

The Flaming Sword

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

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Structure and Function of the Human Brain.

Part XV.

Radical Departure From Modern Physics in the Analysis of Color; Relation of Color to the Occult; the Cerebral Zodiac, Fibers, and Cortices; the Evils of Modern Occultism.

EVERY COLOR has a definite significance, because it has a general and special correspondence with tone or sound, or with the notes of the musical scale; and this is more particularly true of the seven initiatory prismatic tints. Pure white light does not contain colors, nor is it a combination of hues; it is a homogeneous substance, and is never generated except in association with its coördinate, heat. It matters not how many material substances combine in a process of combustion for the generation of light and heat; in the production of light, they are reduced to one uniform substance. It follows, therefore, that the production of color from prismatic influence is not an analysis of light, but the creation of color through the destruction of light and its metamorphosis. Color is the impression communicated by the union of light and heat, and the hue depends upon the angle of refraction and rapidity of motion incident to the acuteness of the angle of incidence. Black, unlike white, is a combination of all colors after they are created from the white, in its metamorphosis.

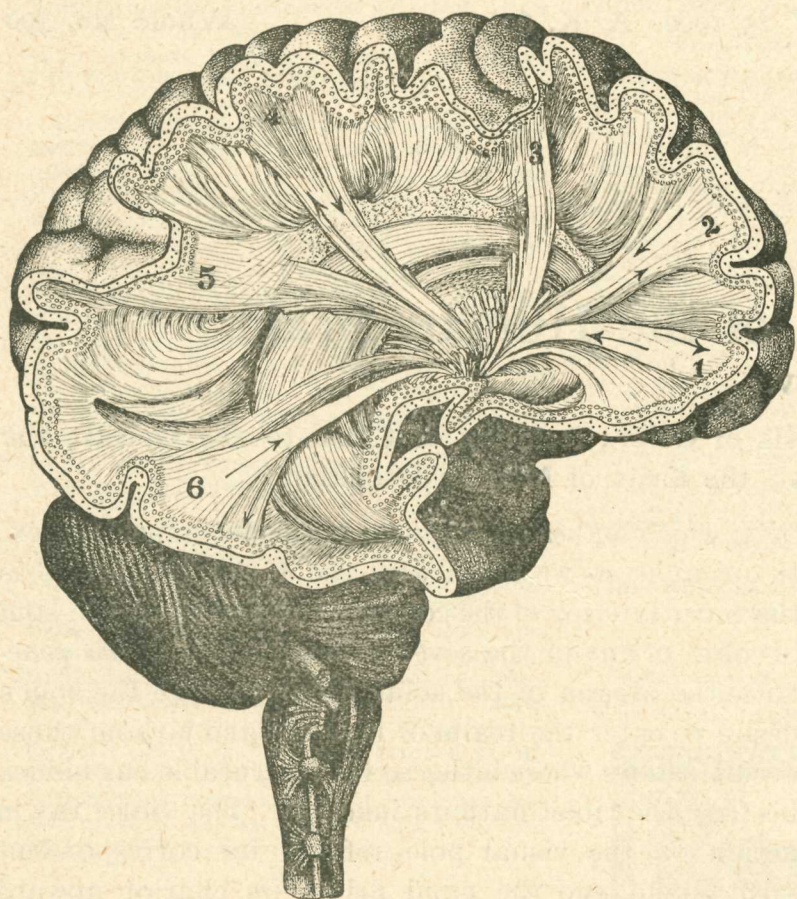
The impression of color upon the mind is the result of cerebral action, a vibration produced by the union of mental and alchemico-organic energy. Color does not exist until the organ of color determines the analysis. The violet is the interior natural ray. We say natural, because it makes a natural impression on the organ. Beyond the violet is the ultra-penetrable oc-

tave, which makes an impression on the inner cortex. In our analysis we begin with the violet, because it is the most interior of the colors; the nearest to the soul of color, of any of the seven prismatic tints. To penetrate the arcana of the solar beam, to urge the soul's desire to enter the realm of mystery and fathom those occult shades where hitherto the inscrutable has hidden his face, the violet hath its function. The violet ray in action on the visual pole, reflects its correspondent mental gem, and the mind drives its chariot upward toward the throne; obscuration yields to light, and that which was occult or hidden is no longer beyond the scan.

That supreme natural vibration of the fiber which generates the mental energy of the occult desire, corresponds to the color violet. It is the mental force which urges the mind to know the mysteries of all things, and enables it to penetrate the silence and compel it to detonate its voice and to articulate its thought. In figure 1, of the accompanying diagram, is shown the plane of fiber over which the current flows from the inferior frontal gyrus, hence the plane over which the specific line of fibers runs, which communicates the function of the revelation of secret things. It is this center of the human brain which presides over, or rather directs, the creation of the unrevealed. The invisible and occult has its origin at that point of union where the visible ends and the invisible begins. All creation

begins where the nexus of contiguity unites the material and the spiritual. The organ of spirituality would have no function, were it not for the fact that there are connecting fibers between the organ of color and the organ of spirituality.

It will be noticed in the diagram that there are six distinct lines of fiber radiating from the figure 7, at the point of fibrous union, toward the coronal cortical areas. This diagram represents a longitudinal (length-wise) section of the right hemisphere of the brain. The six lines of fiber correspond to the six lines on the opposite side of the brain. These twelve lines define the location of the cerebral Zodiac and the line of the ecliptic. They also represent the six axes of the twelve



LONGITUDINAL BISECTION OF THE RIGHT HEMISPHERE
OF THE BRAIN.
Showing the Six Lines of Fiber Radiating From the Point of Union to the
Principal Lobes.

Zodiacal poles, having their complex functions at the point of union, denoted by the figure 7 on the above diagram.

While the function of violet, in the perceptive organ of color, regulates the creation of occult things, the organ of spirituality scrutinizes, reads, and differentiates them. That which is occult is hidden; for the term occult means out of sight. When an occult thing is understood, it is no more occult—it is revealed. It is for man to know the mysteries of being, therefore he has not only the organ to observe the natural expression of the

hidden in the productions of Nature, but the power of mental force to interpret these natural manifestations of the language of the mysterious. There is nothing invisible, the mysteries of which are not written in the expressions of the invisible, in the visible things of Nature; hence, if one would learn of the invisible and mysterious, turn from the labyrinth of occult ways into the open field of mental exploitation. Every occult desire which leads away from the truly scientific scrutiny, definition, and classification of the expressed in Nature, leads to the realms of the abyss.

Those people who are dealing with the occult forces, and through them perform the various kinds of psychic and pneumatic phenomena, being ignorant of the principles through which they are operated, are mere tools of spiritual powers from the lower realms. They are mere negations through whom the infernals perform their uses. Hypnotists are mere tools of the hells, through whom the world is being brought into a general state of negation; and there is no more infernal manifestation of the perversion than that known as christian science. Through this terrible prostitution of the truths of the Logos, the world is being reduced to a psychic cesspool; and were it not for the fact that a greater power has arisen to direct the intellect and reason against this volume of negation, no *flesh* could be saved. It is solely through the science of natural things that the invisible things can be known; and this knowledge can only obtain through a comprehension of the laws and science of correspondences.

