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A GLANCE AT KORESHANITY.

KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY is a complete system of the Science of the great Universe of life; and it involves the knowledge of the Creator and his creation. The name by which it is designated, in contradistinction to perverted Christianity, is KORESHANITY; and the new Religion must supplant Christianity, as Christianity supplanted Judaism. Koreshanity has come to fulfil the hope of the world in the liberation of humanity from the curse, in the establishment of the Kingdom of God in earth, the introduction of the New Era of Light and Life, of universal harmony and happiness.

What does Koreshanity teach? We present a brief summary of the System—a few cardinal points, which will serve to suggest the great scope of the System in its completeness. It is the antithesis of all modern theories, of all schools of thought. It is the climax of all mental progress, the ultimate and absolute truth of Being and Existence; it is the revelation of all mystery, the uncovering of the occult; the true explanation of all phenomena, the scientific interpretation of Nature and the Bible.

COSMOGONY.—The universe is a cell, a hollow globe, the physical body of which is the earth; the sun is at the center. We live on the inside of the cell; and the sun, moon, planets, and stars are all within the globe. The universe is eternal, a great battery, and perpetually renews itself through inherent functions, by virtue of which it involves and evolves itself.

ALCHEMY.—The Science of Alchemy is the Philosopher's Stone, the Key to the mystery of life. Chemistry is false; Alchemy is true! Matter and energy are interconvertible and interdependent; they are correlates; matter is destructible; the result of its transmutation is energy. Alchemy is the key to the analysis of the universe.

THEOLOGY.—God is personal and biune, with a trinity of specific attributes. God

in his perfection and power is the God-man or the man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

MESSIANIC LAW.—The coming of the Messiah is as inevitable as the reproduction of the seed. The divine Seed was sown nineteen hundred years ago; the firstfruit is another Messianic personality. The Messiah is now in the world, declaring the scientific Gospel.

REINCARNATION is the central law of life—the law of the resurrection; reincarnation and resurrection are identical. Resurrection is reached through a succession of re-embodiments. One generation passes into another; the millions of humanity march down the stream of time together.

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity,—not in the sky.

HUMAN DESTINY.—Origin and destiny are one and the same. The origin of man is God, and God is man's destiny. God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity, not in the sky or atmosphere.

IMMORTALITY IN THE FLESH.—Koreshanity declares and defines the laws of immortality, and its attainment in the natural world. The first step is recognition of the Messiah and the application of his truth. KORESH was the first in modern times to announce the possibility of overcoming death in the natural world, in the flesh.

CELIBACY.—The saving of human life consists in the conservation and appropriation of life in humanity. To become immortal, one must cease to propagate life on the plane of mortality. The standard of Koreshan purity is the virgin life of Jesus the Messiah. The Central Order of the Koreshan Unity is Celibate and Communistic. Celibacy obtains in the central nucleus, never in the world at large.

PSYCHOLOGY.—Koreshanity points to the basis of all psychic phenomena—the

human brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

THE BIBLE.—The Bible is the best written expression of the divine Mind; it is written in the language of universal symbolism, and must be scientifically interpreted. Koreshanity demonstrates the truth and scientific accuracy of the Scriptures, and proves its astronomy, alchemy, theology, ethnology, etc. There is no conflict between the Bible and genuine Science; the Bible and the natural universe must agree in their expression of the divine Mind.

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KORESHAN SOCIALISM.—Our Social System is patterned after the form of the natural cosmos; that form is the natural expression of the laws of order. We demonstrate the fallacy of competition; advocate the destruction of the money-power; the control of the products of industry by the government, and the equitable distribution of the goods of life. Koreshanity will abolish wage slavery, and make it impossible for men to accumulate wealth and impoverish the people.

CHURCH AND STATE.—The true form of government is the divine Imperialism, the unity of church and state; such will be the Kingdom of God in earth. The Koreshan Government is the unity of the empire and the republic, involving the principles of all present forms of government, which are but fragments of the perfect system which existed in ancient times—in the Golden Age of the past. The government of the universe is imperialistic; and humanity will constitute a unit only when every class is emplaced at rest and liberty as are the strata, stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos.

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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 Circle of God's Animal Life.

The Great Tree of Life and Its Leaves for the Healing of the Nations; Periods of Human Development Marked by the Progress of the Sign Aries.

THE LEAVES OF THE TREE OF LIFE are to be applied to the healing of the nations. We will first make plain the significance of the Tree of Life, as this is specially important in the study of the use of its leaves as a healing power. The root of the Tree of Life is the Lord; by the Lord, we mean the Lord Jesus. His life was the immortal state, to which he attained through those processes of overcoming which brought him to the condition of that power enabling him to overcome death in the body. He, being planted in the church, brings the firstfruits of immortality in the race through the resurrection of the body at the end of the age. In the consecutive order, the Tree of Life begins with a biological period or lapse of time constituting the head of a long cycle of time, and ending with the completion of the same time.

Corresponding to this period of anthropostic progress, there is an astronomical cycle called the cycle of the Zodiac. This means, interpreted, or rather rendered from the Greek into English, the cycle of God's animal life. While the sun and all the planets have each its own Zodiacal cycle, all of them important, we will now consider but the two general and coincident progressions; namely, the Zodiac of the alchemico-organic (physical) order, and the corresponding Zodiac of human progress. This last is strictly the cycle of God's animal life, for it is the tree of the development of the Lord in the race, thence the development of the Gods or the sons of God from out the sensual and lower

humanity. The period is marked by the progress of the sign Aries on the ecliptic.

Let us emphasize the fact that the human Zodiac is the supreme cycle, while the corresponding physical Zodiac is the subsidiary and dependent cycle. The sign Aries is that spot on the earth where the sun is vertical at the vernal equinox, at the place where the sun crosses the line. The physical Zodiac is the type of the corresponding human Zodiac. The human Zodiac is, strictly speaking, the Tree of Life, which is the animal life of God. That there be no room for dispute on the question of the animal life of God; and for the benefit of the Biblical student especially, we will call attention to the fact that the Lord is the Lamb of God; that the Lord is the Lion of the tribe of Judah; that he is the White Horse; that he is the Serpent; that is, divine wisdom. We could point to a thousand passages to verify the statement that all of the animal sacrifices of the Jewish dispensation pointed to the various animal characteristics of the Lord's life. Let the student bear in mind the fact that there is a most important and significant distinction between the animal life of Deity and the sensual, animal life of humanity. God's animal life is that in which God constantly dies, and through which he regenerates himself and the sons of God. At the end of the Zodiacal cycle, the sons of God are brought forth as the fruit of the Tree of Life.

The world is just now reaching the end of the Zodiacal cycle, and the time of the fruitage of the Tree

—the sons of God. The transformation of the mortal humanity to the immortal is the healing to be accomplished, and to which the statement refers: "The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." It has no reference to any ordinary healing power. The nations here refer to the seven churches, which will comprise the firstfruits of the resurrection of the dead. There are seven divine nations; these are the resurrected new church in its seven genera of the new order. These constitute the chosen—the Bride and the Bridegroom. They are not all there are of the fruits of salvation at the end of the age, but they are all there are of the firstfruits. These literally comprise the true Zion. They are the sons of God, and are like the Lord because they are the product of his planting, and the offspring of his death in the race. These shall come forth through the healing power of the leaves of the Tree.

What Are the Leaves of the Tree of Life?

This question can only be answered through a knowledge of the law of natural correspondences. We must know the function of the leaves of trees in general, before we can determine the office of the leaves of the Tree of Life. The ordinary human and mortal life is to be transformed to the immortal existence in this world, now, at this the end of the dispensations. This corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality. This mortal flesh is to be changed to the immortal flesh before the life of man can be transited to its inheritance—eternal life. This is to be done through the application of the leaves of the Tree of Life.

