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## A GLANCE AT KORESHANITY.

**K**ORESHAN 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 univesal 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.

**COMMUNISM.**—Koreshanity advocates communism, not only of the goods of life, but of life itself. It has not only the scientific theory of communism, but is practically communistic in the relations and affairs of its own people. In this it corresponds to the primitive Christian church, where all things were held in common. The bond of the true communism is the true religion, and the central personality of the divine communism is the Messiah.

**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.

# 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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## True and False Conceptions of Immortality.

**Numerous Theorists Pretend to Have Discovered the Secret of Immortality in the Flesh After Years of Promulgation of Koreshanity; What Immortality is and What it is Not.**

IN THE YEAR '86, we were called to Chicago to attend a “Mental Science” convention, where we attempted to announce our views of the immortality of the body through the application of the laws of the higher physiology. Among the delegates to the convention were some who ridiculed the idea of physical immortality as an absurdity and its attainment as an impossibility, but who, since that time, have pretended to have discovered not only the possibility, but the methods of attainment. We did not find one person at the convention, nor one in Chicago, even, who could conceive of such a thought. The doctrine of immortality in the flesh, the only place where immortality can obtain, was enunciated by us in the year 1870; and from that time to the present, through our various publications, we have kept the subject constantly before the public.

The so called mental scientists, who are a slight modification of the christian scientists, are coming quite generally to discuss the question of immortal life in the body. According to the mental scientist, it is to be accomplished through the power of the will, and along the lines of sensual gratification. The doctrine—as it is presented by some of the mental scientists—appeals to the common sensualist, because life can be obtained without sacrifice, and on those easy-going lines which may involve all the pleasures of the flesh. The attainment of immortal life here in this world, if

believed in, might be made a very attractive theory to many people, for death is not desirable except to comparatively few; but to make it attractive to many, it must include those things which go to make the common pleasures of a mortal existence.

As the Koreshan idea of immortal life in the flesh involves restraint and the conservation of the sex energies, it has not been, so far, a popular theory—nor do we expect it to be. Immortal life in this age belongs only to those who were baptized with the Holy Spirit nineteen hundred years ago; such only will constitute the fruits of this dispensation. No person can hope for immortality who despises the name and character of the Messiah of the Christian dispensation. The person coming now into the desire for immortal life on the correct lines, will rejoice in the name of the Lord Jesus; not only so, but will easily embrace the fact that the Lord is not only the Son of God, but that he is the fullness of the Godhead bodily. We have noticed in our intercourse with those who are advocating physical immortality on the sensual plane, that they are particularly averse to the idea that the Lord, more than any person born into the world, is the Son of God.

Mortality belongs to the adverse side of existence. It is the result not merely of ignorance, but of the love of those things which belong to and make for death. Ignorance is a part of the law of death; but wilful violation of the principles of morality and righteousness

constitutes the greater part. To begin with, the conception that any class of beings will reach immortal life here, and retain that immortality in the flesh, shows the most consummate ignorance of the laws of life and of the meaning of the term. Immortality signifies a transient quality or condition involving, in significance, just what the term itself implies. Immortality means life and death. It does not mean eternal life; it is the means through which eternal life is acquired.

In the alchemico-organic cosmos, there is a succession of cycles determined by the solar, lunar, stellar, and planetary revolutions and precessions. There never was a time when the cosmic laws were inoperative; nor will there ever be a time when they will cease their orders of cyclic revolutions. Related to these cycles of order in the cosmic field of alchemico-organic activity, is the correspondent law of cycles in the progressions and retrogressions of human existence. The universe is eternal; there is a correlation between its physical forms and its functional power. It never had a beginning, and it will never have an ending. It would be impossible for the mind to retrospect the immeasurable distance of the eternal past, or to conceive of a time when this universe will cease to be. Humanity has been the inhabitant of this world—the only physical world in existence—for countless myriads of ages.

If men were to attain to immortal life here as the fruits of evolution, and were to remain in the natural world, there would already have been manifest the fruits of immortal life, as tangible and visible products. Why are there no fruits of immortality here in the world? It is because when the fruits of immortality are ripe, they are gathered into the invisible world, where eternal life exists. Immortality is the preparatory state for eternal being. It is consummated through the severe restraints involved in the ten categories of the law of God, as enunciated through the great lawgiver, Moses. It was through the application of the principles of the law of Moses that the Son of God became one with the Father, and was enabled to sit down in the throne of the consummate glory of the eternal One.

One of the fundamental laws of being, and one upon which the universe depends for its perpetuity, is the law of polarity. The universe has its poles and its axis; the human body is built upon the same plan as that of the physical cosmos. The brain has its positive and negative poles—so has the grand or universal man. The Lord Jesus was the central pole of the universal man, the pivot upon which the dispensation turned. He was the centrally perfected one, the firstfruits of a series of cycles, raised up from humanity and perfected in righteousness through many reëmbodiments, raised up to such a state of perfection as to be able to environ the central and invisible Godhead. As the outward and

visible Lord, the Son of God, he clothed the invisible and spiritual center of the universe. The Lord Jesus, as the centrally perfected man, constituted the pole or Head of the Jewish dispensation; nay, more than this; he was the pole or Head of the entire Zodiacal cycle. He ripened as the firstfruits of immortal life. Why is He not in the world today, if the immortal state is the permanent one in the physical world?

The Lord attained to immortality in the body, and to as permanent immortality as it is possible to attain. When He reached the attainment of immortal life, he left the world without the death of the body; he went where the fruits of immortality will forever go; that is, into the invisible world, where eternal life perpetually obtains. Jesus brought life and immortality to light for the world, attaining to that life in his own personality, but not giving it to the world until the fruition of his planting should mature at the end of the dispensation. He did not leave this world with his physical body. The material body was consumed by an electro-magnetic fire which dissolved the material elements of his form, reducing them to the spiritual force of his being. When He went away he left nothing behind to be buried, for he was burned up and absorbed into the central and invisible consciousness; but in his descending life he went down into the church by the operation of the Holy Spirit, which was the substance of his organic life and the animal life of Deity.

As the Jewish dispensation headed up in the pole of its fruition, so every dispensation will head up in the pole of the perfection of its truth and life. The circumference of the work of the Lord at his visible presence with men nineteen hundred years ago, was the influence he exerted with the spiritual life of men in that age. He did not materially affect the bodies of those who received him as the Holy Spirit, for this reason: the Lord, as the Lamb of God, was the promised Seed, the Seedman, to be sown for regeneration; that is, reproduction. His dissolution created the seminal essence of the Lord God. This seed was planted in the race, that is, in the church which was raised up to receive it then and there. The Lord God was planted in the church. Now, as it was His body that was planted, so when the fruit comes at the end of the age, it will be the *bodies* of men that are to be redeemed.

The circumference of the Messianic work in this age of the world, will affect the human body to bring it into immortal life. "Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Immortal life in the body will come to thousands of people now at the end of the age. This will be the product of the planting of the Lord by the effusion of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the era. As the Lord never accomplished one thing that the devil did not try to counterfeit, so we cannot expect, in

the promulgation of the principles of immortality, but that the devil will be alert and on hand with his spurious doctrine of immortal life.