The study of the character of violet as a natural color, leads us to the penetration of the things it reveals. When we know that every process of combustion not only precipitates toward nature the descending elements and essences of alchemical reaction, but away from nature and toward the realm of metaphysics, its coördinate energy, we begin to comprehend the mysteries of the invisible. If we see the seven colors of the rainbow, the solar iris, we know there is reflected the seven corresponding, invisible, electro-magnetic essences which make no impression on the external visual organ; and that corresponding to these there are seven primary principles of natural and spiritual activities of mental function, and are made aware that these seven primary elements of science constitute the seven steps which lead to the entrance of the Temple. If we may define the significance of the seven primary tints of prismatic display, we may solve the problem of life; for this bow is typical of that bow of which it is declared: "His bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; from thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel."



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insuring their permanency through the scientific regulation of all the functions of life.

The Mission of the Messiah.

The Successive Manifestations of Deity in Humanity; the Conjunction of God and Man; Personality of God in the Messiah; Recognition of the Present Messenger and His Truth.

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NOW, IN THE end of the Christian age, which corresponds to the termination of the sign in the piscatorial constellation, the Elohist principle will polarize necessarily in a man, because the male is the terminal point of impregnative force. The theocrasis of this man, his translation, the absorption into Nirvana, is the baptism of fire, through the influence of which the Apostles of the age will be engendered. No effort to organize society will be successful until after the translation or dematerialization of the impregnative center is effected; for it is by the baptism proceeding from such translation that the members of society are in the proper preparation to dwell socially and in the harmony of divine order."—KORESH, in GUIDING STAR.

The mission of Elohi-Jehovah, in the ultimates of the culminating simultaneous order of the fulfilment of the prophecies concerning him, has as many aspects to be considered as there have been points of view afforded the prophetic spirit in his progress through the varying cycles that make up the Mazzarothic period of his involutions and evolutions, which ultimate in the arch-natural manifestation of the God race—the Elohim. His seven preëminent involutions of all his powers in Messianic manifestations to mortals, find seven preëminent evolutions in seven churches, which give to the social orders of the era of each, their forms and functions.

The church of each age represents the qualities and degrees of the constructive forces operative; and the Messiah or impregnator of each manifests, in his personality, the energies to be dominantly manifest in all her royal progeny. The primary nucleus, or Guiding Star Assembly, of each new church to be vitalized with the progressive spirits of the new order of things to be by them established, is gathered in its least form out of the old order, to be fashioned as a receptacle, a chosen vessel, unto her Messiah, that he may have "where to lay his head"—his ruling power. This chosen vessel constitutes the seat of affection for all his intellectual and affectional concepts, one in which he may sit spiritually, to rule and reign until his concepts are realized or materialized in institutions of all forms and functions that can manifest his inherent powers and great glory.

The church, then, of each era produces as its supreme involution, its Messiah of future progress; and as its supreme evolution, a people prepared to receive and transmit his life forces, that he may be glorified in them, and they in him, for in the final conjunction they become one.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John xvii: 20-23.

This wonderful prayer of the Lord Jesus for his church and her offspring, is a typical Messianic prayer; and the prayer he gave his disciples, with which to voice their holy aspirations, is the typical prayer of a church exercising her constructive energies to reproduce the image and likeness of her Lord, in his Messianic manifestation of greatest power and glory.

The ripe harvest of the Christian era—of the Lord's spiritual power—has been gathered by the Reaper of this age—his Messenger. It is written: "The reapers are the angels,"—the Messengers. The Messengers are the Messiahs, the Anointed sent ones, present to effect the conjunction of the indwelling whole or Holy Spirit with which they are anointed, and the receptacle prepared for its future indwelling and as an elaborator of his constructive powers. The receptacle for the spirit of the Messiah now present, is in process of preparation; its members are being gathered out of the old order, and formulated into a new body or organization. It is one of the official functions of the Prophet Elijah, to "restore all things." He restores primarily to his church, the standard of the laws of life given by Moses and fulfilled by the Lord Jesus.

This standard will attract to it and to its Restorer, the legitimate members of the body of the Lord, to whom a promise of his image and likeness was given nineteen hundred years ago, when he sowed in them the Spirit of his life in the flesh. He will restore them to their organic relations as members of his body, which necessarily has a head and members for all bodily functions. To this body He will impart his own and its own divine spirit,—the scientific spirit possessing the wisdom and understanding of the laws of divine being. It will be received from the fire of his bodily conversion to Holy Spirit, by the consummation of theocrasis. This baptism will in turn consume all the members of his body, enrolling their ascending energies, by his attracting forces, as the central sun enrolls the ascending energies of the universe in the stellar nucleus of his elaboration, giving them the consciousness of the sun—himself, and enabling them to be clothed upon with his flesh—"the flesh of the Lord our Righteousness," and shine forth as a solar nimbus of many suns in the kingdom of their Father-Mother.

This kingdom of the Lord's glory is constructed by the Motherhood, the new church, the New Jerusalem. She is the supreme organizer, and is denominated the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. This Bride of God is now known to humanity only through Elijah the Prophet, who communicates the science of the laws of her being, and locates the appointed mediumship of her final manifestation in earth. What the world is vaguely dreaming of and blindly groping for; what poets and seers are indefinitely foretelling, can be realized in but one way. One way, one truth, one life, is given the

world for its salvation from age to age. It was revealed in the beginning of our era in the Lord Jesus, who was the Way of age-lasting salvation, proclaimed and worshiped by his apostles. This way, truth, and life is in process of restoration or resurrection at the present moment, in Elijah the Prophet, who prepares the way of the Lord and makes his paths straight. In him is the last enemy destroyed, and the salvation of our God worked out in the ultimates of natural life. The Elijah effects this by the science of the laws of life and immortality, and their application to life. He restores, primarily, the truth to the throne of man's mind by giving him the science of it. This method of restoration of the truth to the throne, the intellect, restores also the worship of it as the ever living and true God. This restoration makes of man a co-worker with his God, and the "excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it."

Supreme knowledge, or divine science, is the knowledge of the Lord our Righteousness, and of his works and ways, of the laws of his being and its entire environment. The universal sway of a divine organic unity can never be had without a unifier possessing the science of organization. An enlightened body must have a source of light, a single eye, a central sun whose beams are potent enough to revivify the entire universe. East and west are relative terms. The true east is the place of the sun's rising, wherever it may be. The Occident becomes the Orient, when from it the Son of Righteousness arises to make all things new. The Lord has arisen in a new Name, in a new country, to recreate all things.

The time honored saying, "Westward the course of empire takes its way," is fulfilled in the movement of that progressive Spirit of all Israel, the Spirit of Jehovah, from the effete East to the new West, for ages to come to be revered as the East,—the land of the Sun's rise in the might of all power. It is a thrilling fact that the imperial power, the science of Truth, has arisen in the United States; it is here today to recreate its universal, imperial sway, and to act as the all-potent organizer of a new cosmic order.

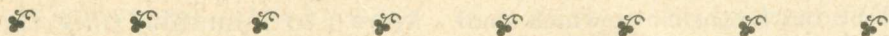
The truth has found her Voice, her Elohi, in whom she sits enthroned, while He subscribes himself the servant of the Most High. This servant is as his Master, the servant of all; it is enough. Like his Master, Jehovah, now his anointing Spirit, he is despised and rejected, and of no reputation. Like his Master, he seeks a place to lay his head—the head of a woman, the focalization of his constructive energies, and he is therefore choosing his chief apostleship from among women who will faithfully represent him,—his mission being primarily constructive, creative. His presence among us

implies the condemnation and destruction of all the buildings of the old order. They have served their purpose, and outlived their usefulness in their present form. They must fall by reason of the weight of their own corruptions.