In the springtime, after the winter cold and death, the trees put forth their foliage. This is preparatory to the shooting forth of the blossoms. The leaves perform the function of respiration for the tree; this respiration, however, is not just like the respiration of the lungs in the body. The lungs are at the root of the tree. The arterial ramifications—where they meet the extremities, rather, the beginnings of the venous circulation, in the human body—perform a function similar to the leaves of the tree, and constitute the tops of the branches of the tree, at which extremity the fruit is formed. As there can no fruit be formed except through the function of the root, it is therefore said: "In that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious." In what day? When the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people. It might be urged that the Lord Jesus was the root of Jesse referred to, but the Lord was not the root of Jesse; he was the root and the offspring of David. The root of Jesse comes as the Messenger of the Covenant, at the end of the dispensation. He brings the leaves of the Tree of Life, just as the root of any tree brings the leaves of the corresponding tree.

The leaves of the Tree of Life, leaving all circumlocution aside, comprise the science that treats of immortality, which, when applied, will make men immortal. The science of immortality is the science of the Decalogue. This science is known only to one man, and can only be taught by the Messenger of the Covenant and the Apostles of his appointment. This science constitutes the leaves of the Tree of Life, by whose application immortality in the body must result.

"The End of the Human Race."

Absurd Speculations of Modern Scientists Concerning the Exhaustion of Solar Energies, and Consequent Calamity to the Solar System; Koreshan View of the End of the World.

How and when will it ultimately come about? This startling question has lately been put to eminent men of science, says *The Daily News* of Chicago. That man has but 3,000,000 more years to live, is the opinion given by Dr. T. J. See, the well known astronomer of the Naval Observatory at Washington. At the end of that time the sun, which has already expended eight-ninths of its energy, will have exhausted its other ninth and will have burned out. The whole solar system will then be bathed in perpetual night. The earth and its sister planets will continue, however, to travel in their orbits about the darkened sun. The latter will still be the center of the solar system. "Man might continue to live in darkness, if absence of his daylight supply were the only effect of the sun's burning out," says the *Philadelphia Press*. Within 3,000,000 years man will have learned to manufacture artificial daylight. But when the sun's light goes out, its heat will go with it. The extermination of all earthly life such as now exists will, in Dr. See's opinion, result from cold. At the present time, he thinks the sun is growing hotter. It probably will become twice as hot as it is now before beginning to cool. But this does not mean that it will give the earth twice as much heat as it does now, or that in summer thermometers will eventually go up to 200 degrees in our zone; with the sun twice as hot, the earth might be even

cooler than now. After doubling its own heat, the sun will begin to lose it. The cooling and darkening of the earth will then be gradual. There will be no sudden catastrophe marking the extermination of mankind and other forms of life, the astronomer says. The great oceans will slowly freeze over. They will ultimately become absorbed by the land. Later, our atmosphere will cease to be vapor, and will lie like snow upon the earth's crust.

THIS, WITH CONSIDERABLE other rubbish, is accredited to Prof. See, in the *Chicago News*. Now we have no present way of knowing just what the eminent Professor's views are on the subject; but judging from our experience with the daily press, we would say that Professor See never said anything of the kind. At the same time, it is like all the other rubbish that passes as science. It would not be worth our consideration, were it not for the fact that many people are senseless enough to swallow it as veritable

truth. If we ask upon what postulate these conclusions are predicated, the answer will certainly come, upon an *assumption*. We *assume* one thing, and upon this assumption we draw our conclusions. A system of argument founded upon an assumed premise is a line of assumptions, and the deduction is an assumption. The man who reasons from an assumption, by the time he has reached his conclusion has forgotten that his premise was a guess, and therefore concludes that his deduction is the truth.

The whole thing is a fabrication. The laws governing the universe include the physical as well as the biologic cosmos. Man's spiritual existence depends upon his material and natural existence; neither can exist without the other. The functions of the universe depend upon its form. They are both so mutually dependent that the universe could not exist if it had not eternally existed. It could not come into being had it not an eternal existence. The sun will never cease to be. Man will never cease to be.

The premise upon which is predicated the belief that the sun may sometime cease to exist by exhaustion, is the assumption that, because the so called scientist knows that energy is being constantly radiated from the sun, and knows of no possible means of its restoration, it follows that there must be consequent exhaustion. Of the many theories advanced in assumption by astronomers, the one most commonly accepted is that which supposes a cooling-off process most reasonably accounts for the solar phenomena of light, heat, electricity, magnetism, etc. Astronomers would never have attempted to account for the production of solar energy upon this inexplicably unreasonable hypothesis, were it not for the fact that the assumption of illimitability precludes the possible reaction of energy toward the sun. Efferent without the coördinate afferent direction of solar energy, is simply a preposterous proposition. "Scientific" men will live long enough to laugh at their own sublime but dense stupidity. If the sun were constantly radiating energy into illimitable space, never meeting directly opposing and reflecting spheres, it would stand to reason that it would some day exhaust itself, no matter what the process by which the energy is generated. This proximate premise regarding solar energy, and the deduction that the sun will ultimately cool itself to death, is founded upon the prior or remote premise that the earth is convex,—a premise upon which the entire Copernican system is founded.

If it be admitted that the sun, "the center of the solar system," is cooling off, or will ultimately begin to cool after reaching a maximum degree of heat, until it exhausts its own inherent resource for the generation of its energies, then the principle must apply to every other sun, finally to the last conceivable and most

remote sun, until the universe becomes utterly inert. This theory assumes that the universe must die. This implies that it has been dead before, and that, from its own inertness, it had the power to create itself; that is, that a motionless, inert, dead thing had the power to set itself in motion, and to continue that until it created man. This is a little worse than for a man to lift himself over the fence by his boot-straps; but nothing is too unreasonable for the scientist of the present age. Let us repeat here, that the whole unreasonable and puerile scheme is founded upon what the "scientist" himself claims to be an assumption. Now, what have we to offer in opposition to this monumental idiocy of the Copernican or Newtonian astronomy?

All the energies radiated from the sun are generated there by combustion. They meet their limitation in the atmospheres between the circumferential earth and the astral nucleus, in the earth's geologic crust, in the mineral and metallic strata which surround the cosmic structure. They are thence recombusted, the energies are turned upon themselves and return to the sun, which sustains a reciprocal relation to its mineral and metallic deposits and environments. The sun receives as much energy as it radiates, and therefore, in its relation to its terrestrial concave limitation, is eternal. It never was created, in the common acceptance of the term; it never will be uncreate, for the process of creation is perpetual and inherent.

The universe, from *unus*, one, and *vertere*, to turn, never had a beginning and will never have an end. Its turnings are marked by cycles, which are coincidentally progressive and retrogressive. These involve the progression and retrogression of the human race, whose periods or cycles of time correspond to the movements of the solar, lunar, planetary, and stellar cycles. Human periods are marked by ages, each of which has its own cosmic character distinctively portrayed. In the Scriptures, these ages are called worlds. For instance, from Abraham to the Messiah was a cosmos (world); from Noah to Abraham was a cosmos (world); and then back through the cycles of time—for ages upon ages. From the Lord Jesus to the end of the Christian or Piscatorial age, we have had the Christian cosmos or world. The age defines the period of time, the cosmos (world), the corresponding order.

The Christian age has terminated, and the world (cosmos, order) is ended. The forces of destruction are imminent. This fact is hidden only from those who will not see. The military and naval mobilizations are already active in which the Christian age culminates, and through which another dispensation has its birth. This is but the repetition of the endless myriads of dispensations which culminate in material fruit which, when ripe, dematerializes and is absorbed into the invisible Gods, without loss of consciousness or identity to those thus absorbed.