Let us emphasize the fact that no immortal beings will ever be produced on this earth to remain here forever. When the general fruition of immortality obtains, the immortals will be absorbed into the eternal entities of the conscious beings of the Gods—the kings of the Order of Melchizedek, who are eternal beings, but invisible to the natural eye. This Order constitutes a perfect number; it cannot be increased nor diminished because such a possibility would mar the perfection of the cubical power and perfection of the number. The materialist, educated in the rank and fallacious systems of so called science, cannot comprehend the spiritual doctrine of the eternal truth.

Immortality will not be consummated by any mere act of the will, nor by any mere desire for life. It will come through a knowledge of the science of the ten principles of life found recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. These are ten principles of the higher law which the world and the church have never understood, and which we are constantly told by the church cannot be observed by men. The Lord Jesus kept this law, and

for this reason was made immortal and became the firstfruits of immortal life. There will never be any immortality on any other basis than that of fulfilling these ten principles of life. The first one involves the manifestation of the Messenger of the Covenant, the Messiah of the dispensation, and his recognition by as many as will become the firstfruits of the resurrection; and no matter how much the world may denounce the Scriptures, it is from this source that the confirmation will come of the duly authorized Messianic character for the Aquarian dispensation.

The Scriptures have distinctly defined the line of the Messianic fulfilment. He will come through the posterity of Joseph, and through the divinely declared channel of Ephraim. The Messiah of this age will come of the posterity of Ephraim, absorbed by intermarriage into the nations of Media, Persia, and Assyria. From this infiltration came the Germanic race; from the projection of this race in the Anglo-Saxon, will come the Messiah. He comes in the United States, nor can he possibly come in any other nation or in any other place in the world than in America. He comes as *the* scientist, and he will unfold the true science of immortality as put forth in the Decalogue—the only law of immortal life committed to the world.

## The Coming and the Sowing of the Seed-man.

Processes Through which Jesus Planted Himself in the Race; the Harvest is the Resurrection at the End of the Dispensation; Manifestation of the Messenger of the Covenant.

JESUS CAME AS THE SEED-MAN; all who will come into the life of the new church were seeds or germs in him. They were resurrected in Him from the twelve tribes of Israel, and sealed. "Him hath God the Father sealed," for the purpose of being unfolded or opened as the Book of Life. As many as were sealed in Him as the life germs, the firstfruits of the resurrection, had corresponding receptacles prepared to imbibe those germs in the will. These receptacles were the members of the primitive church, who received those seeds as the result of the translation of Jesus. When He was translated his body—which was the paschal Lamb—was dissipated and received (appropriated) by the church. After the union of these two (the germs from Jesus and the natural life) in the will of the disciples of Christ, the process of disintegration began for the purpose of a new and higher recombination, which would be complete at the resurrection of the dissipated seed, the body of Jesus, united with or conjoined to the church, which is made his body by this conjunction.

Every germ in Jesus had its corresponding body (or angel man) in the celestial heavens; as the Apostle says: "Every seed his own body." The planting of the Seed—Jesus Christ, was to raise up into a higher

form of being those who were receptive to the living germs, that at the resurrection, those raised forms might enter into conjunction and become one with the angel man in heaven. For instance; the Apostle John in earth had his special germ in Jesus. That special germ had its own angel man, male and female in one form, in heaven. This germ or seed was planted in John. In the resurrection, John (embodying the Christ germ, now grown to an angel man in him, and which constitutes his soul) reaches a condition fitting him for being united as one to his own soul or life, which is the Lord.

What is true of one disciple is true of all. But how shall those who lived 1900 years ago as the disciples of Christ, and the germs conjoined to them, which were in Christ, come again into the world? Simply by being transmitted through the natural, sensual male will (Babylon), becoming seed in the man, and propagated through the natural process of generation and brought back into natural life by being born into the world. From this it follows that now, as the time has come for the establishment of the new Church, those who lived 1900 years ago, together with the germs that comprised the body of Jesus, are born as natural children, some of them grown to manhood and woman-

hood. Their resurrection will be the opening of their minds for this illumination, by which they will become one with their own soul or angelhood, which is their interior life. So soon as this conjunction is effected, they will awake into original consciousness and identity, and therefore into immortality, through which they pass to eternal life.

This conjunction will be effected through the Messenger of Conjunction, or the Messenger of the Covenant, which implies the same; he is the *Sign*. The seven churches are "all the tribes of the earth" (new earth), which will mourn for life now that the Sign, the literal Truth of the Word, is manifest. "Then shall all the

tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds [the literal Word] of heaven with power and great glory" (light); after which the church will come into life. This will be the opening of the Book of Life, sealed on the back side with seven seals—the angels of the seven churches.

On the front side (inside) these seven angels are not seven, but one, and that one is the Lord. The new Church is actually the Lord's body; and when resurrected, the Book of Life is opened, evolved, or unfolded, and constitutes the first-born from the dead, the first-fruits of the resurrection. As this body unfolds its own protective sphere, the powers of earth and hell must give way before it.

## Darkening Clouds and the Golden Dawn.

A Review of Unmistakable Signs of the Times; the Vortex of Revolution and the Coming Power of Universal Reformation; the Destiny of America.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

ONE OF THE highly artistic calendars for the year 1901 bears this inscription: "The Golden Age lies not behind us, but before." This statement, which the Koreshan Scientist declares to be absolutely true, is sufficient to inspire the most buoyant optimist with renewed hopes and to heroic efforts. There are, however, the discerning pessimists to meet, who watch the "signs of the times" from their standpoint. For them we ask, What lies between us and the Golden Age? and with divine prescience at command, we answer, revolution!

The iron age is nearing its limit. Its culminating powers forge the rod of iron into every conceivable form of war's destructive weapons. "Without shedding of blood is no remission" of sins, declares the Word of Inspiration; and all written history attests its truth. In the most universal sense, the iron age has been the revelator in its humanity, of the "man of sin," and the reverberator of the thunders of Sinai. Grace alone has saved it from and for destruction. The world's promised great and universal peace is to be had only at the price of universal war, for which the nations are now so skilfully preparing. Armed and equipped for battle, competition will ultimate with the hand of every man lifted against a fellow man. The cause of this hour of darkness and reign of terror has long been located and announced by the Almighty as the "love of money," the "root of all evil" in the mortal heart, which is "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked."

Commerce is the central principle of life; and the falsification of that divine wisdom which should guard its equity, has left it the prey of all the destructive forces of the love of money. Divine wisdom demands the application of that exact justice which inheres in the purpose of Koreshanity: "The equitable exchange of the products of industry, value for value, as determined by quality and amount of applied industry."

The love of money is the supreme passion of the "man of sin;" it is the abomination which makes desolate the humanity which should be the Temple of God. Money of divine creation has but one purpose to serve—that of guard and criterion of all commercial uses.