To human aspirants for the divine righteousness, the Messiah comes to recommend the laws of organic unity, typified to Israel by Moses, and demonstrated to be the laws of life and immortality by the life and immortality of the Lord Jesus. He comes as did Moses, and Elijah, and Jesus, the Lord, to be as God to his people, to give to them, by his theocrasis, that ultimate degree of the knowledge of God which they require to attain, as a body—the perfect life of Jehovah. This is the seventh degree, and involves all others; it is the perfect knowledge, the absolute science of the law. This final degree is the light of the Sun which rules the Day. It is the focalization of all the sciences, of all the forces of the universe.

This Prophet of the Golden Age, the greatest of all, who ushers in its Day, is the One of Nature's noblemen whom nothing has been able to separate from the love of Jehovah, his anointing power, which passeth knowledge, which serves him night and day, to show him the Way, the Truth, and the Life. This love is conjoining; it made Peter one with the Father when he said to Jesus, the Son: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter was most receptive to that spirit of divine love which worships, as the Sun of humanity, divine science—divine wisdom and understanding, by which the mind *sees* to know and do the will of God. Therefore to Peter were given the keys of knowledge, which finally becomes his possession, making of him Cyrus, the Sun, the Shepherd, and the Wisdom Stone of Israel, the eternal Rock of Truth upon which the Theocracy, the kingdom of the Gods, is builded. Through Peter and his church, the Lord Jesus has ascended to the glory of the Fatherhood in Cyrus, the burning one, whose theocrasis revivifies all creation, and whose apex is the Mother of the Gods, in whom and by whom the Father attains his pre-eminent glory, the recreation of divine social order in earth.

"Father-Motherhood and sonship are attributes of one God. God is personal, and the fruit of the Tree of Life; the highest expression of evolved creation; the acme of esoteric and exoteric energy; the grand product of constellatory action; hence, God is not a great Spirit only. This hallucination lurks among the cobwebs of crumbling ecclesiasticism, and proceeds from a false concept of the cosmos. If the personality of God cannot be proven, then there is no God." KORESH proves the personality of God, and the triune attributes of that personality. The Messiah of each age is the personality, and he externalizes in some one of their many degrees, the three primary attributes of his Deity, until in the fulness of times, he builds his temple of many mansions, in which all all his culminating glories are simultaneously manifest in the personalities of his many sons, and the beauty and glory of his creative power rest in the form of its Holy of Holies, his divinely manifest Motherhood, of whom he is the essence increate.



The government of the United States has its foundation in the principle that all men are born free and equal. Theoretically, this is the spirit of American institutions. The theory and spirit, however, are both violated in the administration of public affairs.

In this age, the working of miracles is no evidence of divine power. Satan can work deceptive wonders—miracles. Something more than the process of healing (or working of miracles) is essential to demonstrate the *divinity* of a system.

Attaining to Divine Sonship.

The New Relation Obtains Through Processes of Transformation, Not by Adoption; Immortality in the Flesh; the Natural Seed and Tangible Harvest.

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DIVINE SONSHIP will not come by adoption, according to the prevailing erroneous view, since the adopted son is not a son at all, and has not the nature of the Father in him. The Apostle Paul declares: "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption [Greek, sonship], to wit, the redemption of our body." Peter declares that the reception of the divine Seed, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, that Jesus said he would send unto his disciples after he went away, was a begetting again by the Spirit, for a birth of the body that would come in the end of the Christian age—the harvest of the divine Seed, the resurrection of the dead. In the resurrection, "This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

It is plain from the above and many similar passages, that there are two distinct kinds of men—one kind is "conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity," whose inevitable doom is death, since "the wages of sin is death;" for as long as man sins he must reap the wages—death. The other kind is He of whom it is said, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." This was Jesus, the man whose seed remained in him; he did not marry, hence, he was the seed and type of that kind of men. Of these two races of men, the seedling and the higher quality of apples are the types. No quality of soil, or perfection of culture, or removal of difficulties, can produce the higher quality of apples on the seedling tree. So no removal of difficulties, or goodness of soil, or perfection of culture of the seedling human tree, can cause it to bear the higher, the Christ quality of men.

In order that the seedling apple-tree may bear the choice quality of fruit, it is indispensable that the life of the higher quality, in a bud containing it, be inserted into the circulation,—the seedling tree being cut away to give place to one of its own kind, produced by the bud. In order that the seedling tree may produce the apple of the higher quality, it must lose its own life. So the man born in sin and shapen in iniquity, in order to attain to the higher life of the man who will not die and

rot in the grave, must lose the lower, seedling life. A germ of the higher, everlasting—that is, age-lasting life, must be sown in the body of the lower, dying life, the "body of death," as the Apostle calls it, producing in the time of its maturity, the harvest, a body that will not transmit its seed—would not sin, as Jesus did not, hence will not die.

Jesus looked upon all men as dead, and proclaimed himself as the origin, the seed, of the higher life. "Ye will not come to me that ye may have life." He held up a piece of bread and said: "This is my body." "Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man, ye have no life in you." When He went away it was by a change of his holy body, soul, and spirit—his whole being, to spirit, Holy Ghost, which was breathed into his disciples, being a new spirit in them, the germ of the new and higher. What they immediately did, was the proof that they had begun a new life. Before, they had been as selfish as other men of their time, or as the professed Christians of this time; but immediately all of them did, what under Jesus' personal guidance they had begun to do—that is, put all they had into a common fund and had all things common. They thus showed that the seed of a higher life, the God-life, had been planted in them, the harvest of which planting he plainly told them, would not come until the end of the Christian age; and that before this end, and preparing the way for the end, this holy Seed, according to the law of seed, must die and disappear from the lives of men, as effectually as does the life of the wheat after its sowing, until it comes again in the time of its harvest.

Such falling away or apostasy certainly came, and still continues, and must continue until the time of the harvest, the end of the Christian age, now at hand. Then will come the end of the present hell-born system of competism, and the beginning of the kingdom of heaven in earth, that for which Jesus was the Way, the Seed. When the Seed comes again from the dead, it comes multiplied; and so He will come again in the 144,000 that are redeemed from among mortal men, and they will be like Jesus, their origin, virgins,—men-women, individuals born of God. When these come, there will be two kinds of men in the earth—the ordinary sinful men, and the 144,000 sons of God,—the new Adamic race. Their coming will be the coming of the kingdom of heaven in earth. This kingdom is the only hope of relief of oppressed and dying humanity from the unutterable oppressions of the present cruel, world-wide reign of the gold god Mammon, whom foolish mortals have legally enthroned, and whom only they care to worship.



If there is no sin, no sickness, no death, then there was no fall, and consequently there can be no restora-

tion; hence, no need of a Messiah or Savior; therefore the Christ did not come to redeem the world.