Cycles and Their Relation to Human Progress.

Part II.

Processes of Development and Establishment of the Great World-Power, the Divine Kingdom; the Prophecies of Daniel; Cyclic Cataclysms and Universal Day.

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IN THE BACKWARD movement, Aries being now in the lap between Pisces and Aquarius, and about to leave Pisces, which ends the Christian age, the sign in the physical heavens will soon be Aquarius for the next—the Aquarian, age. If they do as they did during the last age, the almanacs will soon put Aquarius—the man with the pitcher of water in his hand, of whom Jesus spoke—where they used to put Pisces (Fishes), as the sign of the age. Water, the universal solvent, from its transparency, is the symbol of real science—the truth; and the man with the pitcher of water is the man with the truth, which he is pouring out to the world engulfed in a deluge of fallacies. No great saving truth ever comes to the world except through a man. The plain meaning of the whole is, that the world is about to enter upon the age of real science—knowledge. The sign of it for the age, in the physical heavens, will be the man with the pitcher of water in his hand.

The term Zodiac is derived from two Greek words which mean animal life and God; and the cycle of the Zodiac, which is a period of 24,000 years, is the cycle of the full development of God's animal or human life, out of the lower, the sinful humanity. This cycle is a cycle of cycles, a year of twelve months, in which we are assured that "seed-time and harvest shall never fail." There is a ripened fruitage in humanity at the end of the month, which is sown as the seed to "guard the way of the tree of lives," human life—the God-life in humanity, for the next age, month. The Zodiacal cycle of 24,000 years is divided into four grand ages of 6,000 years, of which the first is the age of gold—the age of Adam before the fall of the garden of Eden, in which God plants his seed. It was symbolized by the head of gold, following which is the age of silver, symbolized by the breast and arms of silver; then comes the age of brass, symbolized by the belly and thighs of brass, and, last of all, the age of iron—symbolized by legs of iron, and feet of iron and clay. Each of these grand ages has an age of gold, an age of silver, an age of brass, and an age of iron.

The world is now in the iron age of the iron age of the cycle of the Zodiac. That is why the political economy of the present is fittingly called the "Dismal Science," and the great masses of men are starving, or on the ragged edge bordering that condition. "My people have gone into captivity because they have no knowledge." "Now once in the *sunteleia ton aionon* [ending together, consummation, of the ages—the age that ends the twelve ages of the Zodiacal cycle, absurdly translated the end of the world], hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." When "in the spirit on the Lord's day," that is, John saw into the spiritual world, which is in the human brain, and nowhere else, he heard one say: "Lo! I

make all things new;" not all things of the physical earth, which is eternal, and never made new, but all things of the human earth, which is God's footstool. The cycle of the Zodiac was closed, and the horrible conditions of its iron age were to be replaced by the happy, glorious ones of the Golden Age.

Of these, Paul had a glimpse when he wrote, quoting a prophecy: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for them that love him." The happiness of this coming Golden Age has been the burden of prophecy for ages; and these prophecies describe, not some future imaginary spiritual state or world, but this world (all the world there is), disenthralled, and redeemed and rescued from the clutches of priestcraft and the god Mammon. This rescue was typified by Jesus driving the money-changers out of God's temple and pouring out their money, calling their place of business a den of thieves, declaring that the ax was laid at the root of the trees, and that every tree that bore evil fruit, these included, should be cut out and cast into the fire. "For in those days shall be affliction such as was not from the beginning of the creation, which God created, until this time, neither shall be." "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light." "The sun shall be blotted out, and the moon turned to blood." "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat." "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun."

The flesh of animals of size and species unknown to history, when released from Siberian ice fetters that have preserved it for untold ages, fresh enough to be food for dogs or other animals, proves beyond a doubt a sudden earth cataclysm, which converted a torrid climate to one of eternal ice. The occurrence of one such event proves that there is a law of cataclysms; and when the cycle of their recurrence is complete, the world may look for another. There is historic evidence that the inclination of the ecliptic to the equator, instead of being $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees, as now, was once 45 degrees; and it is possible that at some time it was much greater than that. A sudden change, say from 90 to 45 degrees, thus very greatly lessening the distance that the sun would travel north, would be sufficient to effect great changes in climate. There is now in the northern heavens a magnetic polar point; at the other end of this axis, in the southern heavens, is a magnetic belt or ring. If now by a sudden cataclysm this $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees of inclination of the light and magnetic axes should disappear and the two planes should coincide, our sun would be blotted out and in its stead would appear, extending

entirely round the heavens, a great ring of lambent light, resembling the incandescent electric light, and the prophecy would be fulfilled: "And it shall come to pass in that day that the light shall not be clear, nor dark," and "the light of the sun shall not fall on them."

This hoary old earth bears other scars indicative of mighty upheavels, which unmistakably indicate that what are now mountain tops once constituted the sporting ground of marine monsters; and that old Neptune now pastures his flock where once roamed the wild deer and the mountain lion. We shall sometime learn that nothing comes by chance, but that all things, human life included, move in cycles, appearing and re-appearing, each in its own time, and order, and degree. With the disappearance of the sun and night must go most of the deeds of darkness that make earth an Aeldama and a Golgotha, and the discomforts that night brings to the masses of men, and the intolerable oppressions of the burning eye of day.

The wise man said: "There is nothing new under the sun." This new light will only be the return of the long-forgotten old, and with it will come new light—understanding, in the minds of men, not in the long lapse of years, but shortly, that shall enable them to see better than to perpetuate the unspeakable crimes of war and slavery in any form. Then shall "swords be

beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning-hooks, and men shall learn war no more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree: and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." Let the doubter and agnostic possess his soul in patience, for he will not have long to wait for these wonders to literally come to pass.

"And in the days of these kings [the four universal empires] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never [Hebrew, not for the age—the Zodiacal cycle] be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever [for the age]. For as much as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation sure." Always, in the Bible, in the very meaning of the original words, *forever* and *eternal* signify for an age, or age-lasting, and the ages measure the progressions and retrogressions of human life, which resemble the sowing, growth, and death of the typical wheat plant, until they culminate in the highest, the God-life—the seed and source of all activity and life.

Burial of Moses by the Almighty.

Sowing of the Divine Seed in the Jewish Soil Through the Theocrasis of the Hebrew Leader; the Field of Divine Activity in Humanity; the Climax of Divine Progress.

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THE MODERN CHURCH recognizes no death except that which bespeaks a dinner for the worms, and no burial but the fulfilled prophecy of loathsome vault or upturned sod. Moses, the finger of God, in the type wrote the law upon the tables of stone. In the antitype, he wrote the law upon the hearts of men. This latter was accomplished when "Moses, the servant of God, died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord; and he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab."

The Son, the Lord Jesus, and the Father were one. The Son was in the Father who was in the Son. This mutual relationship is as perpetual as that of flame and light. The quality designated servant in Moses died; then stood forth the Son, the sign of the perfect conjunction of the exterior with the indwelling Father; the sign that in Moses was eradicated all estrangement from God: "The carnal mind is at enmity against God." The theocrasial fire fell, and the material Moses became spirit. The entities environed by his flesh sought a new fleshly environ, a garden, a vineyard where they were planted. Human seed is always planted in the flesh. The flesh corresponds to the soil in which is deposited the seed of the vegetable world for germination, and for reproduction or regeneration.