### The Scientific Measure of Values.

The divinely-authorized measure of values is "the staff of life"—the bread products of the human race, represented by wheat. Inspired prescience foretold that in the day of the Lord, "a measure of wheat should be for a denarius"—a penny or day's wage. Since labor, which in the divine order is denominated performance of use, is the only legitimate capital for the production and perpetuity of wealth or weal, it is rational to determine its values in relation to that industry which is preëminent in perpetuating life, and which enables man to perform his various uses. What measure of wheat an average man can produce by a day's labor, with the best resources of the applied science of mechanics, can surely be determined by the applied science of mathematics; and when determined, this measure of wheat should constitute the minimum reward of a man's industry. Science could then determine a scale of remuneration to meet the demand of degrees and qualities of industry. Money as now known is a device of satan; it is the mother of supreme selfishness, and is perpetuated by the children of her greed.

The war of wars which is almost upon us—the great battle of Gog and Magog—originates in greed for commercial power. Its forces will be arrayed in every domain of commerce and under many names; the forces of "capital and labor" will enact scenes of carnage before the very doors of homes, and in every sphere of ruling social orders. What has been called the great reliable middle class, upon which every nation has had to depend as the holder of the balance of power in all differences between necessary rulers and the necessarily ruled, is rapidly diminishing under the monopolistic

sway of plutocracy. A few more combinations of aggregated wealth will cause the precipitation, to the strengthening of the masses, of all the power which the middle class has represented. In its best estate, the middle class has represented the uniting power, or divine love principle; and we are warned to beware the wrath of the Lamb—the wrath of outraged love. The forces from the middle class will educate the masses in the principles of equity and in the science of law and order, and will cause an army to arise as one man against the tyranny of the oppressors—the representatives of the power of fictitious money to create and destroy the value of a man's labor.

Naught can avail at this time to prevent the triumph of righteousness, for its Golden Age is at hand, the era of the equitable distribution of the products of industry. The money power will think to depend upon its hireling military; but it must be remembered that Goliath was beheaded with his own sword. The military forces are drafted from the oppressed classes, and the day is coming when the tie of blood will overcome the mortal's love of money; the love of home and kindred will triumph in the soldier's breast, and the breath of God Almighty will fan its flames till they consume the world that now is, and destroy all that outrages God's humanity. One touch of divine sympathy will make the new world akin!

#### **The False Philanthropy of the Modern World.**

Another self-deception is common to the representatives of the reigning fallacy of money; they think to stay the approaching day of doom by the charities of a false philanthropy. They delight to pose as Lord and Lady Bountiful to the humanity they rob of God's image and likeness, by making it the prisoner of poverty, the daughter of ignorance. The charities they offer may alleviate the sufferings which the charitable have caused by their ignorance. The whole human family sits in the darkness of ignorance because it has ignored the Godhead of humanity, the fulfilment of the law by whom its science comes to deliver the world from the sin of ignorance. The false charities of false philanthropy are being offered to men who are beginning to think, because Science is here; and by esoteric and exoteric potencies its Lord is operating to enlighten the minds of men. The object of charity is asking, "Why should I, a man, as much of a man as he from whom I receive my dole, be degraded to the acceptance of such sops as he offers?" "I am a creator," says the awakened thinker, "of the wealth he hoards and doles as suits his generous or miserly nature. His discretion prompts him to take care that his hirelings shall remain torpid from the weariness of long hours of labor, and in the spirit of heaviness from gross food."

To have self-respect, a man must make himself respectable and respected. He must arise, take up his bed, and walk in the integrity of a manhood able to maintain his own rights and those of his fellows by the science of the laws of God. Knowledge is the foundation of power. To live righteously, that is, to maintain the

rights by which every man may attain the image and likeness of Deity, a man must know himself as a man; he must know the laws of his being, his origin, and destiny, and his legitimate relations to his environments. From whom may such knowledge be derived? Who hath wisdom? Surely, the Almighty will not leave himself without a witness at this culminating crisis of human history—this dread termination of the iron age!

#### **The Coming of the Shepherd and the Sign.**

"Man's extremity is God's opportunity" to make his Name, his humanity, holy in the throne—the thought of man. To this end, the Sign of the Son of man appears in the heavens to indicate the Messenger of the Gods in earth, who comes to make a new covenant between God and man, and to be to men a Shepherd King, a High Priest, and a prescient Savior. Ages ago, the prescient spirit of truth foretold through the prophets, the rising of the Man of Destiny at this hour to meet man's need of the knowledge of God; the coming of the great Shepherd to gather the sheep once infolded as lambs in the bosom or church of the Lamb of God. These will he nourish as Israel, with the strength of Deity—divine wisdom from the spirit of truth. The foretold King is to arise like David, from among the people, to become an ensign to the Gentiles—the sign of their fulness or completeness in himself. He comes as a BRANCH made righteous by the life of the true Vine, the doctrine or blood, uniting God and man. David, once a man after God's own heart, is to become to a new world God's own heart in verity, from which will issue life from the source of the Water of Life—the science of the law of commercial equity, written in the heart of God's own Being.

The promised Shepherd, the gatherer of Lo Ammi—the lost sheep of the house of Israel, will bring all Israel into the promised land of the Gentiles, the body of their regeneration in God-likeness; he will bring them to their inheritance of the earth that was promised to Abraham—to the unity of the Jew, the Gentile, and the church of God. The Sign appears in the land of Ephraim, the twin-land, the double portion of Joseph; the Sign is the conservator of the earth's measure of wheat, to be given to man to save his life from destruction, and to crown him with the loving kindness of the Lord. The land of the Lord's storehouse is America. In the United States we find the spread eagle—the spread of divine science by the powers of reason; for God is now reasoning with man in this country, and representatively with all men, for all nations are gathered here.

#### **The Bondage and Freedom of Fair Columbia.**

The Supreme Court of this land is in the District of Columbia. The word Columbia is the Latin feminine for dove, the symbol of the holy spirit of commercial equity, which the Supreme Court of the United States should guard as the sacred Mother of all living. Is the Supreme Court of the United States the worthy representative of the divine guardianship of the integrity of commercial equity? or does it represent justice blinded by the sins of ignorance and selfishness, to the outrages

practiced upon the whole body of Columbia, the boasted "land of liberty and home of the brave"? Has the District of Columbia become satan's seat? Iniquity is there enthroned, in the seat of the world's commercial power, by Wall street and Lombard street—twin emissaries of the evil power of fictitious money, for the desecration of this land promised to the poor and oppressed of all nations.

It is for the people of this land to declare this sentence of divine equity: that the time of this present evil world shall be no longer; that this land shall be restored to the rightful heir of this world, whose kingdoms belong to our Lord and his anointed King of kings and Lord of lords. The spirit of empire already prevails in America. It has come an unclean spirit from the effete and leprous East; but it has come to stay for the six thousand years of the Golden Age, just beyond the darkness preceding the dawn. It has come as a woman taken in adultery, to be washed and made white in the blood shed for the remission of sins. This blood began to be shed on Calvary, when He who came

not to send peace but a sword, poured out his soul unto death, and wrought division between worlds—the world of matter and the world of man, the spirit of the way, the truth, and the life.