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE POWER OF TRUTH consists in the application of the knowledge of the principles and laws of universal existence to human life. The value of a system of science may be determined by what it is able to accomplish in the world of human affairs—in the domain of life itself, and in the spheres of production, appropriation, and enjoyment of the goods of life. Koreshanity maintains that all truth is sacred, divine; and that its application in the external affairs of the world, as well as in the life of man, will make humanity happy, in the destruction of all forms of oppression. The results of the application of truth are the antithets of evil; the wisdom exercised in the direction of the forces of genuine love for humanity, is the wisdom of the commerce of life. Love and wisdom are eternal co-ordinates; they were manifest in the Messiah of nineteen hundred years ago. During the age, faith and charity obtained; and the ultimate product of the order of progress, by which love and wisdom became faith and charity, is truth and good,—science and its application in the creation of that which humanity needs to redeem it from the curse. Science is the ultimate form of all truth in all degrees, because science may be grasped by the intellect, while love and wisdom are in the spirit, and faith and charity are in the soul. We may test that which is called science in the world today, by its co-ordinated products. It is said that we are living in an age of science; but we are also living in an age of oppression, in the present evil world, where human rights are taken away, where bondage obtains, where justice is not allowed, and where righteousness and purity are absent. There is misery instead of happiness; chaos instead of order; death instead of life. We are doing no injustice to modern science when we judge it by its fruits. We note its so called discoveries, and what it has accomplished in inventions; but we also note that every great modern discovery that belongs to the old order, is directly applied in the service of the powers of oppression. If modern science has increased the power of the human muscles in the creation of machinery, it has also increased the power of the men who control wealth; if it has annihilated distance by means of the railway train, the telegraph, and the telephone, it has widened the avenues for accumulation, without equitable distribution of the goods produced for the maintenance of human life. If there have been discoveries in chemistry, the discoveries are applied in the manufacture of all the nostrums administered to multiply diseases; in the manufacture of guns and explosives for the destruction of life. Are these things, which are necessarily evil, the result of the application of sacred, absolute truth? They are the result of the application of the co-ordinate of evil—fallacy, in the hands of evil geniuses. The genuine truth is the antithet of that which is now applied to increase humanity's burdens; it is the opposite in theory, and must necessarily produce opposite effects in the establishment of the New Order for which the world is waiting, and to which we are rapidly hastening.

Rev. Frank, of New York City, the reputed liberal clergyman, advocates that the Negro race of America should be again reduced to slavery. He concludes that "The most deplorable social situation which a civilized and intelligent people has ever deliberately brought upon itself, is witnessed today in the relation of the southern Negro to his environments. His native sluggishness, his imperceptible improvement, since his liberation, his startling lapse into barbarism, all must incline thinking people to conclude that the freeing of the Negro has proved a disastrous failure. A section of the country should be set

apart to which all Negroes would be permitted to migrate, and there yield themselves to such persons as would agree to possess them, and give them humane treatment and education." There are minds in America who radically disagree with the Rev. Frank concerning the progress of the Afro American. Considering the terrible state of society with which the Negro has had to contend in the South since his emancipation, the race has made remarkable progress—a progress unparalleled in the history of the world. They had been subject to slavery, subject to the control of superior minds; they knew nothing of the conduct of business, were entirely unused to competitive life. They were thrown upon their own resources, and have made the best possible use of such opportunities as have been afforded them under the adverse conditions into which they have been merged since the civil war. If the Negroes have not done more, it has been because they have been discouraged in every way possible by the whites of the South. But the Negro problem which confronts the American people will not be settled by a return to old conditions; the problem must be settled scientifically. The great plan proposed by the Founder of Koreshanity for the colonization of the Negroes, is one which admits of their removal from the conditions which now oppress them; admits of their humane treatment and higher education; admits of their subjection to leadership, but not to slavery. The Negro race in America will constitute the organic base of the new order of humanity; and they will become a power in the world of progress when liberated entirely from the conditions which *Christian civilization* has imposed upon them in modern times!

Labor-unions ostensibly exist for the purpose of subserving the best interests of laboring classes, in securing employment at the highest wages, in maintaining rights, and obtaining such concessions from the capitalists as would be impossible by individual laborers. For years we have watched the conduct of the labor-unions; and we have noted the results upon the laboring world itself. Have we seen wages advance? We have seen wage rates rise and fall at the will of the corporations; and if we have observed the fact that the union-laborer sometimes receives higher wages than the non-unionist, we have also observed, in numerous instances, enforced idleness where the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars on account of strikes, sank the difference of wage-scales into insignificance! The unions ask an advance in wages for their men; the corporations refuse, and endeavor to employ men who are under no obligations to strike; then the war begins between the two labor factions. We may look for blessings bestowed on the laboring men in Chicago, and find none; but instead, extended strikes, and thousands of men leaving the city to seek employment elsewhere. The amount of food and clothing obtainable through service of the corporations, is continually growing less; it is bad enough to know that it is so; but it is worse to have unions—established for the ostensible purpose of securing more bread for those who toil—stand in the manner of employment and prevent its members from performing such uses or services as would be possible without friction, if the unions did not exist. Is this reform? It is agitation at the very seat of the labor-war, a work of preparation for the world-wide struggle, the revolution which will ultimately embrace every department of life and activity that depends upon labor—industry, commerce, society, and government. This is the year of the strike epidemic; the convulsions grow more violent at each successive attack, and will become more alarming as the terrible woe advances. The signs of the times indicate revolution, and we are on the very verge of the final conflict!

The various phases of occultism and mental science advocate that men should follow the inner promptings of self, that they should follow the spiritual guides which speak within. Koreshanity advocates that the processes of overcoming involve and necessitate the subjugation of these spirits by the *reason*, in intellectual comprehension of the principles and laws of life. Where men are left to follow their own inclinations, to follow the thousands of different kinds of spirits which are abroad in the mental world for the purpose of deceiving minds and advertising them from the truth, there will be so many different conceptions concerning what man must do to be saved. There is but *one way*, and that is in accordance with eternal laws, principles, and processes which have been applied and employed in the work of overcoming death in all cycles past; they are scientific laws, scientific processes which are susceptible of rational comprehension. Science has come to subdue the perverse will, to polarize the mental world in one center, the Messianic pole, for the destruction of death and the subjugation of the spirits of hades. To follow one's own inclinations is to follow this way or that as one may fancy; to follow the intellect in its illumination, through comprehension of scientific law, is to follow the way of light and truth and life in a scientific age. The modern world is being blown about by the various winds or spirits of doctrine, and the culmination will be reached in the great storm of agitation, the vast whirlpool, the irresistible vortex which now threatens to sweep the world in its fury!

The first remarkable lesson taught by the government of the United States to the Cubans on the processes of conducting self government, is that of fraud. A gigantic steal has been perpetrated through the officials of the Cuban postal department, and now the treasurer, the postmaster at Havana, and others, are under arrest, subject to trial by the federal Court, providing the federal authorities of the United States can prove jurisdiction in Cuba. The fraud was perpetrated primarily in the United States; fraudulent postage stamps have been printed in Indiana and smuggled into Cuban post offices. The plot was not revealed by detection, but because of dishonor among thieves, whereby one of the thieves was led to divulge the secret out of revenge. The spirit of greed is the spirit of fraud, because greed appropriates that which belong to others. Stealing has become fashionable in the modern world; it is only a crime to be found out! The world is full of schemes for acquiring wealth which belongs to the people, because the people produce it. There are institutions in every city and town, engaged in misappropriating wealth—from the banks to the political machines; from the gambling dens to the stock exchange; from the burglar and the hold-up to the trusts! Is it any wonder that fraud should characterize the very first attempts to teach the Cubans how to govern themselves?