"The vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of

Israel," the seed of father Abraham. "He buried him in the land of Moab." Moab is an untranslated Hebrew word, whose English equivalent is "the Father's seed." Thus we see the cross of God and man—Moses, the seed of Divinity, sown in the seed of the sensual humanity. Moses (God), who stands upon the mountain of human elevation, is sown in the valley, which signifies the sensual race. The mountain is leveled to raise the valley. The ultimate of this sowing was the Christ of God, the Son in whose perfect flesh was sealed his embryonic compeers, those who should become sons in every particular like unto the one Son. These were twelve thousand spirit entities from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. These germs were the children of the kingdom, and composed that perfect seed of whom Psalm xxii: 30 says: "A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted unto the Lord for a generation," production. This seed, as in the case of Moses, was, by the fire of translation, consigned to its human soil, the sensual humanity, and so was fulfilled the Scripture: "The children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness"—the darkness of unregeneracy. The cross of God and man is always the same—the mountain stoops to the valley.

It is patent to the observation at all critical, that through the entire Mosaic dispensation the Jewish peo-

ple, stiff-necked and rebellious as they were, provided a basis for operation in a work of rearing a tree whose fruit should be divine communism. Jewish societal order was more closely knit upon lines which effected integrality of purpose and issue than was that of any people of the time. They so continued until declension, when, according to the testimony of the Lord, they made the word of God of none effect through their tradition. As factor and issue of this condition, there were gathered out of the race, on the invisible side of being, the twelve thousand righteous ones from each of the twelve tribes. Their aspirations were crowned in their production of the Christ flesh, in whose glory and grace the early Christians rejoiced.

In an ascending ratio, the disciples of the Christ inclined to the God determination. They were ready for an advanced step, and the nucleus of twelve, to whom were to be transmitted the laws of the Eternal, the power of prophecy and the riches of Deific wisdom and love, was firmly planted upon the foundation stone of divine communism; a common purse served the needs of these co-laborers in a common cause. But the tie of unity was not yet effected. Only after a protracted term of experience and tutelage were they prepared for the words: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another," and, "by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

"Him hath God the Father sealed." The seal was broken. All that had been the visible Christ became the invisible inherence of those to whom the Christ had promised himself. The children of the kingdom began

their descent into that outer darkness, where is "weeping and gnashing of teeth." Until the declension these children, the Christ entities, impulsed their recipients to Christly deeds. Acts which, during the visible stay of the Lord, had been the result of command or of inspiration from him, became spontaneous through the propelling power of the Spirit of Truth, which had come to be a part of them. All that continued steadfast in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, "had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." * * * "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul." "Neither was there any among them that lacked."

"That which thou sowest is not quickened except it die." The Spirit died. The church—the soil in which it was sown—died. The modern church is a dead body, and will see no more resurrection than did the obsolete Jewish church at the advent of the Christ. But the body of the Christ is coming up in the resurrection. It is the husband upon whom is descending the Bride, the New Jerusalem, the righteous entities withdrawn "while men slept." When these descend in the baptism upon the humanity of their determination, these will appear on the visible side of life one hundred forty and four thousand Christs. These first received divine communism as an education. From loving it they grew to be it; its very substance is incorporated in them, ready to descend upon, to be conjoined to, and to transform the valley of human selfishness to their own likeness—the mountain height of Godliness. Thus will the work steadily guided by the Father's hand through the ages, eventuate in peace in earth and good will toward men.

Destruction of the Money-Power.

Laying the Ax at the Root of all Evil; the Power Which Controls in the Field of Commercial, Social, and Political Economy.

J. S. SARGENT.

THERE IS a growing sentiment in the world, in favor of government monopoly of the industries of the nation. It is a matter of congratulation that the mailed hand of greed, strengthened by the great combinations of capital, is making its oppression so felt that it is driving the people to see the necessity of adopting the inevitable—that is, the absorption of the great industries into their own hands. But it requires wisdom to penetrate to the real cause of the world's great difficulty, and to perceive the great obstacles in the way of applying the remedies usually proposed.

The Apostle Paul said that "the love of money is the root of all evil;" and when the Christ said the ax must be laid at the *root* of the tree, he must have referred to the root of all evil. Destroy the power of money, (which in the most external sense is the money now in use), by destroying the *love* of it. There is no good reason why the commodities, gold and silver, should be singled out and favored with the fiat stamp of the gov-

ernment, which enhances their value many times over. Take off this fiat, this stamp, and gold and silver will become as cheap as iron. Abolish legal tender on gold, silver, and paper; for so long as these arbitrary and unnatural measures of value are permitted to be used, and the people acknowledge their potency, so long will the money-power continue to dictate the terms of government. When this great truth is realized by the people, the curse of money—which makes and perpetuates the present wage slavery—will be wiped out in a torrent of blood, as was Negro slavery in the South.

Money is a pagan institution. Thirty pieces of it procured the betrayal of the Christ; and ever since it has continued to betray men to the sin of greed and the lash of hunger, which make of one the exacting taskmaster, and of the other the restless wage slave. Centuries of custom and habit have so inured the people to the oppressions and iniquities of money, that they have come to think it a blessing, for which nothing could be

substituted. They are amazed and frightened at any suggestion of its destruction, wondering how men could possibly get along without it.

Place the commerce of the country in the hands of a just government, where it ought to be, and where it must be if the people have a government administered for their benefit; for the commerce of a nation is to that people what the blood is to the human body. The heart propels and controls the circulation of the blood; therefore, the power of life is with the heart. It is the governor of the commerce of the body. Likewise, the financial power which controls the commerce of the country is the actual government; today the perverted system is the power behind the throne!

The righteous government must establish centers of accumulation and distribution of the products of industry, at all places convenient to the producers and consumers, just as post-offices are now located. At such centers the products of a community may be exchanged for necessary supplies; or certificates of credit may be issued therefor. Such paper could be made of convenient denominations of value, as will make it

available to circulate as a medium of exchange, in local barter between neighbors; but whenever it shall be returned to the government store (no matter where or by whom) it shall be canceled. Its mission, the completion of the intended exchange, is then fulfilled; and new paper will be issued only upon another deposit of produce.

Such a government will undertake to find a market for all valuable productions, if not in this country, then in foreign markets, in exchange for necessary importations. This involves government ownership of all means of transportation, and of all manufactories wherein large operations can cheapen the products to the people. There cannot in such a system be any cornering of the circulating medium, nor a blocking of trade on account of scarcity of "money;" for the new circulating medium can be created as desired, to effect any exchange of products; nor can there be any panics to adjust the dislocations of an unnatural financial system, such as prevails today, because a new system is to supplant the old, in which the cause of panics will be removed.

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE PULPIT AND PRESS are the two great avenues of expression of the effete thought of the age; every week, every day, multiform fallacies are promulgated, and the corruptions of modern times supported and defended. The unscientific and unjust competitive system, opposed to every principle and law of universal economy, is indorsed by the church; and the gigantic evils which exist throughout the civilized world are supported by the press. The church has reached the last stages of declension, and the press is the expression of the spirit of degeneracy. For this reason, both pulpit and press are opposed to Koreshanity; they have waged a relentless and merciless persecution against the Founder of Koreshanity since the beginning of its promulgation, because he has dared to tell the truth and expose modern fallacy and sensualism. KORESH discovered the prime cause of all disease, as well as the one great remedy for the ills of humanity; and in the promulgation of the principles and laws of life, the application of which militates against all modern perverted loves, he encounters the unreasoning prejudice and hatred of the clergy. Purity comes in conflict with the sensual spirits of the age; and for teaching the principles of purity, the Koreshan Founder is charged with disrupting families and increasing domestic infelicities. It is considered a crime to teach a husband or wife a principle of life for intellectual comprehension and application, which will enable the one to rise above the sensual plane of the other. Marriage, no matter what crimes may be committed under its license, is considered a sacrament, and its charm of sensualism must not be disturbed! Has Christianity never disturbed the marital relation? If it has not, it has never taught the principles of purity. But witness the persecutions waged against the primitive Christians; see a husband here and a wife there forced by conscience, and oftentimes by danger, to separate themselves from their persecutors. The pulpit and press are not consistent; even today disruptions of families are caused by the work of missionaries in heathen countries. Is marriage less sacred in

India and China than in the West? Tolstoi reviews the situation in the Chinese empire, and attributes much of the present strife in China to the influence exerted by missionaries upon members of the homes: "Behold, the wife of his bosom a proselyte; twice a Christian, for the female proselyte's ardor is without bounds. So the Christian world has gained a soul, and society one more broken and unhappy marriage! The missionaries carry on their propaganda mainly among women; that means they set wife against husband; and the Chinese regard them as immoral."

