



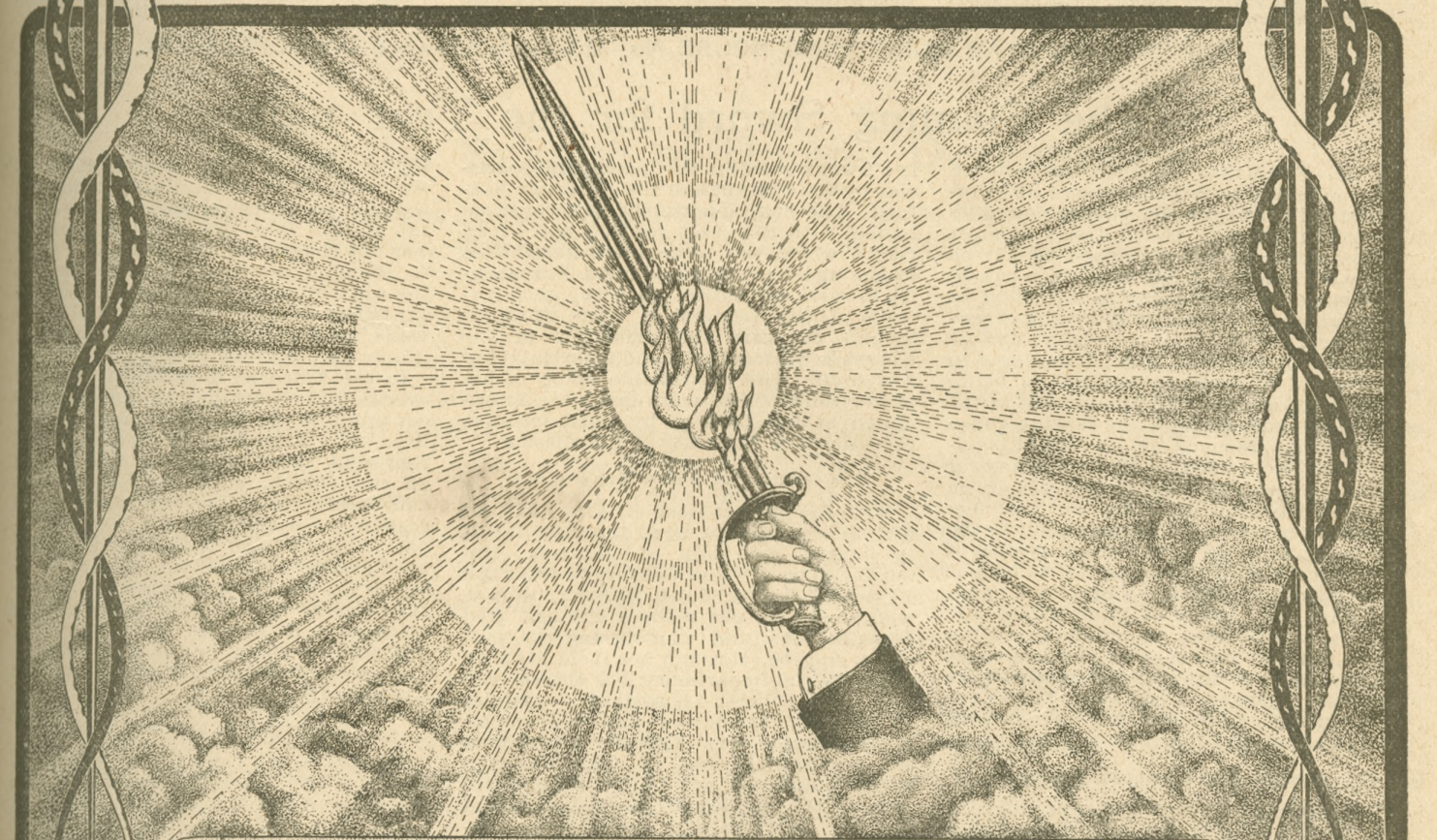
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The strength and power of THE FLAM-

ING SWORD reside in the incomparable articles by the FOUNDER of the Koreshan System. The first department will continue to deal with the great subjects and broad issues which the powers and necessities of the age have imposed upon Koreshanity to solve and settle. It is the good fortune of the readers of THE FLAMING SWORD to learn the principles of the Koreshan System first-hand from its living FOUNDER. The inestimable value of his productions will be more and more appreciated as the years go by, until millions recognize the necessity of his mission.