Blood has been shed all down the centuries of this world. Its last drop, its final shedding, will create a red sea of blood, which only those who follow the ark of the Lord's covenant can pass over dry shod and escape the great tribulation of its flood, which will destroy the modern Pharaoh and all his hosts who oppose the advancement of divine Commercial Equity. The last shedding of blood will bring the surrendering of this land to the government of that King who is the Lord's Anointed, who must build the city and the temple of God at the meeting-place of the waters which constitute the free-trade highways of the new world's equitable commerce; then shall a renewed humanity sing as the new world's song,

"Hail, Columbia, happy land!  
Hail, ye Heroes, heaven-born band,  
Who fought and bled in freedom's cause!"

## The World's Fallacious Ethics.

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And finally, there is the true or rational self, in which alone we feel that we can rest with satisfaction—the Christ (to adopt the Pauline metaphor) that liveth in us, in whom we hope more and more to abide. And it is said elsewhere, "His service is perfect freedom."—"MANUAL OF ETHICS," a College Text-book.

JESUS SAID: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. \* \* He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him. \* \* Even the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him, but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." And Paul said: "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his. \* \* But if the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he shall also quicken [make alive] your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you, \* \* my little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you. To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: Christ in you, the hope of glory."

From these and many similar passages, several things must be manifest; and among them the fact that Paul was not speaking in mataphor when he made mention of "the Christ that liveth in us, in whom we hope more and more to abide;" but he was dealing in the simple language of fact. If it were mataphor it did not originate with Paul, as Jesus had insisted upon the same thing before him.

One of the plainest teachings of the Bible, and one of the least understood at present, is that Jesus was *God's Seed*—"Not seeds as of many, but thy seed,

which is Christ;" that seeds are so called because of their power of reproduction of their kind, to which fact the divine Seed was no exception. Hence, Jesus was planted in the human hearts that received him, and the harvest will be in the end of the Christian age, when will come the seed multiplied—the 144,000 Sons of God, whom John saw on Mount Zion. The Sons of God are virgins, like Jesus, the Seed from which they spring; they are Sons of God, having the Father's name in their foreheads as Jesus had. This will be the coming of the kingdom of heaven in earth, for which Jesus taught us to pray, and of which he sowed the Seed, which was himself.

The teaching of Jesus and Paul is, that if we received this divine Seed, the Christ, when it was sown by Jesus in the beginning of the Christian age, "the Christ liveth in us, in whom we hope more and more to abide;" but if at the time of that sowing we rejected that Seed, then there is no Christ being formed in us as "the hope of glory." Today, the great mass of men—both in the church and out of it—give no real evidence at all that the divine seed in them is maturing for the harvest, which is the resurrection of the dead, not in some future imaginary world, but here in the earth.

It is perfectly certain that if Jesus were in earth today as he was in the beginning of the age, he would say to professed Christians as he did to the Jews: "I came forth from my Father; ye are of your father the devil." Any system of ethics that teaches that Christ lives, not only in such persons, but in the great mass of Christ-haters, of which the world is full, must be, if not founded in, at least tinctured with fundamental error.



## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE WORLD'S PROGRESS must reach its climax at some period along the stream of time, in the goal of destiny; the power which moves the world must reach its consummation in a new order of things—a new age, in which human relations will be so different from those which now exist, that nothing of the old can merge into the new without transformation. Progress must ultimate in a new state of society, a new form of government, a new kind of religion, a new system of moral and intellectual culture, and in a new character of man. The growing sentiment in favor of radical reform foreshadows a coming change in the affairs of humanity; and the signs of the times, as well as the science of history and prophecy, point unmistakably to the fact that the hour of transformation is at hand. We are in the lapping of the ages—in the period of transition between the new and the old; we are approaching the dawn; we are in the twilight of the coming era. The best efforts of modern reformers are in the direction of repairing the old structures, of patching up the old garments, of propping up old institutions; it is a waste of energy, for the life of old things is slipping away, and soon there will be nothing remaining but the shell. Men may dress the patient now, and attend its funeral in future years! Every civilization grows from a nucleus which involves a powerful religious impulse, a mighty force of a human pivot upon which the ages turn and upon which progress depends. The new age must begin with a new religion, the ties of affection of which are greater than the love of money, greater than the love of mortality; with a new science to enlighten its people; with a new society of men in harmony; with a new system of industry and commerce to supply the products of the performance of use without waste; with a new government to control the world in righteousness; and with a new system of culture that will manifest itself in the refinement of man and his arts. The great reform power which must ultimately sweep the world, comes with the growing of Koreshanity and its institutions. Today, it is the only system that advocates and applies the principles and laws of genuine world-reformation. While the world asks what the new form of society and government will be, Koreshanity develops an organic society, a unity involving church and state, education and industry, ethics and commerce; and we unhesitatingly declare that the Koreshan System is the only one in existence in the world today, that unites in harmony all the elements of progress in such a way as to become capable of covering the entire field of human relations. The Koreshan Unity is the nucleus of the world's future harmony; it contains the germ of evolution of the new order, and involves the power of the coming Universal Empire. It offers to the thousands a way of escape from the hells of competition, and from the terrors of the coming revolution; it offers social, religious, and scientific salvation in the glories of the future, to all who have sufficient courage and manhood to sever the ties which bind to mortality, and form new ones on the basis of divine equity and love, of immortal life and power!

Prof. Whitehouse, a New York geographer and archeologist, has developed a new theory of light and heat, with which he hopes to solve some of the problems which have puzzled the astronomer and the physicist. The old form of the Copernican solar system is taken as a basis, and between the planets a conductor of ether space is supposed to exist, for the purposes of electric intercommunication of the energies of the system of planets. Each planet is supposed to be a power-house which sends out just as much energy at it receives, but which some-

how utilizes much of what it receives in processes of locomotion. According to this theory, electricity is the primal source of light and heat; and there is no light and heat except in the planetary atmospheres. He says: "Investigation has led me to believe that the so called ether is not an exquisitely tenuous and pellucid gas through which a feeble twinkle from a star billions of miles away becomes visible to the eye, but that each star as seen by us, as well as the greatest of planets, the sun, is only to our eye, the *point* at which the vibrations come into our atmospheric sphere." This idea, however, is not new; a number of physicists are advocating that light is possible only in the atmosphere; and this makes inevitable the conclusion that the visible heavenly bodies must be at the upper stratum of our air. But neither the physicist nor Prof. Whitehouse is logical enough to perceive that if the sun, planets, and stars are but refocalizations at the upper limit of the earth's atmosphere, the basis of all modern astronomical triangulation is destroyed, because it would be impossible, in such case to locate a single heavenly body in space outside of the sea of atmosphere which we breathe. Koreshanity maintains that the sun, planets, and stars are all within our atmosphere, at the distance of about 900 miles, not above a convex earth, but a *concave* surface, from which astronomical triangulation determines their distance and relative emplacement in the atmospheric strata. The idea of clinging to the old Copernican conception of the solar system after conceiving that the points of light which we *see* are not outside of our air, is a palpable absurdity. The conclusions of the modern physicists and the conclusions of Copernicus and Newton cannot be consistently entertained in the same mind!