While the astronomers are endeavoring to determine how long it will be until humanity experiences universal disaster, due to the freezing up of the sun, physicists and geologists apprehend that more immediate dangers present themselves in the supposed exhaustion of the world's supply of coal, oxygen, and the nitrates. Continued reckless and unrestrained consumption of these elements would, according to many "learned" men, render human existence impossible in a few more hundred years. Are the money-gods preparing to monopolize air, water, and sunlight, as they have the soil and its products, and the products of industry? The world at large swallows the speculations of scientists as veritable truth; the modern mind demands absurd novelties, and the scientists supply the demand, but there is little danger in what they predict. The universe has existed from all eternity past, and humanity has always been here, breathing the atmosphere, consuming oxygen, and basking in the free and inexhaustible sunshine; and now, after the lapse of billions of ages, there are all the elements in abundance necessary to human existence. The rapid consumption of coal, oxygen, and other substances by the modern world, is not a circumstance compared to the excessive waste of human vitality through sensualism. The danger which threatens humanity is in the voluntary dissipation of life itself! Koreshanity comes with the Voice of warning, and with the power to turn

the tide in the direction of conservation and legitimate use of life forces. But modern scientists must have something with which to agitate the public mind along lines where there is no danger; and they are making the most of the short time which remains for them to fill the mind with illusions.

China and the United States of America are on opposite sides of the earth. Geographically, China occupies the same relation to the eastern continent that the American nation does to North America. There is a marked similarity between the eastern coast lines of the eastern and western continents, each running irregularly from the northeast to the southwest, terminating in a peninsula surrounded by islands—these are the East Indies south of China, and the West Indies south of the United States. Then notice Siberia, stretching out north of China as Canada does over the Republic. Peking is situated in China as Washington is located in America; the Chinese capital is a little inland, near the Pei-Ho river, at the head of the Yellow Sea, while Washington is on the Potomac at the head of the Chesapeake Bay. The great Chinese wall strikingly corresponds to the old Mason and Dixon line; the one was a stone barrier between tribes; the other a line dividing the North from the slaveholding states. The old Mongolians are the Indians of the Chinese empire, who have been driven westward to the Tibetan frontier. These are a few lines of similarity; but there are striking antitheses. China is opposed to the Western world in more ways than one. The Eastern and Western religions are now in conflict, and the civilizations at war. The surname of the Chinaman is placed first; the Chinese wear white for mourning, and their women have large waists and small feet, while in the West, the customs are the opposite, not only in these few instances, but in scores of others. China is falling, America is rising; the West is soon to become the genuine Celestial Empire—the promised Theocracy.

An idea of the hollow globe seems to have occurred to Nero when Rome was in its glory. Suetonius, the Roman historian, describes Nero's Golden House, which extended from the Palatine to the Esquiliae. The vestibule of this building alone, admitted Nero's statue, which was 120 feet in height. Within this Golden House was the luxurious hollow globe, in which the aristocracy of Rome dined with the Caesar. In the language of Suetonius, "the principal banqueting room was round, and by a perpetual motion, day and night, was made to revolve after the manner of the universe." Donatus explains that it was "a hollow globe fixed inside a square room, and turning on its own axis; and he introduced the guests by a door near the axis, where there was the least motion. When this structure was completed Nero declared that he had, at length, a house fit for a human being to live in. Modern minds have conceived of an earth which is habitable on the outside. The only kind of a universe that is fit to live in is the one which requires its inhabitants to live inside!

After a quarter of a century's work in the field of socialism, socialists are without a definite plan of reform. They have been persuaded that something is wrong with society and government; they recognize that something must be done to radically change the situation throughout the civilized world—but what course do they intend to pursue, and what forms do they expect to establish? These are now problems to modern socialists. According to one branch, it seems that advanced America is not destined to supply the new socialistic pattern; a committee is about to be sent to New Zealand to investigate the socialism in vogue there! Very well; let a little colony, subject to the misrule of England, supply the Utopian form if it can. A party of people with a definite premise, and with mental ability to rea-

son from that premise, will reach conclusions through rational processes; and that is the reason Koreshans have a scientific system of reform, which covers the entire field of human relations.

Modern science has nothing in common with the Bible; either modern science or the Bible must be false—both cannot be true. The church is endeavoring to believe both; theologians hold to the Bible without understanding it, while they accept the conclusions of men who know nothing about the universe. Chemists endeavor to maintain that there is no substantial relation existing between matter and energy; that is, that matter can never become energy, and that energy can never be converted to matter. The "indestructible atom," small as it is, is the insurmountable barrier which stands in the way of the modern mind comprehending a single principle of life and motion! If energy cannot be converted to matter, then the statement that the Word, which was God, which was spirit, was made flesh and dwelt among us, is untrue; if it is true, chemistry is a fallacy. All the processes of Nature stand in open refutation of the modern humbug called chemistry.

Printers' Ink, a New York journal devoted to the interests of advertisers in the competitive world, places THE FLAMING SWORD among "freethought publications," and remarks that "this is an anti-religious subdivision;" and further, that "readers of papers of this class are generally 'cranks,' and fortunately, the number of them is never a very large percentage of the community. For the present, it is fortunate for the competitive world and the interests of the men engaged in it; for men promulgating fallacies; and for the shams and corruptions of the world, that there are not a few millions of readers of THE FLAMING SWORD! If modern Christianity alone is entitled to be called religious, then we might be classed as 'anti-religious;' but we desire to inform *Printers' Ink* that THE FLAMING SWORD is supremely religious and specifically scientific, because it advocates Koreshanity, which is a religio-scientific System—the only religion that is true.

The powers have gathered a formidable fleet in the Chinese waters; it consists of about 100 of the world's greatest war-ships, aggregating nearly 500,000 tons displacement, carrying 1,000 great guns, and nearly 25,000 men. These vessels belong to the seven great world-powers which are directly interested in the revolution of Chinese affairs. The Chinese navy is strikingly insignificant, consisting, all told, of only 29 third-rate vessels, displacing 43,750 tons, and carrying only 156 guns, and 4,500 men. If the Chinese navy is so insignificant, why have the powers aggregated so formidable a fleet of war-ships in the Orient? Surely not with the prospect of attacking a few Chinese junks! Their purpose is to protect their own "interests" against one another—to force their way, ostensibly against China, but really each nation to the site of territory in prospect. The dogs will quarrel over the bones!

Huxley said that the "slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact is one of the great tragedies of science." Hypotheses are beautiful only to the ignorant, and a fact is ugly in the eyes of those filled with mental illusions. The processes of dispelling the world's illusions are often tragical; with a ruthless hand, the Teacher of truth of every age destroys fallacy. Modern science is founded upon assumptions. Modern astronomy is a gigantic system of conclusions from an unproven premise—the earth's convexity. The one "ugly fact" which will shortly be the cause of the utter ruin of all modern hypotheses, is the great fact discovered by KORESH thirty years ago—that the earth is a concave cell. The Koreshan System is destined to

sweep the world, and the result will not be mere tragedy, but world-wide revolution!