The Opening of a New Department.

With the present issue of THE FLAMING SWORD we begin a new department; it is unique and full of interest. Under the head of "New Century Studies and Reviews," LUCIE PAGE BORDEN, who is well-known to our readers through past contributions, and who during the past eight months, through her lucid style in the Editorial Department, has entertained our subscribers, contributes articles of literary excellence and refinement. Her admirable work is greatly appreciated by the management of THE FLAMING SWORD; and we are happy to thus announce the opening of a new department for her writings and translations. Included in this department, published in instalments, will appear THE CELLULAR COSMOGONY in the French language, for the benefit of readers in France and Canada. A liberal supply of contributions from our regular writers will also appear in our columns.

The Editorial Departments.

The Editor of THE FLAMING SWORD is the subject of some inquiry and solicitude on the part of our readers. We have been content with the able conduct of the Editor's departments in the absence of his productions from its columns, and there has been no haste on his part to return to his work. However, we are pleased to announce that PROFESSOR MORROW has entirely recovered his usual health, and resumes the conduct of his departments with the first issue of the New Year, with renewed vigor after a long rest; and all the recent inquiries concern-

ing him will thus be tangibly answered. We desire it to be distinctly understood that the temporary absence of the work of the Editor from his usual departments was not caused by any desire on his part to abandon the great Koreshan Cause or the work of its promulgation; as has been explained in past issues, physical illness alone has prevented active engagement in the warfare against fallacy.

In the Editorial department, the great events and questions of the hour will continue to be discussed and reviewed from the Koreshan standpoint; it will represent the best results of individual effort, research, and study for the benefit and entertainment of our large circle of readers. We continue the Question Department also; and to the end that it may be of greater interest and profit, we invite inquiry. We desire our readers and correspondents to feel perfectly free to ask questions; it is our pleasure and our business to make points clear to those who are investigating the Science of Koreshanity.

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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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Along the Ecliptic of Human Development.

The Human World the Analogue of the Physical Cosmos; the Sun's Movement and Course of Empire; Function of the Messiah and Mission of False Prophets.

KORESH

A PRINCIPAL DETERMINANT of ethnological progress and the right to the claim of religious superiority and preferment in sociological evolution, is found in the belt of human existence determined as the correspondent of the physical Zodiac. The astronomical Zodiac marks the sun's course, both in his annual revolution and in the precessional movement of the equinoxes. In the study of the relation of the sun in the physical heavens to the stellar groups called the constellations, there is no question of his course nor of the influence he exerts relatively to both the heavens and the earth. Why is not the anthropostic Sun as well defined in his course, and his career determined in relation to the corresponding Zodiac of human life? There is that regarding human existence—as the man in his greatest form—which corresponds to the equatorial belt, along the line of which specific tendencies are manifest; but they differ radically from the coördinate belt corresponding to the ecliptic.

The cycle of Mazzaroth or the ecliptic of human progress is defined by specific characteristics, marked in their distinctions and unmistakable when observed in the light of the higher illumination. The cosmic fields of civilization which mark the course of human events where are determined the origins of life, are not necessarily included within the limits of the tropics which define the ecliptic, because, while the inception of a new civilization begins at the vital point of the great cosmic egg, the course of that progress follows the electro-magnetic spiral to the northern limit of its projection, marked by the inceptive deflection of the nor-

mal obliquity of the ecliptic at the time of inception.

The rotation and revolution of the heavens in their relation to the cosmic shell determine the direction of the advancement of civilization, and it does not require much of a philosopher to determine the fact that the course of empire is toward the West. Whether the true order of evolutionary progress will culminate its fruition in the old or new world, is a matter which can be determined by scientific processes in the fields of astronomical and physical research.