Sometimes the artist paints, as the poet often writes, better than he knows; he expresses more than he intends. Christmas and New Year displays in Hearst's publications contained some good conceptions and some truth, of which only the Koreshan can perceive their striking application. The new century display of the great historic characters passing in a parade down the centuries, even to the door of the twentieth, brings them in picture as they are in reality, to embodiment in the modern world. The life and mind of humanity are transmitted from generation to generation, and necessarily, entities and egos pass from century to century amid the scenes of activity in the external world. Destiny is not reached by living once, but thousands of times in the earth; for in no other way could the same humanity exist from dispensation to dispensation. Hearst's pictures illustrating Rev. MacArthur's "Christ the Contemporary of all Ages," are in the same line, containing great conceptions of re-embodiment, of reincarnation. Picturing the Christ among men and women in modern dress, borders on the unique, the strange, and the startling, and withal, appropriate from the standpoint of Koreshanity, which declares the actual presence of the Messiah in the modern world! It could not be truly said that the Christ is contemporary with all peoples of all ages unless he is inseparably connected with the great world of humanity, moving in it and through it, and manifesting himself periodically as the supreme Genius suited to the common genius of the times. The conception that the Christ is the contemporary of all ages is in accordance with human desire, notwithstanding the fact that the conception has no place in modern theology; the conception is in accordance with the laws of propagation of divine life, by virtue of which the Almighty manifests himself in chosen personalities successively through the ages—he manifests as poles of human involution and progress, and moves through

specific channels as the power which determines the direction of the goal of destiny. Deity exists contemporaneously with humanity, because he is in the human world.

Armour, the great multi-millionaire of Chicago, is dead; and the clergymen eulogize him as a great philanthropist. Dr. Gunsaulus, until lately at the head of the Armour Institute, said in praise of the man: "It is not ours to unite words of lament nor to pronounce words of eulogy. The oak that has fallen was too massive, too grand, too simple. I see of him a picture as the beginner of a new era of business life in America; but the picture I wish to paint is that of a cheerful, good-natured, uplifting man." Another said: "Armour was a religious man. He made friends of Christian men, and he loved the church. \* \* If Chicago grew more such men, we could laugh at our critics;" while still another asserted: "It required 100,000 men to carry out Mr. Armour's vast enterprises, and it required 100,000,000 stomachs to dispose of the vast products of the industry which he directed." We have nothing to say against the character of the man, but much against the system which enabled him, in the satisfaction of his ambitions, to amass wealth by taking it from the 100,000 men whose life-long labors piled up Armour's \$100,000,000. If he built up a great industry, he did it at the expense of those who produced and consumed his goods. Out of this vast store of wealth he gave a small per cent to charitable institutions, which are made necessary by virtue of the fact that such enterprises, controlled by the few, impoverish the masses. For giving back, in such shape that would stand as a monument to the donor, a little of what he misappropriated, Armour became famous as a philanthropist. The clergymen liked him while he was living because he had money, and because the church loves the present order of things; and now that he is gone, the millionaire is eulogized as a Christian and lover of humanity; but it is apparent that his Christianity and the Christianity of the church do not resemble the kind which characterized the progressive movement of the Founder of the primitive Christian system.

When the Founder of Koreshanity published his great plan for the construction of the New Jerusalem—the world's great cosmopolitan Center, containing 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 inhabitants, the people looked upon it as an impossible thing, and smiled incredulously. Even in this age of waste we know that the aggregate population of the world's four greatest cities—London, New York, Paris, and Chicago—amounts to over 12,000,000 people. These cities are great commercial centers of the three most advanced nations of the civilized world. The commercial advantages of the coming CITY OF KORESH will be greater than the advantages of the four greatest cities of the present combined. It will be situated at the crossing of the great water-ways of commerce; it will be at the center of the world's population; and when the entire world centers its interests in the capital of the future Universal Empire, the resources of the new city will be inexhaustible! If it is possible to aggregate people numbering millions under the prevailing competitive system, it will be comparatively easy to construct a city of magnificence under the order of Koreshan communism and social economy. In contrast with the popular prejudice, which blinds people to great possibilities, a recent writer asserts that with improved social organization, with the possibility of transmitting power to great distances, and with rapid transit perfected, cities of the future may be 400 to 500 miles in diameter! The liberal mind grants without grudge, that the construction of the New Jerusalem, the world's greatest city and capital, is within the range of possibility; and if Christians really believed the Bible they read, they would be expecting its materialization from the realm of divine conception!

The facts of church dissolution must be unmistakably apparent in order to force a Chicago clergyman to express his opinion that "the hod-carriers of Chicago are better organized than the preachers, who are attempting to carry on a crusade against vice in high and low places. \* \* In this struggle we see hundreds of ministers in Chicago trying to help along the work, but as yet they are absolutely incoherent, and have no common life." Perhaps it may be interesting to note that the democratic idea of the church must be failing utterly, if a preacher finds it necessary to assert that the clergyman "must show leadership, and command his followers." The whole world is in the same condition as the people of a single denomination; and we maintain that if the world is saved from its present chaos, and a gigantic crusade be instituted against crime and corruption, vice and vassalage, despotism and death, it must be done by a Man, a leader, able to command his followers. The world can never become a brotherhood without an actual Paternal Head.

The startling progress of America is the great theme in European commercial circles; and the decadence of England is alarming the London press. The fact that Great Britain is falling to the rear is apparent; and her population is forced to realize that through accumulated reverses—military, diplomatic, and industrial—England's greatness is on the decline. The United States is wealthier by far; the resources of the American nation are greater, and it is rapidly reaching the position of dominancy in the world of commerce. There have been too many agencies at work in the great West for the past four hundred years, for America to fail to become the land of destiny. It contains the most powerful elements of progress, which are rapidly involving in the nucleus of the new Kingdom, the world's communistic center, the seat of the ruling power of Universal Empire!

Over \$1,000,000,000 are expended annually in the maintenance of the Christian churches throughout the world; vastly greater is the cost of the world's governments, and still greater is the loss by waste, to the people, in the conduct of commerce and industry. Add to the immense aggregate that which is wasted by the people themselves, and some idea can be had of the stupendous resources of wealth which must be drawn upon in order to maintain the existing order of things, in which the poverty of the masses is a notable fact! The purpose of Koreshanity is to reduce the world to order, to lessen the waste, to lessen the cost, and to allow the world to live in luxury. This will be accomplished when the competitive system no longer prevails, and when the different departments of human activity are all controlled in one great system of society and government.

There is no greater delusion than the idea that money is capital. There is no wealth in money; the value of a dollar is not in itself, not in the metal from which it is made, but in the amount of energy expended in producing that which the dollar, by virtue of law, will purchase. Wealth is in property and the products of industry. Modern money is but a device which enables men to rob the people and sap the resources of nations. "Capital and labor" are divided today; they are as far apart as master and slave. The unity of true capital and labor will be effected through the restoration of property and the products of industry to the producers.

Chicago city authorities rejoice that the rate of mortality of infants is decreasing, and point to the fact as an indication of progress; but the fact is overlooked that there is an alarming increase of suicides and murders. The elements of unhappiness are too much for many grown-up babies, who seek means of

hasty exit from the stage of the world's theater; and the theological and scientific comedians are endeavoring to account for the numerous cases of stage fright which causes many to refuse to play their part.