We hear discussions about political Egypt and the way out. If it is right to use the term political Egypt as applied to the modern political world, the parallel is not complete unless we point to a new Moses. When the Hebrew general returned from his visit to the summit of Mount Sinai and began to declare the laws of life, the people were worshipping the golden calf which had been erected to satisfy the people's love for gold. The golden calf is set up again, and the people are worshipping it at the time when the great Prophet is again thundering forth the Decalogue, and commanding obedience and the application of the principles which the divine code contains. The science of these laws is Koreshanity.

The agnostic denies that there is an infinite God, but holds that the universe and the space it occupies are infinite. The skeptic is forced to reject one absurdity and to accept another. Neither God nor his creation is infinite; perfection necessitates limitation. That which is perfect is complete, and nothing more can be added to that which involves the whole. Cause puts forth that which it contains, and the effect is as limited as the cause. Cause and effect are one when the cycle of life is fulfilled—that is, when the field of activity is fully filled in the maturity of the seed.

The absolute of fallacy is the climax of absurdity. Fallacy is always absurd; it is plausible only to minds ignorant of the laws operative in the universe. The absolute truth must be known and applied ere man becomes as pure as truth is true. Fallacy is the mental expression of a corrupt humanity.

Political platforms are party promises which are never intended to be fulfilled, except through compromise with the money-power.

The perverted commercial spirit pervades the modern world—even the ranks of the voters who have votes for the highest bidder.

Kicks happen to those who stand behind the donkeys; the men at the head of the procession are out of danger.

The rich accumulate wealth at the expense of the toilers; the poor laborers pay all the bills of the millionaire.

A superfluous argument may kill a conclusion; the camel's back was broken by the last straw.

The perils of chaos are greater than the dangers of orderly despotism.

To many people, happiness is but the bright side of trouble.

The man who is right is never left.

Editorial Discussions and Miscellany.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY KORESH.

Constitution of the Mosaic Theocracy.

In II Kings xxii:8, it is stated that the "book of the law" was found by Hilkiah, the priest, who gave it to Shaphan, who read it before Josiah, the king, who it appears had never heard its contents before, if, indeed, he had ever heard of the book itself. From the narration it would appear that the priest and scribe and all the rest of the people had been ignorant of the existence of any such book prior to that time. Is it claimed by Koreshans that this is actual history? If so, how could it be possible for the Aaronic priesthood to administer a law that they were ignorant of? As the "book of the law" was as much the constitution of the priesthood of Israel as the Constitution of the United States is of the officials of our general government, how could the Aaronic priesthood exist and administer the law without a knowledge of the existence of the "book of the law" and what it contained?

If some one should find in the Capitol at Washington a book claiming to be the Constitution of the United States, the provisions of which were unknown to the President, both houses of Congress, the Supreme Judges, and everybody else, how could it be believed to be the very Constitution that had been the basic law of the American nation for more than a hundred years? Are the cases presented similar? If not, why not?—J. L. TRAUGHBER.

The tendency of the Jewish church and people, as with all other churches and people, was to depart from the law through the traditions that grew from false interpretations. Jesus said to the devout Jews of his day: "Ye have made the law of God of none effect by your traditions."

Under the reign of Manasseh and Amon,

these secular and ecclesiastical orders had become very corrupt. The law had fallen into disuse, and the "book of the law," as to its most essential requirements, was regarded of no importance. Under the rule of Manasseh, there were restored the idolatries destroyed by Hezekiah; he reared the altars of Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab, king of Israel, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them. And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord said, in Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the Lord said to David, and to Solomon his son, in this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever: Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers: only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.

This is evidence that the law was set

aside during the reign of Manasseh. This was a period of fifty-five years—time enough for the law to be almost or quite forgotten. The law referred to was the law of Moses. It is the same law that the Lord came to fulfil, and which he committed to his church to be observed as he had observed it. The law of Moses is as much neglected today as it was in the day that Josiah found it in the temple. While the law is in the Bible, and frequently read by devout people, it is regarded as non-essential to salvation. It has lapsed into disrepute through the traditions of the elders and their misinterpretations, as completely as was done in that day.

You refer to the Constitution of the United States; has it occurred to you that the Constitution of the United States is fast becoming a dead letter, though within the reach of every man who cares to read it? And can you wonder that when the laws of Moses had been wilfully violated and other forms of worship instituted, that the "book of the law" should have been laid aside?

Your question brings to mind a subject of very great importance pertaining to the destruction of the temple apparently brought about through Manasseh's wickedness. After he had violated the law of Moses and placed the image of the grove in the temple, the destruction of the

temple quickly followed. This image was a golden calf, meaning the love of gold. That was a mere type of the golden calf, which now constitutes supreme human desire, represented in our nation by the single standard, sign, of the commercial purpose of the administration. Imperialism must be represented by the gold standard. It is a symbol of the separation of good from truth. Silver is the symbol of truth; gold is the symbol of good. Truth (the science of the law) is ignored, hence good is perverted. The single standard is the type of perversion and prostitution of good.

The love of gold is the imperialism we have to fear, and the impetus which today moves the entire commercial world. The setting up of the gold standard is the sign of the revolution now impending, in which the old governments of the so called Christian world and the church will be destroyed.

Jerusalem and the temple, Christian state and church, will be razed to the ground. There is no escape from this catastrophe. No republicanism nor democracy can save the nation. Anarchy will precede the establishment of the new kingdom.

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An Astronomer's Blunder.

Dodges a Proof that the Earth's Surface is Not Convex, by an Absurd Guess.

Query Editor:—On the 9th day of June, while steaming up Lake Michigan, the land on either shore could clearly and distinctly be seen by every member of the crew, and without the aid of telescopes or field-glasses, for the distance of sixty miles, until darkness shut it off from view. It was no mirage, as we kept the land in sight from the time we were two miles off until over sixty. It was comparatively low land. Now, I am anxious to learn how this was possible, when the convexity of the earth is 8 inches to the mile, which would make the above impossible.—JOHN TOWER, Steamer Topeka, Detroit, Mich.

If we understand the situation as you describe it, your experience simply proves that the 9th of June was a remarkably clear day. We are not well acquainted with lake steamers, but our impression is that on most of them the level of the deck is from 20 to 30 feet above water. As you stood on the deck, therefore your eye must have been from 25 to 30 feet above the water level. If the "comparatively low land" was only 10 feet above the water level, the height of the land and the height of your eye above the water level would be sufficient to overcome the curvature of the earth for about 60 miles. Your experience, therefore, simply proves that it was quite clear when you could see the land plainly for such a distance.—*Word and Works*, St. Louis, Mo.

The above is taken from a well-known meteorological journal, which makes

some pretensions to dealing with subjects of astronomy. The sea-captain observed some phenomena which he could not harmonize with the usual theory of the earth's convexity; and he applied to an astronomer to know how such phenomena were possible on a convex body having a circumference of 25,000 miles. He is answered in the above language, which conveys conclusions which would not be at all creditable to a school-boy having the least knowledge of the principles of geometry.

There is no dispute among mathematicians concerning the approximate ratio of the curvature of a globe 8,000 miles in diameter; 8 inches to the mile is that approximate ratio—that is, in one mile from any point to which a line may be considered as a tangent, there would be a declination of 8 inches; but the amount of depression accelerates as to the square of the distance. In Proctor's "Elementary Astronomy" we find the following: "The depression for one mile, determined geometrically, amounts to 8 inches; obviously, the depression for two miles is four times 8 inches, or two feet and 8 inches; for three miles the depression is 9 times 8 inches, or 6 feet; and so on—within such greater distances as have to be considered in ordinary observations. Thus, up to 100 miles it may be said that the depression, estimated geometrically, is equal to 8 inches multiplied by the square of the number of miles."