The Illuminated Center of Reconstruction.

The most advanced thinkers of the world, those who are not wholly engrossed within the limits of material science and the all-absorbing fields of commercial enterprise, are correctly expecting some great sociological transformation, involving a deep religious metamorphosis of the nations of the earth. Such a change will not come without the presence of the illuminated Center of reconstruction, and this manifestation will be in fulfilment of the prediction: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." His advent will be attended by false christs and false prophets. This is not only true so far as prediction goes, but it is indicated by the laws of development in all the domains of propagative activity. Not only will there be false christs and false prophets in the special field of the culminative fruition, but there will be pseudo christs in other fields of human progress, which in some measure constitute retroactive powers and impulses toward spiritual, moral, and sociological progress.

The entire human race is a great field of cult, in which there are grades of progressive and retrogressive civilization. The ultimate knowledge of man, his power to discriminate between the true and the false, the good and the evil, depend as much upon his incorporation of the false and evil as upon the incorporation of the true and the good. Knowledge depends upon experience and observation; and the power to contrast and discriminate is determined by inherent combinations, resulting from a progress of thousands of years. This consideration involves the principle of the resurrection, as it has been denominated in Christianity, and reincarnation as it is known in the Buddhistic philosophy.

Nature and spirit are two phases of existence, neither of which could be without the other. A spiritual domain, with all its attendant life and activity, could not be known only in contrast with Nature, and natural life can only be understood in contrast with its coördinate being—the field of spiritual life. We know that there is a spiritual world because there is a natural world. It is the height of absurdity to suppose that a man can be rounded into the fulfilment of human destiny, without enough of contact with the natural and spiritual worlds to make of him the perfect offspring of the universe as an entirety. The destiny of man is God; it is his destiny because it is his origin. The sperm and germ of human propagation which constitute the source of his inception and determine his evolution, proceeded from the Deific focal point of generation, and this point is both natural and spiritual. Man is not man until he has the consciousness of his divinity founded upon the perfection of his character, a character which includes a knowledge of the laws of his being, and also the power to obey those laws. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." We would dwell upon the possibilities of this promise rather than pursue the igna-fatui of all that product of human imagination called the science of evolution, which places the origin of human existence with accidental protoplasm, the tadpole, and the lineage of the anthropoids.

The Messianic Factor of World-Progress.

That wonderful eclipse of the sun which constituted the dividing line between the Jewish and the Christian age of the world, a phenomenon out of the ordinary occurrence of astronomical observation, and unfamiliar, at least to the modern astronomer, came in conjunction with an equally misapprehended event—the eclipsing of the Light of the anthropostic world. When the Light of the world hung upon the cross, and in token of the termination of the age dropped His head and exclaimed, "It is finished," the great luminary of the alchemico-organic (physical) domain was totally

obscured. This fact, supported by testimony which nearly two thousand years have failed to impeach, stands out preëminently as the indicator of the direction which progressive evolution must take in the propagation of the Tree of Life.

Jesus marked the line of the anthropostic eclipse, the direction of the course of the anthropostic Sun through his precessional movement of human career and destiny. The true Vine of progress—whose roots strike into the soil of God's own Eden whensoever epochs recur, in which the Almighty records his name, is along the line of westwardly progressing Christianity, because that is the course of destiny as determined by the precessional movement of the physical universe. Astrological science can determine the time and point of the manifestation of the man of destiny, as to his birth; it can determine also the point of the planting of the new kingdom. The vitellus of the new race will be at the place where, and the time when the precession of the equinoxes scientifically defines.

Mahomet came in due time, with a genius suited to the capacity and possible comprehension of the people to whom he was sent, and was to them a prophet equal to their grade of human development. It was not, however, the attainment of perfection. Other prophets will arise in other parts of the world, to meet the genius of the peoples to whom they are sent; and many who cannot arise to the conception to be portrayed in the prophet of the Lord's supreme purpose, will accept the pseudo prophets of the lower grades of human cult. Their grades of development fit them for the conception which is suited to their genius.