The way to disintegrate society, paralyze commerce and industry, and destroy governments, is to persuade the people to accept the fallacy that there is no such thing as organic unity; that leaders and heroes are useless; that the religious nature of man may be abolished by common consent; and that there should be no laws, no order, and no cohesion of the body politic. Chaos is the anarchists' ideal; individualism will ultimate in the great reign of terror, the world-wide revolution. The old world is hastening on to the vortex; it is verging on disintegration.

The world is cursed with a trinity of gigantic evils: The modern Christian system of religion; the Copernican system of astronomy; and the competitive system of commerce and industry; they are the forms of modern religion, science, and economy. They have gone hand in hand down the centuries, wrecking human hopes and hearts; and there can be no genuine reform until they are wiped from the mind of man and the sphere of his relations.

Time and space are both limited. If they were infinite, there could be no definite division of either. It is said that space is infinite; but we may divide all the space there is into feet and inches. It is said that time is infinite, but we divide time into seconds and into cycles. Time is always in the present; the past is no more, and the future is not yet. Time is measured as it passes; there can be but one second at a time.

The man who creates the new world of humanity must know how the universe is formed, else the society and government he constructs will be out of harmony with the great pattern of the physical cosmos.

It would be better if modern scientists would venture on a

voyage of discovery of mistakes, than to continue to add ludicrous blunders to already overgrown fallacies.

Learning a trade under the competitive system, is learning how to best serve the men who steal the wealth which the workman produces.

There can be but one complete system of absolute science, because there is but one universe, but one God, and but one humanity.

The processes of squaring the circle or incubating the sphere, are as simple and as easy as the processes of incubation of the egg.

When the maximum of wealth is reached in the hands of the few, the wealth of the people is reduced to the minimum.

The astronomer's mental telescope enlarges his conception of the universe to ridiculous and impossible proportions.

Briton's new century surprise is the renewed activity of the Boers, and their aspiration to annex the British empire.

The poor man stands very little show in the modern world; but that little show is a circus!

Truth selects for her Messenger the man whose honesty and integrity she cannot question.

The man is richest who involves all truth, because he inherits the universe.

When the truth of the universe is found, it is as profound as the universe.

The ecliptic of progress is the Almighty's human race-track.

The advocates of the new salt elixir should remember Lot's wife!

The river of life has its source in humanity.

## Editorial Discussions and Miscellany.

THE EDITOR.

### Koreshanity and the Competitive System.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—I notice that in spite of your vehement declarations against the evils of money and your arguments to abolish the same, you are engaged in chasing it to some extent—through the channels of competition. Can you not, with all the wisdom and power you claim to possess, find no better weapon with which to fight the devil than his own? If you need money (that is, gold and silver) to help along the cause, why not make it yourself?—you claim to be able to do so.—  
A READER.

If the world would adopt Koreshan Socialism there would be no competition; because it does not, we must begin to build the new order from the basis of a nucleus, the members of which do not compete with one another. The producers in the Koreshan Unity are communistic and co operative; but the fact that the people of the world will not deal with us on the basis of our principles, compels us for the time being to deal with them on the only basis on which they will do

business; and if, in the exchange of products of energy and skill for that which we need from other producers, we are compelled to employ a fictitious medium, we are adopting the only method which the world will at present tolerate. We, as a nucleus of individuals, who do not compete with one another, are forced to sustain as equitable relations to other peoples as the conditions of society will admit.

We are not fighting the devil with the weapon of competition. We produce goods through the expenditure of energy, and in our business with others we must put up with as much or little in return as the present system of waste will admit. We do this in order to maintain ourselves and our institutions while we are fighting the devil with another and more effective weapon, which the Founder of Koreshanity in his wisdom, has discovered and is now teaching his people

to apply. There is a great difference between loving money and "chasing it" from motives of selfishness, and using money as it comes to us through industry and our propaganda for the unselfish purpose of promulgating the Scientific Gospel for the blessing of humanity. We declare the competitive system to be wrong; but while it prevails, we must adjust ourselves to the conditions which it makes inevitable.

To say the least, it is more legitimate to "make money" on the basis of active industry, than to be engaged in the manufacture of gold for the purpose of making fictitious money. We need people whose industry constitutes the only true capital, more than we need money; and more may be accomplished in the end by spending time and energy in the work of transforming men and minds than in changing baser metals into gold. It is better that there should be

opportunities for sacrifice and self-denial on the part of those who accept the truth of Koreshanity—better to await developments along the line of the course of events until the great door of opportunity opens, than to create conditions of opulence and luxury by artificial processes. The time will come naturally when this great System will develop rapidly enough; we are not impatient, for everything will come to us at the proper time in accordance with the laws of the inevitable.

#### The Location of the Spiritual World.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—(1) I cannot understand just where our departed friends are. I am told that spirits can only exist in human bodies; and yet there must be a heaven or place where spirits dwell. Can our friends who are gone have any care over us or guide us in our actions? Are there any true mediums who converse with spirits? (2) What is the secret of health? Do Koreshans need medicines?—Mrs. E. L. P., Des Moines, Ia.

The world of humanity contains its own heavens, just as the physical world contains the physical heavens; the spiritual world is in the brain of man. Spirits which pass out at dissolution enter the spiritual world through mental attraction, which determines the plane to which they go. The spiritual world is the interior mind of humanity; it is above the external consciousness. Entities of the mind of the dying man enter the interior mind of others, pass their career in the spiritual world, and reappear, in the course of time, in the external world through desire, in the channels of mortal propagative functions. Departed spirits can influence the external mind only by reflex influence or precipitation; they do not know what is going on in the external world, except through mediums.

There are a few mediums who communicate with spirits on the interior; but the majority of mediums are frauds, and the majority of "guides" are deceptive spirits, which impress minds that have developed a phase of mediumship. Koreshanity discourages the cultivation of the intuitive faculties, which make the will negative to all kinds of harmful influxes. The age of true inspiration is passed; the time has come for illumination of the intellect through rational processes. The perverted will must be overcome and controlled by intellectual forces, because the age of science is here.

Spiritualism is a perversion of the truth of divine mediumship; modern mediums communicate with the spirits of the hells of mortal humanity, because the divine heavens are open only to the divine Messenger, authorized to declare the absolute truth.

(2) The secret of health is in the conservation of human vitality—in the husbanding and appropriation or proper use of the sex forces. Disease originates in the abuse of functions, in the wanton dissipation of life itself. When the mind is purified, the man needs no medicines nor stimulants. The disciples of Koreshanity are being educated in the science of the conservation of life; and until they reach more advanced stages of overcoming, simple and harmless remedies are sometimes necessary.

#### The Sign Aries in Aquarius.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—(1) What is considered to be the first constellation in the Zodiac in the Koreshan System? or, what is the name of the first sign in the Zodiac? Is the name of the first constellation and the first sign the same? And is the first sign in the first constellation at the climax of the Golden Age, which we are now entering? (2) What is your opinion of osteopathy and osteopaths?—H. J. J.

(1) The first sign, the head of the Zodiac, is always Aries; and when the signs and constellations agree in latitude and longitude, as they did nineteen hundred years ago, the sign Aries is in the constellation Aries—that is, at the beginning of right ascension, or the zero point of celestial longitude. The signs are in the earth, while the constellations are in the physical heavens. The twelve signs and the twelve constellations have the same names.