The facts concerning the decline of the modern church, continue to agitate the American clergymen. THE FLAMING SWORD has taught all along that the utter fall of the church is inevitable; and the time has come when the representatives of the church admit that it is falling! The admission is heard in the pulpit, in the appeals of the clergymen to greater activity, to remedy the church evils, to do something to interest the people; the admission is seen in the religious contributions to the magazines, and in the numerous quotations and reports in the great dailies of the world. The church is endeavoring to rally at the hour of its death. It realizes its lack of spirit, its lack of power! Dr. J. Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, declares that "Religion in our day seems to be dying out; the bicycle is a successful competitor with the church, while woman's clubs are a greater attraction than the house of God." The people are becoming

disgusted with the absurd perversions of the doctrines of the primitive church; with the manifest hypocrisy of the claims of the modern Christian; with the fruit of perverted religion that is being borne in civilization. The modern church is a gigantic failure, and many clergymen admit it in the strongest terms!

Presbyterians desire to revise their creed so as to prevent the non-elect from going to hell; but what is to be done about those who were condemned to torment under the old creed, which existed long enough to consign millions of people there—providing the old creed were true? If not, what shall that church say for itself, which has for generations been promulgating an offensive and repulsive system of doctrines? If the clergymen who find it necessary to turn away from the revolting pictures they have painted, to change their premise and revise their conclusions, would do what they should, they would, after revising their creed, append the following: "We have undoubtedly been the greatest fools ever instanced in human history; we have helped to promulgate the most repulsive message ever delivered to humanity, and to lash the people with the whip of fear, in the name of religion. We make the confession that the Presbyterian church has been preaching a gigantic religious fraud; it has fulfilled its course, and goes as a system to meet the doom it has proclaimed for the vidual"!

The modern fad panacea is psychic energy; it is the force behind modern miracles, the pseudo-elixir of life, the perverted philosopher's stone. Mental scientists are intoxicating the world by administering spirits more dangerous than the spirits of the distillery; but the dissipation of the elements of life continues. The elixir of life is life itself, life conserved, and life renewed by scientific processes. The very central principle involved in the conservation, elaboration, and impartation of the life for the salvation of the world, is Messianic. The great object of the world's hope, the desire of nations, the expectation of millions of people during the past age, is the coming of the Messiah. Koreshanity is the fulfilment of that hope; it declares the Messianic law, it declares the presence of the Messiah who has brought the knowledge of that law, the central law of the great Koreshan System, to the plane of comprehension by the intellect. The White Horse Army moves under the supreme command of its General!

A modern writer says, "Men and women are not naturally bad. The doctrine of total depravity was long since abandoned. The criminal tendencies in heredity have been overrated. While men are free to do right or wrong under any conditions, it yet remains that the masses of mankind are governed by their environments." And by what are the environments produced? The objective world simply supplies that which the man himself desires. We should say that the man whose subjective will is so weak as to be governed by environments, surrounding circumstances in the objective world, is totally depraved! But the depravity goes deeper than externals—it goes to the very heart and nature of the man himself. That man is depraved who cannot rule himself; the man who rules himself is able to conquer and rule the universe. Depravity is the only rational conclusion as to the condition of humanity today, after all!

There is commerce in the domain of the goods of life, the products of the performance of use for the support of life; so there must be commerce in the domain of life itself. The commerce of life is superior to the commerce of the goods of life; and it is in this higher domain where the establishment of the new commercial order must begin. The commerce of life is natural—it is in the human body; the form in which the functions of life obtain is the form of man, with its vital centers which regulate supply and demand, collect and distribute the vital sub-

stances for the support of the entire body. The true system of commercial relations is the exact correspondent of that commerce which obtains in the natural man, and in the analogous form of the universe.

The original Declaration of Independence of America, signed one hundred and twenty-five years ago, has faded until it can no longer be read; life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are not now visible in it, neither can they be found in the affairs of the nation. True liberty has not yet been realized; a semblance of it was expressed in the now fading document, where freedom existed only in words. The war of the revolution made the nation nominally independent, but it did not give liberty to the people who comprise it.

"The first essential thing is to get together," says a writer who desires to form an anarchist colony. Do men begin the work of construction by first calling the workmen together? The first essential thing in construction is to know what is necessary to be done; to have a good plan, complete specifications, designed by a capable architect. In the construction of the new order, the knowledge of the true and scientific form of society and government is absolutely essential to success.

The idea of cures obtains both in the medical and the religious world; quacks are common in each—the modern doctor of medicine administers poisonous drugs for the stomach, while the doctor of divinity doses out poisonous ideas for the mind. The medicine that will heal all diseases of both mind and body is the Elixir of Life—life itself, conserved, elaborated, and administered by the great Alchemist, who is both physician and doctor of divinity in one.

The ancients pictured halos, coronæ, encircling the heads of their deities, the human suns. The astronomer photographs the corona about the sun in the physical heavens. Is this a coincidence? If so, account for it; if not, then how did the ancients know, without the telescope, that the physical sun is seen with a corona, that they should crown their corresponding deities with halos?

Modern astronomy guides the ships of a perverted commerce on the seas; but the practical application of the genuine, scientific astronomy is capable of guiding ships on the human sea—worship, fellowship, the ship of state, and all the relationships of humanity.

Lord Roberts, the English general, is a Baptist, and believes in immersion; but he is baptizing the Boers by pouring shot and shell into their laagers.

"People with hitches in their brains are capable of doing almost anything." Perhaps they are so capable because they have something to tie to!

The enlightened intellect is the lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path to destiny in the natural kingdom of the Gods!

Truth is trailed in the dust by the dragon, the great serpent; it has followed the serpentine path of the declension of the age.

Politicians weigh great questions by manipulating the balances of power!

There can be no worse ship than the worship of gold.

Editorial Discussions and Miscellany.

THE EDITOR.

The Eclipse of the Sun.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—I see the astronomers are making great preparations for observing and photographing the sun's eclipse on the 28th inst. I should be glad to see something in THE FLAMING SWORD concerning this phenomenon. Is there any special significance to be attached to this eclipse? Astronomers seem to be able to foretell eclipses accurately, and to map out the path of totality. If the Copernican system be not true, how do you account for this accuracy?—READER.

We have gone over much of this ground concerning eclipses before; but as general interest has been aroused by the coming eclipse, we deal with the subject again briefly. Astronomers are in possession of the facts of observation of the phenomena of eclipses; they make calculations from the basis of these facts; the eclipses occur, and the people are filled with wonder. There is nothing strange or mysterious about the prediction of eclipses; of course, there are intricacies to be considered, but the matter is simpler by far than is generally supposed.

Accurate eclipse predictions do not prove the Copernican system; astronomers of past systems were able to predict eclipses for centuries to come. Eclipses recur at specific intervals. The length of an eclipse cycle is 18 years, and 10 to 12

days according to the number of leap years intervening. During an eclipse cycle, 70 eclipses occur,—41 solar, and 29 lunar; and these are repeated during the next cycle. In proof of this, we quote from Astronomer Newcomb: "There is a curious law of the recurrence of eclipses, which has been known from ancient times. It is based on the fact that the sun and moon return to nearly the same positions relative to the node and perigee of the moon's orbit, after a period of 6,585 days, and 8 hours, or 18 years and 12 days. Hence, eclipses of every sort repeat themselves at this interval."