With this indisputable proposition, we desire to show by the facts reported by Capt. Tower, that such a *convex* curvature as is assumed by the astronomical world to exist on all bodies of water, and on the earth generally, does *not* exist on Lake Michigan; and also to expose the blunder of the man who presumed to reply to the captain's question. "Comparatively low land" on either side of the steamer was visible at a distance of 60 miles—without the aid of the telescope. The conclusion that there was no mirage, is shown by the fact that the land on one side was kept in view from two miles off, until the steamer had reached a distance of 60 miles from either shore; it was in mid-lake.

Considering that the land was observed by the captain and crew at an elevation of 25 feet above the Lake level, if the earth were convex the horizon would be about 6 miles distant in all directions. Such a horizon would be the apex or summit of the arc of convexity; and beyond the horizon the surface of the water would be invisible. The horizon would be 6 miles distant, because in 6 miles the curvature of the earth is about 25 feet. The visual line would be tangent to the arc at that distance, leaving 54 miles of curvature downward from the horizon.

If the curvature of the earth is 25 feet for 6 miles, what would be the curvature for 54 miles? Square the distance in miles and multiply it by 8 inches, and it

gives 23,328 inches, or 1,944 feet. The comparatively low land, at least 10 feet high, would be 1,934 feet below the visual line extending from the eye to the summit of arc—1,934 feet out of sight!

On the usual basis, any shore line not above 10 feet altitude would be invisible at 4 miles beyond the horizon, because the declination of the water's surface for 4 miles beyond the horizon equals 10 feet and 8 inches; and the conclusion is inevitable that if the earth were convex, the low land could not be seen from an elevation of 25 feet above the water, for a greater distance than 10 miles. But in the above case, the land was seen at a distance of 60 miles; and the facts of observation are "sufficient to overcome the convex curvature of the earth for about 60 miles,"—they destroy the theory which demands that such a curvature exists; and a "remarkably clear day" is coming to the world when the mental darkness which now envelops the popular mind, is dissipated by the Cellular Cosmogony.—EDITOR FLAMING SWORD.

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The Editor's Vacation.

Five weeks ago, announcement was made in these columns that the Editor of THE FLAMING SWORD had found it necessary to take a few weeks' rest from the regular routine of editorial work; and since that time our readers have enjoyed the productions of other pens than our own in the editorial departments. This issue evinces the fact that the Editor has again invaded the department of the Editorial Perspective. We deem it wise to not severely tax our energies for a short while yet; and for a few weeks the Question Department will be conducted by our great Teacher, KORESH; and thus our readers will greatly profit by our continued relaxation.

In response to the kind solicitude of friends, and in order to dissipate some possible misapprehension concerning our attitude toward Koreshanity, we hasten to assure the readers of THE FLAMING SWORD that we are yet counted among the number whose great privilege it is to be a disciple of KORESH. It is not an uncommon thing for an advocate of a new system to lose his interest and fall from the ranks; and it is not altogether surprising that the appearance of the productions of other writers in the editorial departments should arouse some surmises that the Editor was preparing to abandon the field of Koreshan propaganda. I wish to say (using the personal pronoun) that my attitude toward Koreshanity, my faith in its Founder, my relation to the System and its propaganda, and my zeal and enthusiasm for the success of the great Koreshan System throughout the world, are *absolutely unchanged*. —EDITOR FLAMING SWORD.

The Falling of the Great Wall.

The Final Storm of Destruction About to Sweep China and Raise the Dust of Countless Centuries.

"The dawn comes up like the thunder out of China." And it is the thunder that seems to presage the final storm of destruction that will sweep China, as a separate and independent power, out of existence. Its monster wall, which was built when Hannibal was fighting the Romans, has symbolized the Chinese policy in things material, and mental, and political. But the wall is crumbling. For decades this result has been anticipated. For years it has been looked upon as likely to happen at any time. China has too many enemies, eager to snatch at its territory.

There is a grandeur, a solemnity about the impending dissolution of China that will make it one of the most stupendous events in the history of the world. China antedates all history. The Prophet Isaiah spoke of it as the land of Sinim. Ptolemy wrote of the Chinese as the Sinae. Before Romulus and Remus were wolf-suckled, China was gray with age. There was a great empire of yellow-faced, silent men into which Alexander the Great did not attempt to penetrate.

China invented gunpowder, and the mariner's compass, and the art of printing. Had it wished, it could have furnished powder to the Huns and Vandals who devastated Europe, and it could have put the account of their devastations into print. It could have given Leif Erikson a needle to guide him across the Atlantic. But it hid its discoveries away.

China had its wars, its troubles, internal and external, and it finally reached the settled conclusion that true happiness lies in isolation. So with its mighty population it shut itself in behind its wall and the sea, and asked for nothing but to be let alone. It had an elaborate form of government, a civil service system that made it possible for the poorest man in the Empire to reach any rank except that of Emperor; it had a civilization that was curiously advanced; it had a religion that was mainly philosophy. It was no menace to other nations. Its defense to the charge of intolerance was the same as that of our own early Puritans when reproached for severity toward unwelcome people who tried to force themselves into the land.

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Hand in hand with hatred of foreign

entrance into his country, goes the Chinaman's love for his own land. When absent from it, his strongest hope is to return. When he dies abroad, other Chinamen see to it that his ashes are returned to his native shores. There is something fine about that. The heathen Chinese, with his smile so childlike and bland, is within limits a true portrayal, but is far from representing the race, so silent, so sombre, so reticent.

One can almost hear the crumbling of the wall. And when it falls, the dust that it raises will be the dust of countless centuries. Spanning the ages, Mirza saw a bridge, with its farther end hidden in mists and storms. Such is China. It bridges all known time, and storms and clouds have descended upon this its latter end.—ROBERT SHACKLETON, in *Saturday Evening Post*.

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The Anglo-Saxons.

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The World's News.

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Aug. 15.—Message from Minister Conger not made public.—Allied forces near Peking.—Dr. Herzl and Max Nordau address Zionist congress in London.—Five thousand seamen join strike at Marseilles.—Anarchists in Antwerp plot against King Leopold.—Ex. Gov. Boutwell, of Mass., declares for Bryan.—American losses in Panay larger in July than any month since January.—Collis P. Huntington, president of the Southern Pa. R. R., is dead.—Aug. 16.—Corn operators plan a great squeeze.—Bulgaria and Roumania near open rupture.—Race riot in New York; Policeman Thorpe's murder stirs up mobs; scores of Negroes injured.—Collision on the Grand Rapids & Indiana R. R. at Pearson, Mich.; seven die in wreck, many hurt.—England lends Viceroy Chang Chih Chung £75,000.—Aug. 17.—Foreigners in Peking said to be rescued.—Gen. Chaffee empowered to negotiate for armistice.—Report that the Empress dowager has fled.—University of Chicago declares for shirt-waists for men.—Great parade in honor of Count von Waldersee at Kassel.—Ex. Senator John M. Ingalls dies at Las Vegas, New Mexico.—Anglo-American Association of London desires to overthrow the Sultan; Armenian massacres must be stopped.—Many wrecks off Cape Horn.—W. J. Bryan returns to Lincoln, Nebraska.—Gov. Roosevelt's campaign itinerary extends to Rocky Mts.—Aug. 18.—Allies in Peking; Tung Chow taken on the way.—Vienna celebrates seventieth birthday of Emperor Francis Joseph.—Boers under Gen. Dewet evade English and march at night.—Lord Kitchener relieves British garrison at Eland's river.—Princess Troubetskoi (Amelie Rives) goes to Sanitarium.—Over \$3,000,000 in gold arrives at Seattle from Alaska.—Exhibitors from U. S. secure 1981 awards at Paris Exposition.—Liberty