Life proceeds from the egg; every dispensation comes from the womb of its peculiar gestation. Not until the final fulfilment of the world's fruition, is it possible for the world to know of the great cosmic egg. Now that the time is ripe for the manifestation of the arch-natural humanity to appear, the time has also arrived for the knowledge of the fundamental science of being. Life is formulated in the matrix; inception and gestation must proceed in the cell. What is true in the forms of life in their least aspects, must be true of the universe in the greatest aspect. We are not afraid to confront the world on the basis of this proposition. The processes of development are progressive within the cell; evolution progresses within the egg.

Ancient and Christian prophets have outlined the course of progress from Babylon, through Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome. The indices of the physical universe, as defined in astronomical science, corroborate this testimony. In America, according to all the signs of the times, will appear the final fruition of the Sons of God. In the new world will the Lord God make all things new; in the new world will the Lord fulfil the destiny of his people.

Perfect Man the Infolded Cosmos.

Mysteries Veiled in the Universe of Subjectivity; Brain Structures and Physiological Functions of Divided Man; Activities of Life Beyond the Microscope.

KORESH.

THE SUPREME GOAL to which all activities determine, whether these operations are in the momenta of external nature or in the realm of intellectuality and desire, is that of the perfected microcosm. To attain to this is to acquire that for which creation (generation and regeneration) is perpetually determining and active. The greatest difficulty lying in the way of a lucid exposition and revelation of the mysteries veiled within the universe of subjectivity, or the little universe—the individual man, is, that in man all the lines, curved and straight, are doubled upon themselves, and the cube and the sphere are made to conform to the contour and dimensions of the human organism. The man is incubated (incubated) and folded in (involved), while the macrocosm is unfolded or evolved.

Another and almost supreme obstacle lies in the fact that the human form, as now seen, does not unite the two forms in one system and structure as does the macrocosm. It may thus be seen that to pursue a correct method of elucidation, the disjoined parts are to be subjoined, forms must be studied as united forms, and functions as coöperative functions. In the disjoined condition of the microcosm, there are necessarily certain modifications of form and function to adapt the relations of the parts, and to provide for certain essential juxtapositions of the broken (disintegrated) original form. There are modifications of the male and female organisms consequent upon and essential to the separated state, the character of which can only be understood through a knowledge of the laws of form.

The male and female organisms, respectively, are presided over by brain structures anatomically alike, while the physiological functions—as especially observed in the reproductive organs with their functions and phenomena—are decidedly unlike. Every organ and pair of organs in the male brain is duplicated in the brain of the female. One would naturally and rationally suppose that the two brain organisms, so similar in structure, would perform similar offices in the respective bodies over which they preside, and into which their dominion extends. Koreshanity reveals the law and mystery of the marked, and not only peculiar, but wonderful difference in the functions performed by the distinct cephalic structures of the male and the female. Such a revelation can only be made through the application of the great law of analogy, correspondentially and antithetically applied.

The general anatomy of the human body is readily learned; but there are many difficulties attending the acquisition of a perfect knowledge of the delicate and

particular arrangement of the texture of the most central and important organs and parts of the structure. The law of analogy constitutes the basis upon which this most subtle anatomical knowledge is acquired. A still greater difficulty attends the study of the physiological and vital operations constituting the life of the structure. The most important functions, vito-chemical and physiological, cannot be observed even microscopically in the living body, and after the death of the organism the physiological operations cease, the vito-chemical activity is no longer operative, and the magnetic influences and electrical currents no longer animate the frame.

Some surer methods of observation than those afforded through the microscopical and chemical tests devised by the most skilful procedure of intellectual ingenuity must take the place of microscopical and chemical investigation. Nothing short of the descent of the divine mind into the outermost and scientific degree of mental activity, can insure to man the acquisition of a true scientific groundwork upon which to firmly establish conviction. What, then, are the essential methods of procedure?