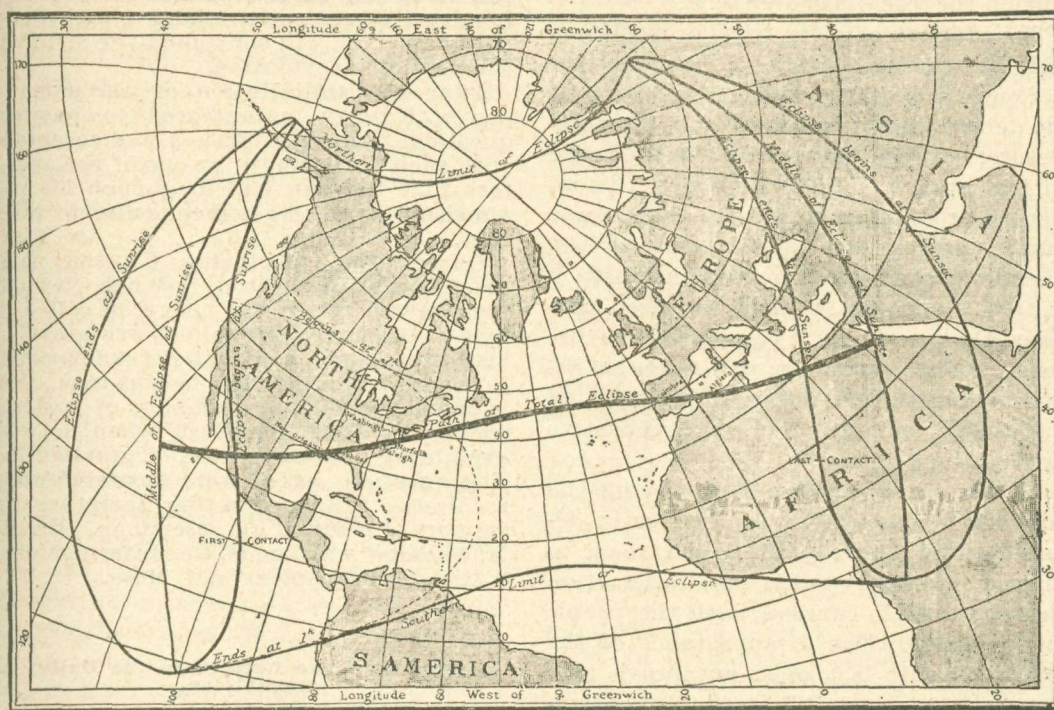
This should settle the question in the mind of the inquirer and others, regarding whether a *theory* of astronomy has anything to do with foretelling eclipses. But how about the path of totality? The recurrence of the path in given latitude and longitude, is regular. If the eclipse cycle were just 6,585 days, every time an eclipse of a given kind or character occurred, the path would cover the same longitude; but notice the 8 hours remaining over. 8 hours of time cover 120° of longitude; and the same kind of an eclipse will be visible 120° west of where it was visible before; but after a period of three

occurrences of the same eclipse, or kind of an eclipse, the path will cover the same ground.

This coming eclipse is a repetition of the total eclipses of 1846, 1864, and 1882. That of 1846 had a path very nearly the same as the coming one; that of 1864 was visible on the Pacific Ocean, and ended where the coming one begins; while the one of 1882 swept from Egypt to just south of Japan. The next eclipse of this same series will occur June 8, 1918, and will be visible on the Pacific Ocean again, but in a higher latitude; but with a knowledge of what relation the moon's orbit will sustain to the sun at that time, the path can be located as to latitude to a degree. With such facts in possession of the astronomer, it is not a difficult matter to predict eclipses and to map out the paths, from the records of previous eclipses and paths. The Copernican system has nothing to do with it; observed angles, not distances, enter into the calculations; time, not system, is considered!

But do not the astronomers project their shadow maps on the basis of the earth's *convexity*? We reproduce a map of the path of totality in the coming eclipse. Take a good look at the map; it

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THE SOLAR ECLIPSE IN THE HOLLOW GLOBE.

Accurate Map of the Path of Totality; the Course of the Shadow that Sweeps the Great Concavity from the Pacific Ocean to Egypt.

is furnished by the Naval Observatory. The projection is accurate, but observe it in whatever way you will, it represents a concavity—a *concave earth*! The convex earth of the astronomer has exactly the same curvature in his mind that the *concave earth* does in fact; and the path, if mapped from the basis of the supposition that the earth is convex, will be exactly the same as from the concave basis; and the sweep of the shadow on a supposed convex earth must necessarily fit the actual concave surface; it is but a simple matter of spherical triangles, which are the same, whether on the outside or inside.

The results of the observations of this eclipse will be on a par with all modern astronomical observations; they will solve no problems, answer no questions, settle no difficulties which confront the astronomical world. The object of the astronomer in these observations is to make better observations of the sun's corona and prominences, and to secure better photographs of the same; and also to make search for the supposed inter-Mercurial planet. Whatever discoveries the astronomers have been able to make have been worthless, from the standpoint of practical application of them, because the astronomer is sadly deficient on the lines of comprehension of the principles and laws of relation of the physical cosmos and humanity. If they observe the corona, it will still remain a mystery to them. The subject of the corona constitutes one of the hundreds of puzzling and unsolved problems with which the astronomer deals unsuccessfully!

The striking thing about the corona is, that it should occur at all, if the Copernican system be true! For why should there be any peculiar electrical phenomena simply because the moon, 92,000,000 miles from the sun, happens to get in line with the human eye and the sun? How could the moon at that distance, at that time, have any different effect on the sun from what it does at other times? There is some sense to the corona in the universe as it exists, and as it is demonstrated to be, in the Koreshan System—a cell, where the sun and moon come into close conjunction and proximity in fact, not in appearance only!

There is no special significance to be attached by the astronomer to this particular eclipse, more than to others which occur from year to year; but every eclipse has a special meaning when considered from the standpoint of the laws of correspondence. To the modern world eclipses have no significance; to the ancients they were significant, but that which the ancients held to be signified by eclipses is laughed at by the modern scientists! The idea was entertained that at the time of the eclipse of the sun, a dragon was swallowing up its substance; and this today is considered as a foolish superstition and a rank absurdity; and yet there is truth in it, as we will show.

Those who have witnessed a total eclipse will remember the feeling of awe that possessed them at the time of totality; animals become alarmed, and all nature seems to sympathize with the hidden sun. This awe, this alarm and fear in the

world of effect, in creation, has its origin in the cause of all things; and we have but to go back nineteen hundred years to find that Cause. Jesus was the anthropostic Sun; and the Gospels record the fact that at the time of his crucifixion there was an extraordinary eclipse of the sun; and when the middle of totality was reached, Jesus cried out, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" The Sun himself was eclipsed; he was alarmed, and cried out in anguish and desperation! Two great eclipses occurred at that time; one in the anthropostic world, and the other in the physical cosmos,—the co-ordinated universes.