When Jesus was born, the sign Aries (indicated in the physical heavens by the equinoctial colure at the vernal equinox) just reached the limit of the constellation Aries; thus the sign, extending from the meridian Greenwich 30° to the east, was "in" the constellation Aries; but during the Christian dispensation, the sign has passed through the constellation Pisces and is now entering Aquarius. The Aquarian dispensation of 2,000 years is one third part of the Golden Age of 6,000 years.

In both the physical and anthropotic worlds there are two movements of the signs and constellations to be considered: the precessional, the backward or westward movement of the external sign; and the processional, the forward or eastward movement of the esoteric sign. Thus in humanity, while the descending life of Jesus has been passing through the people of the Piscatorial dispensation, in the reverse order of the Zodiac, his ascending life has developed from Aries, which represents the begetting principle, to Taurus, which signifies the power of begetting; and the Son of God reaches the amplification of his Fatherhood at the close of this dispensation. Pisces signifies proliferation; and this has been the

age of proliferation in the mortal generation as well as in the divine regeneration; hence, the Golden Age of life begins when the fruit of the age of regeneration appears—when Aries is in the constellation Aquarius, which represents truth in the scientific degree.

(2) Osteopathic manipulation cures some diseases, because it removes obstructions to the circulation of fluids of the body and relieves pressure on the nerves and blood vessels; but osteopathy does not and cannot reach the cause of disease, which is primarily in the mind—in abnormal desire, which causes abuse of organs and functions of the body, and hence waste of vitality.

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#### Koreshanity in the East.

Rev. E. M. Castle Begins a Series of Lectures at Springfield, Mass.

Rev. E. M. Castle, of Chicago, who is an ordained minister of the Koreshan Unity, is in town and, beginning January 13, will deliver a series of Sunday evening lectures in Memorial hall, on the tenets and principles of Koreshan Science. The lectures will be free and the public invited. There are already about 75 people here interested in the doctrines and beliefs inculcated by the Founder of Koreshanity. Rev. Castle was formerly a school-teacher; she became dissatisfied with the theory of religion of the present day. She was led to investigate the Copernican theory of astronomy, and, considering it faulty, to study and believe in the Koreshan Cosmogony. There is quite a settlement of Koreshans in Chicago, which is their stronghold. They possess a church and University, with about 75 active students, though the total is nearer 125, when all those who take courses are included. At Washington Heights, a suburb of the city, is situated the University plant, consisting of a large house, four cottages, and a lecture building. There is a printing plant connected with the University, worth \$30,000. This is situated at Englewood, as is also a home. A colony of the Koreshans is located in Florida, where there is also a branch of the University. The Koreshans believe in concentrating the mind upon one subject at a time, and putting the knowledge gained by study to immediate use in practice as it is acquired. The children's hours of instruction average about two a day. Rev. Castle has taught a number of children of tender years to read in six or eight weeks. Education and study are intended to be rendered attractive and never irksome by the Koreshan method. She says that it was punishment enough for a misdemeanor to tell the children that if the offense were repeated they could not come to school. Rev. Castle is an interesting and fluent talker, and her lectures should be well worth listening to.—Springfield Daily Republican.

A Lesson in Sociology.

A Clergyman's Conclusions Concerning the Present System of Competition.

The other day as I was walking along Wabash avenue near Adams street, a little bit of a boy, ragged, dirty and shivering, pushed one of the city dailies up against me with a most mournful plea that I buy it of him. I was just about to accept the little fellow's proposition when another boy, a trifle larger and every bit as forlorn in appearance, rushed up and shoved his rival well aside, beseeching me as he did the shoving act to take my paper of him.

The smaller of the twain seemed to feel that he had a sort of prior right in the deal, but the other chap was not disposed to recognize the right, and the argument waxed warm. From argument the matter was rapidly approaching something worse, when I suggested that they compromise the difficulty by allowing me to buy a paper from each of them.

I got my papers, but I did not read them. My mind was on the terrible lesson which the boys had all unconsciously taught me. The lesson would not down, and I kept on thinking: "It is a practical illustration of the spirit of the age—heartless competition." The chances are that the bellicose lads whom I encountered had never read "David Harum," but it was evident that they knew all about David's motto, which motto they were acting out to the letter—"Do unto the other fellow the way he would like to do unto you—and do it fust."

I said to myself: "Boys, you are not alone. With you is a mighty army that is working, as you are working, along the line laid down by the horsetrading banker of Homeville." It may be good business—unquestionably it is, else it would not be so intensely popular—but it is *damnably bad ethics*. It is the ethics, not of humanity, but of the pigsty and the jungle—the ethics of greedy swine and blood-thirsty tigers. Much finer is the rule of Confucius and Jesus of Galilee—"Whatsoever ye would," etc. That word "would" stands for sentiment, the sentiment of right, the sentiment of fraternity versus the greed and savagery of porker and feline.

Greed and savagery! Hog and tiger! They were all present in the pair of little newsboys that I met on the avenue. And the boys were merely playing the game that we are all playing seven days in the week. The programme, and the whole programme, is *throatcutting*, and the best man is he who can cut the greatest number of throats, and cut them the quickest.

Slash away! then, for do we not live under a competitive system? And when you go out to compete with your fellow man, do you not go prepared to take his very life, if such step is necessary to the accomplishment of your purpose?

I have somewhere heard of a bad place called "hell;" a place where fiends and devils are supposed to dwell, and I have

often wondered if it was not in "hell" that the present industrial order was born. It is an infamous order! and as false as it is infamous. Put to the test, it will not stand.

Try it and see. Each of the newsboys that are so heartlessly aggressive on the street, and each one of the army of men doing business within the wonderful "loop" has, somewhere in the great city or its suburbs, a home, and when, after the day's doings, that dear spot is reached the claws are sheathed, the fangs slip back into their sockets, the greed becomes good-will, and the belligerent spirit softens down into that of the most beautiful benevolence. For "home" is the place where the dominating impulse must be generosity instead of greed, and cordial co-operation in place of cut-throat competition.

In the home, the ethics of business will not work. In a very brief time it would destroy the home and leave us wanderers upon the earth, unloving and unloved. Home is the place where we must be considerate, gentle, just, thoughtful of others' rights, forgetful of the "inhumanity" which out in the world makes "countless thousands mourn."

But is not the WORLD one great HOME? And are we not all one great FAMILY? And if LOVE is the only rule that will work in the little home, is it not true that it is the only rule that will successfully work in the larger one? Truth goes all around the circle, and, as Epictetus long ago observed, that which is good for one bee or a few bees is equally good for the whole hive. Certainly that which is bad for the whole hive cannot, in the long run, be other than bad for the individual bee. If I were going to pray, my prayer would be something like this; "O, Power of powers! during this new century, inspire us all to try the virtue of the golden rule." Rev. T. B. Gregory, in *Chicago American*.

To Lecture on Cosmogony.