The great importance to intellectual progress suggested in the foregoing postulate, cannot be overestimated. Man finds himself a complex cortical and fibrillar cell or corpuscle in the great complex cell of structured being. So far as he has developed into the wholeness (integralism) of his infoldment (involution), so far he may find within himself a full response to every diversity of form which combines to complete and perfect the macrocosmic form, and every diversity of motion conspiring to constitute the fulness of the macrocosmic activity. There is not a law, nor a principle, nor any relation in the macrocosmic domain that does not find its complement in this subjective world—the living, walking, and speaking corpuscle of the mass. The man finds himself living and moving within the complex cell he desires to examine and explore. He finds this greatest cell or corpuscle in the active exercise of all its functions, while expanded beyond the capacity, billion fold, of any microscope. By the law of form and relation, man is assured that he stands upon the concave surface or plane of the perispherical shell of the system he inhabits.

In the foregoing, it is stated that the circumference, rind, shell, or pediment of the universal structure upon which we stand, is related to the mass somewhat as the shell of an egg is to the mass which the shell contains. To proceed with certainty in the processes of definite

explorations, processes by which the mind may satisfactorily extend its conceptions of the forms of being, the laws of form must be applied. The first law of form is gravity. As every law or principle has its opposite, without which it cannot exist, we discover levity to be the counterpart of gravity. The law of gravity determines the motion of substance downward, and ascribes to things the character of being weighty or heavy. The word gravity is but the modification of the Latin word *gravis*, meaning heavy. There is a principle associated with the weight of the various substances in Nature, defined as specific gravity, by which is meant the weight of any given substance of a given bulk, which distinguishes it from the same bulk of every other kind of substance. Specific weight is one of the

fundamental determining properties of form. The following is an illustration:

If we resolve water back to what are called its constituent elements, namely, hydrogen (water producer) and oxygen (acid producer), we find that while these two substances collectively possess the total weight of the water dissolved or decomposed, their weight (gravity) does not naturally locate them in their relations to space at the point occupied by the water before the process of separating—disintegrating. If we collect the hydrogen in a light gum or silken receptacle and give it its liberty, it floats upward immediately—obeying the law of levity. Levity is a Latin term meaning lightness, in opposition to gravity. The oxygen may also take the form of a gas—lighter than the water, but heavier than the hydrogen. The relative or specific weight of these substances determines their natural (normal) positions and relations in space.

The Outlook of the New Century.

Unparalleled Progress in the World of Man and his Thought and Work; the New Order of Human Relations; the Light of Science and the Power of Religion.

PROF. U. G. MORROW.

THE WESTERN WORLD has risen from obscurity to its present status in the world of nations, during the past four hundred years; the youthful West is maturing to manhood with destined power and glory. Progress began anew with the discovery of another hemisphere. The development of peoples and the rapid making of the nations of the two Americas are without precedent in history; and the world is now brought to the time of great expectation.

Since the rising of the West the world has become larger, but inventions have brought its people into closer touch. Railroad and steamship lines now girt the earth, and the products of industry are exchanged across the seas. The marvelous telegraphic systems carry intelligence around the world, and the newspapers now contain the news of events from all quarters of the globe. The world has not grown smaller because the peoples of all nations are placed in closer contact; it has rather grown larger because of its wonders, its advantages, and its opportunities. Man has become greater and his works more wonderful, and he is to become greater still, and his works surprisingly more marvelous.

The transformation of the West has settled the question of its coming greatness; a civilization has begun which is bound to reach the zenith of universal glory; the factors are at work which will bring it to its great climax. The world has never drifted; Cause is too potent and persistent to leave humanity alone; but great movements have been the result of inspiration and impulse. An interior Force, an invisible Hand, has guided and guarded the agencies of development and advancement. The time is at hand when that Power will be manifest in the natural world; progress is to be directed from the external, and humanity made new through the application of the principles of life.