During an eclipse cycle, energies in the interior spheres are heaped up; and during the time of the eclipse they are transposed to another cycle, in darkness, accompanied by a great coronal display. Jesus was the point of transposition of the spiritual forces of the Jewish age to the Christian dispensation; typically, on the cross, he was cast out into outer darkness, into the mouth of the dragon;—really, when he was sown in the race, as the Holy Spirit, the conserved energies of the Jewish dispensation, he was swallowed up by the dragon power,—by the hungry maw of a mortal world; and he impulsed the world for another cycle.

The eclipse legends of numerous peoples of the earth today are but fragments of that great system of interpretation of the Messianic function, known to the world in the past ages. The System has come again, and is known today as Koreshanity. About the eclipse of the sun are arranged the great facts which demonstrate the necessity for the exercise of the Messianic functions in humanity; Koreshan Science of Astronomy is of some use in the application of its principles to human life. Every fact is of use when understood, for there is not a fact in the universe that is not related to the whole, and the whole is related to its Cause. We are all familiar with the saying, "No cross, no crown." The result of the eclipse of the sun nineteen hundred years ago is the exaltation and crowning of the Messiah; and we may paraphrase the saying into a truthful scientific statement, suggestive of the cause of the coronal display, "No eclipse, no corona!"

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Promiscuous Replies.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Housekeepers who live in the mountains tell me that although water boils sooner at high than at low altitudes, more time is required for the food to cook. Will you kindly give us the reason for this, through the columns of the only really scientific paper in the world, THE FLAMING SWORD?—L. G.

The temperature at which water boils is called the boiling point; at the sea level this point is 212° F.; the heat of water cannot be made to go beyond this point. At this temperature in atmosphere at ordinary altitudes, the water is rapidly

reduced to vapor; but the boiling point varies with the density of the atmosphere. In high altitudes where the air is rare, the boiling point falls below 212° , and less heat is required to produce steam; and the reason the food is longer in cooking on the mountain top than in the valley is, that the water on the mountain top cannot be heated to as high a temperature as at the base.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—How do you explain the partial awakening to consciousness of past embodiments, as possessed or professed by some today?—A Reader.

In the same way that we account for the power of Jannes and Jambres, who withstood Moses; and for the general psychic phenomena of modern times. These imitations of the Almighty, his work and power, recur at the end of dispensations, because the progress of fallacy co-ordinates with the truth; and at the same time that there is a transition of the substances of the mental spheres of the divine order from one dispensation to another, there is a corresponding transition or opening of the spiritual spheres of the hells. Now, more than at any previous period of the world's history, the antithetical powers are manifest, because this age culminates in the union of the spiritual and the natural; and the false resurrection is as inevitable as the true. The spirits of the false awakening deceive; they are antichristian; they are leading many minds to believe they are such and such characters that lived in the past; but the claims are spurious, and not true! The true claimant to divine consciousness and memory of past embodiments along the line of divine progress, must be able to demonstrate his claim in the perfect scientific System which results from the possession of the divine mind. We are nearing the final contest of claimants to divine power, in which the true Prophet will triumph.

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Koreshan Campaign in the East.

What the Newspapers at Springfield, Mass., Say of Koresh and His System.

KORESH, otherwise DR. CYRUS R. TEED of Chicago, at least mystified if he did not instruct a good-sized audience in Memorial hall last night, with a lecture on Koreshanity. The lecture was long and went into nearly all the sciences, besides dwelling at times on religion in its different aspects.

"The science of religion," as the new cult is called, did not take hold of a large portion of the audience as strongly as it might have, for the simple reason that a good share of the speaker's remarks went over the heads of his hearers, who were swept in one breath from the Copernican system to the demonetization of silver, and then back again from the creation of the earth, as narrated in Genesis, to the crucifixion and the present struggle between labor and capital, which the speaker

predicted would result in the greatest revolution the world has ever seen.

The addition of geometrical propositions and the various phases of astigmatism were not as warmly received as parts of the debate which was carried on, after the lecture, between KORESH and one or two daring spirits in the audience. These wanted proof of some of the statements made. KORESH was equal to most of the questions asked, and if some of the answers were not sufficiently lucid to those who asked the questions, it may have been because they were not well enough acquainted with the different branches of knowledge embraced in the exhaustive explanations offered.

All the old arguments for proving the convexity of the earth were ruthlessly demolished by KORESH, who used them to prove very clearly to his own satisfaction that the earth is concave, with the people on the inside. The disappearance of the masts of a ship last does not prove that the earth is convex. It is simply an evidence of visual foreshortening. "If you begin with a guess, your premise is a guess, your reasoning an hypothesis, and your conclusion is a guess," said the speaker. "That is logic. Now the astronomers start off with a guess, which is wrong. They end with a guess, and they all are wrong. All astronomy is founded upon guesswork, so it must all be wrong." This assertion comforted the Koreshans present, and the others, who were attempting to reason the thing through the tangle of verbiage in which it was enwrapped, were still lost in the labyrinth when KORESH continued upon his triumphant career of destruction. The principal method by which KORESH said he had demonstrated that the nations of the world dwell inside the earth, was by the use of accurate measuring instruments, by means of which a straight line, beginning at an altitude of about 10 feet above the level of the Gulf of Mexico, and at right angles to the perpendicular at the beginning, extended into the water at a distance of four miles.

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From this the speaker passed to another phase of the subject, saying that the physical universe is the pattern for the construction of society, and that the new social order will be made up of stars and constellations of varying brilliancy. The human body is a microcosm, and man is the counterpart of the universe which is an imperialistic system. "Not the McKinley kind, however," stated KORESH. "I don't believe that McKinley is fit to rule the universe."

After a portion of the Lord's prayer had been translated, KORESH said that all the stars in the heavens are within 1000 miles of us. The sun is about the same distance away. There are seven metallic strata beneath us; above those are five other strata, and above those, five more geologic strata, making the shell on which we live about 100 miles thick.

The latter part of the lecture was de-

voted to a caustic criticism of Wall street and Lombard street. KORESH said that Lombard street rules America with despotic sway and will continue to do so until the predicted revolution.

After his annihilation of the money-power, KORESH volunteered to answer questions, which invitation was accepted with such earnestness by one of the auditors that KORESH had to quench his enthusiasm by asking someone else to take part.

During the catechising KORESH paid his respects to Newton. "When Newton found out a thing was heavy, he called it by a Latin name. He said it was gravity, and the people who did not know what that meant thought that he was wise. He is one of the biggest humbugs of modern times," KORESH remarked, when he was explaining his own system of gravitation. The questions asked were answered with readiness, KORESH quoting Scripture in support of many of his assertions. Dr. A. M. Cushing was one of the interrogators. —*Daily Union*, Springfield, Mass.

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Report of the Lecture in the Daily Republican.

DR. CYRUS R. TEED, familiarly known as KORESH, spoke on his doctrine of Cellular Cosmogony to a fair-sized audience in Memorial hall on Court street last evening. It would seem from the appearance of the audience that many of the old people were present to find out how foolish they had ever been to believe that they were on the outside of a ball, instead of inside the egg, and they brought along their young children to give them a start in the line of right belief, and to have them learn what the proper lay of the land is. It was peculiarly an audience of extremes in age. The lecture was preceded and followed by instrumental solos by Miss Bertha Wilder. KORESH took a bold stand on his doctrine, refuting the teachings of astronomy, and that very "fanciful" idea that the earth is a convex sphere, with great positiveness. He explained how he and his believers had invented a machine by which a mechanically horizontal line might be projected. As a result of this, they surveyed a space along the side of the Gulf of Mexico, and succeeded in running a straight line from the vertical point of a perpendicular staff, the top of which was 10 feet above the Gulf of Mexico; the line beginning at right angles to the perpendicular, and extending into the water about 4 miles away. The doctor maintains that the reason ships disappear from view on the water is because of the perspective foreshortening, and that this is proved from the fact that a far-sighted man can see the ship at a greater distance than a man of normal vision, and that with a telescope a ship can be seen at a distance of 30 or more miles, according to the size of the glass.