City, Ga., terror-stricken by riots; race war feared.—Aug. 19.—Another hot wave.—Structural steel prices cut.—Life sentence for Caleb Powers in Goebel murder trial.—Details from Pekin awaited.—Disaster at Paris Fair; bridge hand-rail breaks; two killed, thirty injured.—President McKinley receives 1400 Cuban teachers at White House.—International Typographical Union repudiates Debs.—Census gives New York City population of 3,437,202.—Electric wires start blaze in White House.—Count Castellane's creditors force sale of chateau; Countess weeps.—Boers do not stay whipped; fight may last long.—France disapproves British course in China.—Plot to assassinate McKinley hatched in Naples by anarchists.—Aug. 20.—Empress dowager of China reported captive at Pekin.—Forbidden City bombarded by allied forces.—Steel drops \$8.00 a ton.—Siegel, Cooper & Co. offer capital for department store on American plan in London.—Lord Roberts threatens Boers who break oath of neutrality.—Dowie elders rest in jail.—Philadelphia girl playing ghost, scares Negroes, and is killed by brick.—Services in memory of King Humbert held in Washington.—Aug. 21.—Forbidden City in Pekin taken by allies; Americans first to enter.—Chinese royal family fled.—Czar celebrates the fall of Pekin.—Thirty Americans fight 600 Filipinos three days; eleven Americans survive; 200 Filipinos slain.—Lord Roberts reports surrender of 684 Boers.—War cloud at Kabul, Afghanistan; fakir priests foment crusade against England.—Census gives Chicago 1,698,575 population.—Huge wave sweeps Lake Michigan; water reaches 100 feet.—Tornado wrecks 200 buildings in Sheboygan, Wis.—Wild West showmen kill three citizens and injure seven in drunken riot at Prairie du Chien, Wis.—Deaths from plague in Manila.—Missouri physician kills three persons and is shot dead by sheriff's son.

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The Flaming Sword's Exchanges.

Evolution, An Exposition of Christian Dogmas and Pagan Myths, by J. P. Cooley, is an attempt to show that all the doctrines of Christianity are identical in origin with pagan myths, none of which embody the smallest fragment of truth; that all religions begin where science, which the author glorifies as the only revealer of genuine truth, leaves off; hence religion is nothing but guess-work and superstition, conceived by mankind in a savage state prior to the evolution of judgment and reason. With these ideas Koreshanity takes issue, protesting that the complete divorce between science and religion as portrayed in Agnostic works of this character, arises from a misconception of both. True science and true religion are a unit. Peter Eckler, Publisher, 35 Fulton Street, New York.

Leslie's Weekly.—The awful story of the struggle between the allied forces and

the Chinese at Tien-Tsin is narrated in the current issue of this periodical, which presents the first actual photographs thus far produced from the center of world interest. Other illustrations include the latest picture of Li Hung Chang; a spirited drawing of a Filipino night attack; the rainy season in China, and lively scenes at the sea-shore during the hot wave. Bryan's notification forms the subject of an illustrated article. Major Greene, secretary for General Otis, has a valuable contribution, and Sydney Adamson writes on the Moros, one of the strange races of the Philippines.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for September is a very attractive number. The leading article is a personal record by W. Walton, Chief Quartermaster of our Navy, who shared with Lieut. Gillmore a captivity of more than eight months among the Filipinos. Minister Wu, the Chinese envoy at Washington, writes intelligently upon his own people. The fiction for the month is clever and presents much variety. A second installment of Capt. Robert E. Lee's Personal Recollections of his distinguished father is given. An interesting serial, poems, and excellent illustrations complete the issue.

The American Microscopical Journal for July discusses a great variety of subjects of interest to microscopists, including the evolution of a New Diatom Find, and a series of experiments to determine the cause and dissemination of Texas fever.

The Lamp.—A little magazine published at Toronto, Canada, devoted to Theosophical ideas. An article upon Mark Twain classes him among the mystics and the "Unenrolled Theosophists." \$1.00 per year.

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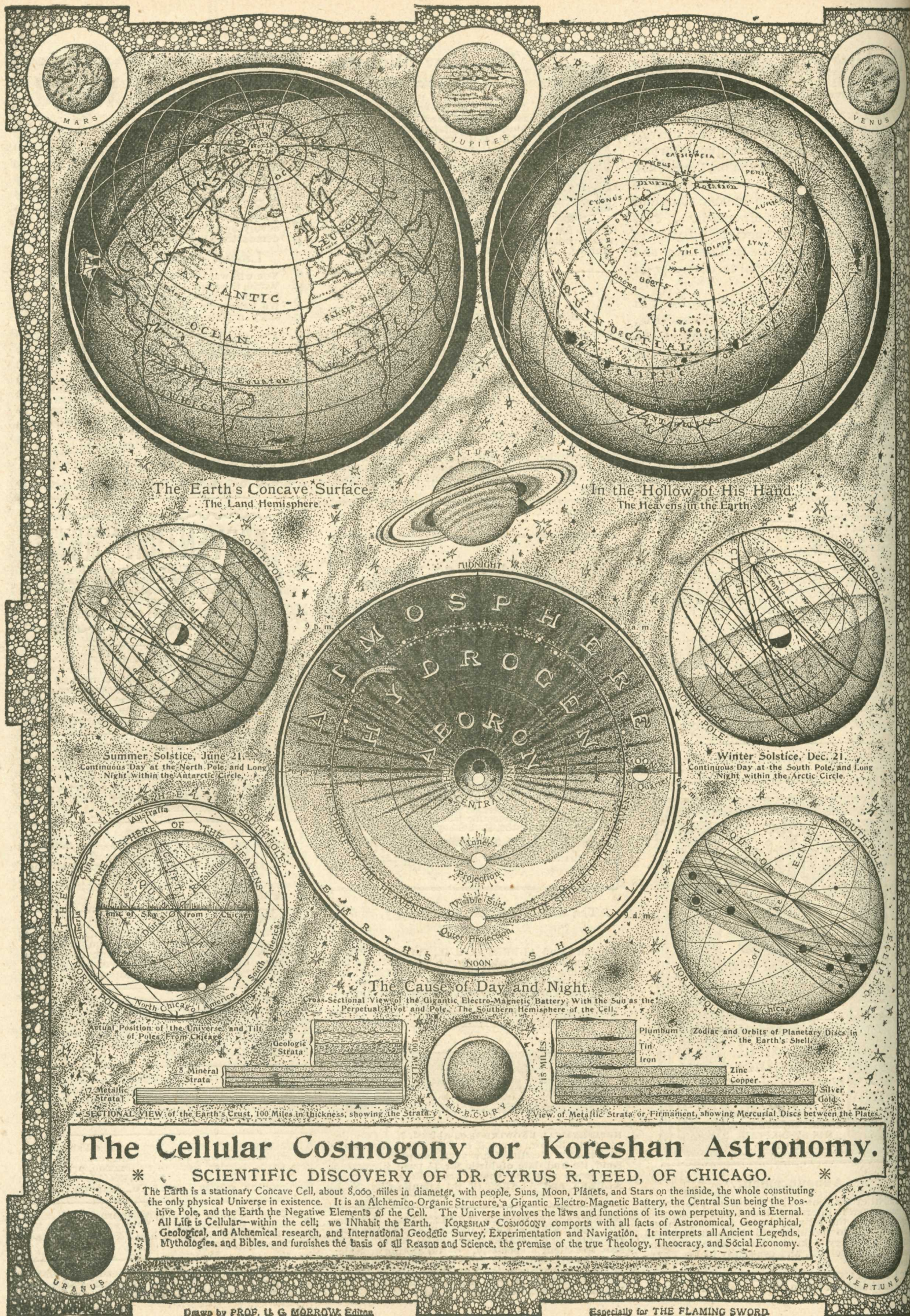
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