher had told them that we were not living on the "inside." I explained the Geodetic Survey to them. I frequently meet with people who "know all about Koreshanity," because they have read the newspapers! I have had several opportunities to tell the women of Colton who spoke against KORESH, that I knew him to be the purest man in the earth; and in spite of what they had heard, what I said seemed to have considerable influence with them.—Lydia P. C., Koreshan Missionary, San Bernardino, Cal.

**Keep Koreshanity Before the People!**

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—I enclose money order for bundle of Cosmogonies. Mrs. W. is a member of our class, and a very valuable one. She accepts Koreshanity, and her knowledge of the Bible is extremely helpful to the younger members. I am pleased to tell you that the Librarian of our public library is very much interested in the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, and has consented to have THE FLAMING SWORD put on file in the reading room. An eminent scientist of our city, Prof. O., is much interested in Koreshan Astronomy, as are also several teachers and pupils of the high schools. I am sure that we can get a large audience for KORESH when he comes.—Mrs. M. L. N., Springfield, Mass.

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**The World's News.**

Wednesday, Nov. 1.—Exciting news from South Africa concerning British reverses; Boers outwit and outgeneral English commanders in the vicinity of Ladysmith; the Boers remember Majuba Hill, and duplicate its results.—Vice-President Hobart seriously ill at Paterson, N. J.—Storm sweeps Atlantic coast.—Foreign powers insist in America defining her Chinese policy.—England may quit Samoa; islands to be divided between America and Germany.—Threatened revolution of natives in northern India.—Methodist clergymen propose trying McKinley for wine-drinking at Chicago festival.

Thursday.—France sympathizes with the

Boers.—10 British warships at Gibraltar ready for orders.—Belgian ambulance corps leaves Antwerp to nurse wounded Boers.—England has lost 2,100 men since beginning of Transvaal war.—Outbreak against Jews in Austria; houses of Jews looted; police powerless to control the mob; troops sent out to quell riots.—Russian press hostile to Great Britain.

Friday.—Alarming rumor of second disaster for British in South Africa; Boers seize Colenso and Colesburg.—Colonial bureau being planned at Washington to take charge of all outlying dependencies.—Chicago coal merchant breaks the record on bankruptcy, and files schedules; liabilities equal \$5,000,000.—British warships at Gibraltar sail for unknown point.—Philippines peace commission makes complete report of its investigations; says war must go on; rebellion not general; Filipinos not capable of self-government; anarchy would result from American evacuation.—Irish-Americans in Chicago plan a Boer sympathy demonstration.

Saturday.—Alarm increases in London; Gen. White's army reported in imminent danger; surrounded by Boers at Ladysmith.—Jeffries the pugilist knocks out Sharkey at Coney Island, N. Y.—Passenger train at Antwerp plunges through bridge into river with 300 passengers; 30 drowned, and many injured.—Dewey endorses report of Philippine peace commission.—America becomes involved in the Chinese puzzle.—Colombia revolution still on; insurgents claim victory after killing 300 government soldiers.—Germany plans a larger navy.

Sunday.—British surrounded by Boer forces at Ladysmith; railways held by Gen. Joubert's army; British war office admits situation serious.—U. S. gets island of Tutuila of the Samoan group.—Chicago's big wire plant burns; loss \$400,000.—Germany wants commercial treaty with U. S.—Illinois flag law declared void.—Chicago astronomers making elaborate preparations for observing falling meteors Nov. 13-16.

Monday.—Lively Philippine campaign begun; Gen. Wheaton's division to make advances on Aguinaldo's army.—Big battle reported raging at Ladysmith; Boers bombarding the city; London anxious and alarmed; long and bloody war promised by newspapers.—Sultan of Turkey orders purchase of warship from U. S.—Italy plans to increase strength of army and navy; preparations for war continue throughout Europe; influence of peace conference neutralized by war spirit.—Peruvian insurgents defeated in battle north of Lima.

Tuesday.—Election day in 12 states; republican sweep indicative of results of campaign of 1900; rejoicing at Washington; administration's war policy claimed to be endorsed; Nebraska goes democratic, and gives hope to Bryan.—Unconfirmed report in London that British win a small victory in Natal, and capture 800 Boers; hope revived in London, but results in doubt.—Japanese generate a war spirit against Russia; determine to resist Russian invasion of Korea.—Another fight in Colombia; insurgents lose 250 men.—Autonomy government established on island of Negros, Philippines.

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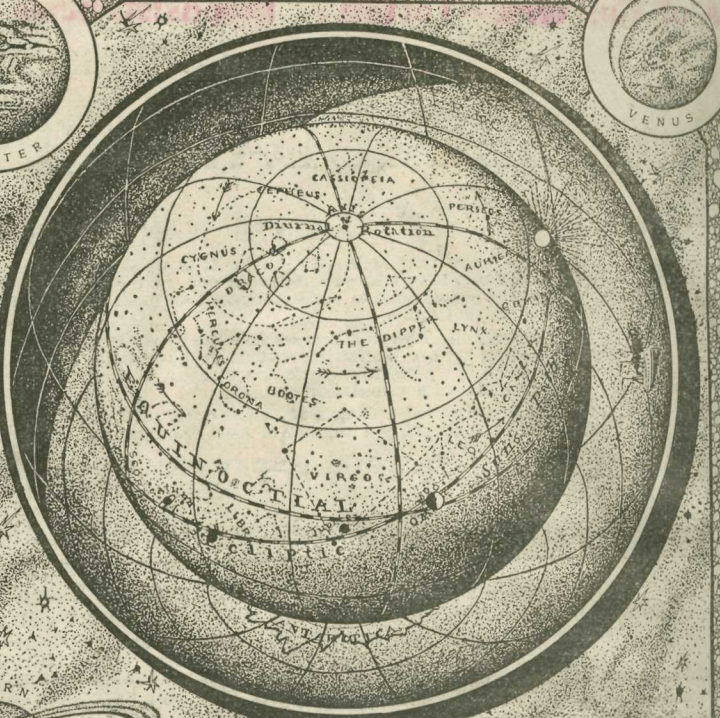
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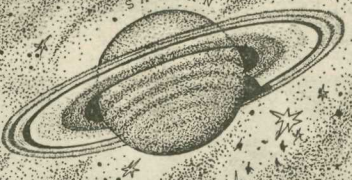