The Doctor also tried the experiment of putting an attachment upon the bar, which was perfectly straight on each of four sides. By sighting through a pinhole in one end, and across a hair-line at the other end of the tube, he placed a peg at such a height that the top of it came to his line of vision. It was found that another peg

placed a short distance further away had to be longer in order to come to the same line of vision. A number of pegs were placed on this line, and the further they were placed from the hair-line the longer they had to be made. This would have proved that the straight-edge curved, but the experiment was tried on all four sides with the same result, showing that if it was not perspective foreshortening the straight-edge curved on all four sides at the same time. This, the Doctor claims, is conclusive proof that the earth in concave. He stated that every great religion in the world has been founded on a corresponding system of astronomy, and then proceeded to build up his own religion upon a central point and sphere.

DR. TEED'S system takes for granted that the earth has always existed in its present form; that man and the animal kingdom have been the same since the beginning, and that the Godhead has likewise always existed, and is in much closer relation to mankind and the world in general than most people ever supposed. The different branches of the lower kingdoms, as the mineral, vegetable, and animal, are built up by absorption from each other; the mineral going into the vegetable to form the vegetable, the vegetable into the animal, the animal into the human race, and humanity into the Godhead. This Godhead is supplied by absorption from humanity, and this action takes place at the end of a certain period. At such time judgment takes place, and 144,000 perfect souls are absorbed into the central and ruling Deity. There is a circumferential absorption, which is manifested in the germinating influences of the Holy Spirit; God manifests himself as he did in Christ, the perfect man. KORESH has a remarkable familiarity with the Bible, being able to quote many passages at length, and brings in numerous quotations to support his theories, to show that what he teaches is what the Bible intended to convey.—*Daily Republican*, Springfield, Mass.

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The Great World-Reformer.

An Astrologer Predicts His Coming, and Makes 1900 a Pivotal Year of History.

The following predictions are based upon the science of Astrology, which is as old as the stars. This year, 1900, will open up the prophetic events which Daniel told us was to precede the coming of Christ. But as "no man knoweth the hour" of Christ's coming, we can only refer to the year as nearly as possible. Christ came nearly 2000 years ago, but now the time is close upon us for another Great Reformer.

The great conjunction of the planets upon December 3rd, 1899, greatly excited the world, for it was feared that so many planets conjoined on one side of the sun, and the earth on the other, might produce mighty internal disturbances, great earthquakes, etc., as this position has never hitherto been known. According to the occult science of astrology, this conjunction of the planets signifies the coming of

a great World-Reformer in the United States, who will make his appearance within the next few years, further details being probably made public in the near future. The second coming of Christ * * will be brought about through the work of the great World-Reformer, aided by favorable planetary influences.

The great occult planet Uranus will enter his own house, the Sign of Aquarius, in 1912, the nature of this Sign and Uranus being favorable to the laboring classes. The Sign of Aquarius will take the place of the Sign Pisces, ruled by Jupiter, this latter Sign having ruled for the last 2000 years, under the power of Jupiter. The nature of Uranus is to tear down to build up better; his influence causes reform and great changes in social and political affairs. The present religion of Christianity will undergo a radical change; it will become a universal religion through the endeavors of the World-Reformer. * *

The year 1912 may be reckoned as the beginning of the sub-cycle millennium, the Sign Aquarius ruling 1000 years. At present Uranus and Jupiter are in Sagittarius the Sign of religion, reform, war, etc., thus exciting the laboring classes to revolutions, strikes, and other changes, along with great excitement during the next Presidential election. During this year Jupiter and Saturn are very strong.

The next President will be a republican, and in 1904 the democrats will have a chance. The movements of the planets are God's handwriting upon the canopy of heaven, by means of which the Prophets, wise men, and chosen ones of all ages have read to their fellow-men the will of God. All religions are based on such readings as those made by the ancients.—F. F. NEITZEL, Astrologer, in *Morning Star*.

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The Message of the Preacher.

JOHN MORRISSEY.

"If you want to gain the kingdom,"

Says the preacher, gazing round,

"Want that home in glory,

Where you lay your burdens down,

Pay attention to this message,

And that heavenly city see:

Give your heart to God Almighty,

And your pocketbook to me!

"Don't be no-wise discouraged

If the stony way is long;

Pass the hat around, my brother,

While we sing another song:

If you expect religion,

Salvation's full and free,

Give your heart to God Almighty,

And your pocketbook to me!

"Hear the words of the blessed Jesus,

'Lay not treasures up on earth;'

Give a liberal, large collection,

And receive the second bless.

When the dimes and nickles jingle,

Then we'll shout our jubilee:

Give your heart to God Almighty,

And your pocketbook to me!

"Give it all, and don't begrudge it;

Don't be holding any back;

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—Boer residents along line of Lord Roberts' march in Free State, are fleeing from their homes.—Fierce fighting near Mafeking.—Cuban papers score American administrations on the Island.—St. Louis street-car strike develops more rioting.—Boer representatives arrive in New York.

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May 18.—Mafeking is relieved by the English army; Boers retreat.—Labor-war in Chicago grows serious; thousands on the verge of starvation, and are compelled to seek employment elsewhere.—\$2,000,000 worth of bogus Cuban stamps discovered to have been printed at Muncie, Ind.—Riots continue along St. Louis street-car lines.—Presbyterian assembly at St. Louis.—Bubonic plague in San Francisco Chinatown.—Fierce fighting reported in northern Colombia.—May 19.—Marked stagnation of business in Chicago on account of labor-war.—Chicago brewers refuse to pay license imposed.—London wild with joy over relief of Mafeking.—General strike ordered in St. Louis, in sympathy with motormen and conductors.—Aguinaldo advises Filipinos to welcome American peace commission.—May 20.—

Kruger again asks for terms of peace; request is attended with a threat to blow up mines unless armistice is granted and prisoners exchanged.—St. Louis street-car companies resort to running mail-cars to prevent interference by strikers.—Attendance at world's fair reaches 150,000 daily.—May 21.—Dr. Jones, of Chicago, startles his audience by declaring that religion is dying out.—Thousands at Washington cheer the Boer envoys.—Strike riots in Berlin; 6,000 employes on street-car lines strike, and attack cars and passengers with stones.—Passion play in progress at Oberammergau, Germany.—Unconfirmed report in London that Boer Gen. Dewet has surrendered to the English.—Presbyterian general assembly takes up creed revision.—3,000 people leave Seattle, Wash., for Cape Nome gold-fields.—Rev. Frank, of New York, advocates return to Negro slavery as a solution of the Negro problem.—May 22.—McKinley informs Boer representatives that he can take no action looking to intervention or mediation.—Baden Powell is made major-general.—General strike in English pottery works.—Daily riots in St. Louis.—National congress of mothers meets at Des Moines, Ia.—Federal supreme court declares Beckham governor of Ky.

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