The study of Koreshanity is to be given a new impetus in this city through a series of lectures to be given in Memorial hall on Sunday evenings, beginning with the second Sunday in January. Rev. E. M. Castle, of the University System and the departments of industry connected with Koreshanity, at Chicago, will inaugurate the series and is in this city for that purpose. Her first lecture will probably have for a title: "The Koreshan Cosmogony versus the Copernican System," and in it she will try to explain the advantages of the former and the defects of the latter so that all her hearers may understand.

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THREE NEW CENTURY SONNETS

1

Hush! for the watching stars grow blind  
o'erhead,  
Where red auroras flame up higher and  
higher,  
And, wrapt in its magnificent attire,  
On breast of midnight lies the century,  
dead;  
Look ye your last on it, nor shrink, nor  
dread,  
For past it, in a breathing cloud of fire,  
Comes the new century like a Messiah,  
On wings of "what shall be" prophetic  
sped.  
What shall be? Lo, when unborn men  
define  
Love as sublimest of discoveries.  
They will outleap the human boundary  
line,  
And, heaven allured, to higher levels rise,  
Nor less content them than to be divine;  
Nor less than to be Godlike shall suffice

II

Count not the centuries as centuries;  
Count them as evolution of a plan  
That was conceived before the world  
began;  
Count them as years of heaven in earth's  
disguise,  
Eternity that still in embryo lies,  
Jehovah held. Lo! He alone can span  
The everlasting years, and yet, O man,  
Thou shalt to the great consummation  
rise!  
O people of this dawning century, hail!  
Ye can make jubilant the hearts ye know:  
Ye can uplift the truth, and faith unveil;  
Ye can walk steadfast in the light below  
Till ye approach that Sun nor death can  
pale,  
And from the eternal to the eternal go.

III.

On the white page of this new century  
write,  
O bright evangel, write that wars shall  
cease;  
That there shall come a universal peace,  
And, ere the century dies, that greater  
light  
Will stream through human souls, until  
the right  
All wrongs shall overcome, all bonds  
release;  
That songs shall flow from thought's  
divine increase,  
And music shadow forth the infinite.  
Write, for thou know'st the ages are not  
dumb,  
And that already we can, listening, hear  
Their oracles proclaiming as they come,  
"What good men failed shall find  
fulfilment here."  
Write: "In this century's race, immortal  
sum  
Of what makes men immortal shall  
appear."  
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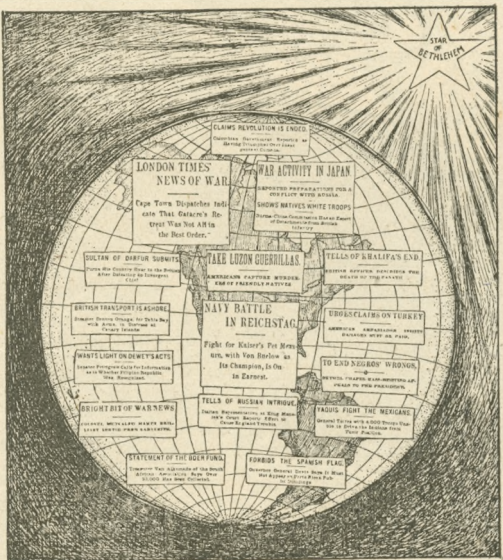
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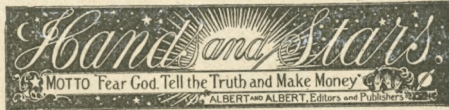
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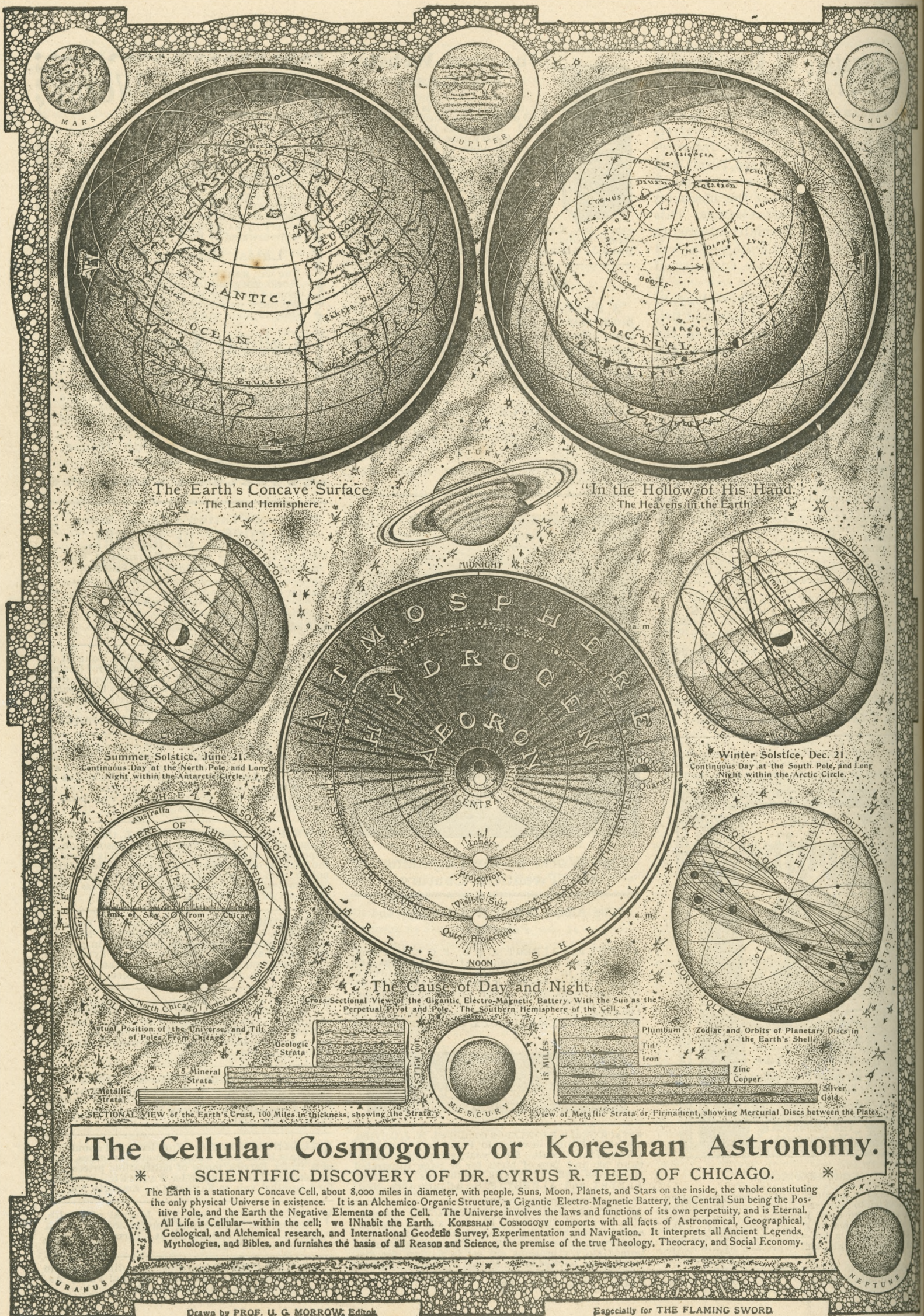
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