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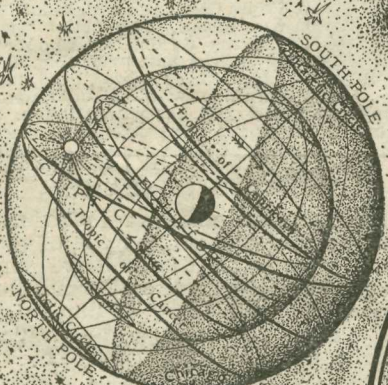


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The Land Hemisphere.

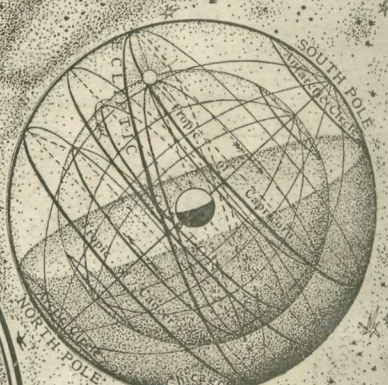
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The Heavens in the Earth.



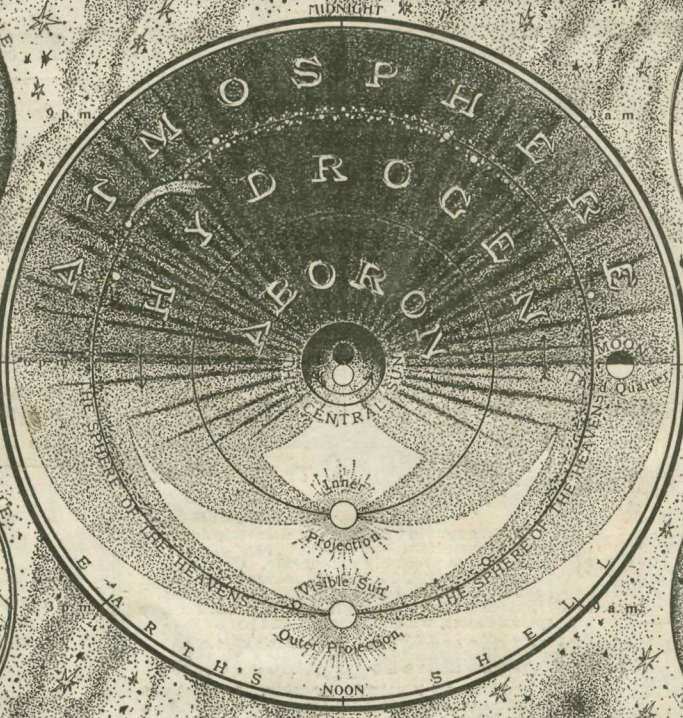
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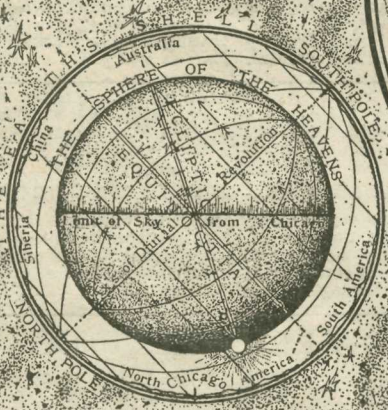


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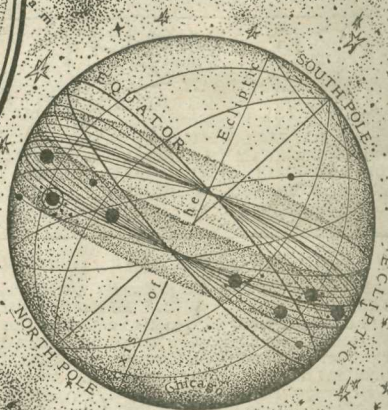


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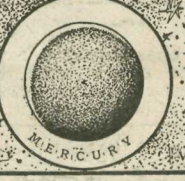
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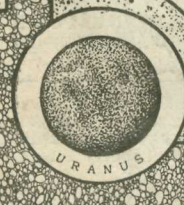


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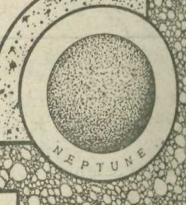
# The Cellular Cosmogony or Koreshan Astronomy.

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

The Earth is a stationary Concave Cell, about 8,000 miles in diameter, with people, Suns, Moon, Planets, and Stars on the inside, the whole constituting the only physical Universe in existence. It is an Alchemico-Organic Structure, a Gigantic Electro-Magnetic Battery, the Central Sun being the Positive Pole, and the Earth the Negative Elements of the Cell. The Universe involves the laws and functions of its own perpetuity, and is Eternal. All Life is Cellular—within the cell; we INhabit the Earth. KORESHAN COSMOGONY comports with all facts of Astronomical, Geographical, Geological, and Alchemical research, and International Geodetic Survey, Experimentation and Navigation. It interprets all Ancient Legends, Mythologies, and Bibles, and furnishes the basis of all Reason and Science, the premise of the true Theology, Theocracy, and Social Economy.



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