Life is greater than its environment. It is not enough to make man's surroundings beautiful, to add to his conveniences, and to facilitate his commerce. The greatness of a nation does not consist merely in its power to subdue; the uses of subjugation are temporary, and after millenniums of warfare there must come a peace that shall universally prevail. That nation is greatest which is able to influence the world through the agencies of peace, and that nation is happiest whose people are filled with intellectual enlightenment and true moral consciousness. There must come a breaking down of race prejudice and national rivalry. There is one humanity; let it be a unit on all that makes man great and his works useful!

The climax of modern discovery was reached in the attainment of the knowledge of the laws whereby human life may be renewed. The making of races has always resulted from the conjunction of mutually attracted racial elements, and civilizations have followed the lines of ethnic progress and development. Like languages, civilizations are the expression of the kind and quality of life which inhere in peoples. The Almighty works through races; they are the channels through which his stream of life runs, and the course of that stream is the direction of the march of civilization, the course of empire. The life which was manifest at the beginning of the Christian dispensation has come down to the present time through Latin Rome to the Anglo-Saxon, and Anglo-American West; and the English language is today expressed in the form of Latin letters.

World-rejuvenation is essential to continued progress. The stream of life must flow out anew from its source. The principles of evolution and involution are operative in Nature to perpetuate its forms. We cannot say that the world of man is left destitute of coordinate factors of renewal, of creation, of perpetuity.

rather, we are forced by the principles of analogy to the conclusion that the vigor of new races, the enthusiasm of new and true religions, and the enlightenment of civilizations are the results of the spirit of life, love, and illumination infused into man from microcosmic men, whose mission to the world is specifically Messianic. They are the conservators, the elaborators, and the seed of life itself; they are humanity's Guides and Gods, manifesting the world's Cause and Creator.

The new century will be characterized by the most stupendous movement ever known to man; that movement involves all that pertains to human thought and relations. It begins with a new science, with a new man, a maker of history, a maker of destiny, representing the ultimate of all progress. The new science is the highest contribution which the nineteenth century has paid to the people of the twentieth, the most valuable gift of the old to the new. It is but the meeting of man's needs with that which has been provided by the work of ages.

Growing out of the great discovery will come a new government, an imperial system in unity with the true religion. The unity of church and state is as inevitable as the harmony of the scientific conception of the purity of true religion and government. Religions have made civilizations, and have given its people moral strength and courage, and its nations power. Religion is the central bond of organic unity, and the true religion will be the most potent force of the new age.

The making of the new humanity will be the greatest achievement of the new science, the greatest achievement of the new century. It cannot be true that evolution is complete, that man has reached his highest stage and plane of development. There remains yet another step in the order of life's unfolding. The logic of life reaches its conclusion in a grand climax; the geometry of life measures the new form, and it is the form of the completed man, expressing the mathematical completeness of the divine cube, and embodying the pure and the perfect, the Pre-Eminent and the Powerful.

The Lessons of Art and Literature.

The Mission of the Artist and the Author; the Inspiration of the Brush and Pen; the Realities of Life and the Symbols of Nature.

PROF. U. G. MORROW.

NATURE IMPRESSES us with its sublimity and arouses emotions of the mind as if Nature itself possessed all the sentiments of man. Who has not felt the influence of the dreamy marsh, the lake in calm, the sea in storm? We delight in the greenness of the field, the colors of the forest, the innocence of the flower; we admire the stately poplars and the pines; we stand in awe of the towering mountain-peaks and foaming water-falls; and we wonder at the altitude of the stars and the majesty of the sun. The world is wide and full of marvels and beauties; and they best love Nature who most intensely feel it with the touch of the senses.

Nature is full of meaning; if it were not so it could not appeal so strongly to our emotions. Man may interpret what Nature means; it is the mission of the true artist and poet to interpret in a sublime degree the things of Nature. There are mental responses to all the attractions of the natural world; the mind contains that which corresponds to the things which exist in the objective. The forms of Nature are the natural symbols of qualities of mind, characteristics of man, and attributes of Deity. The artist gives the things of Nature attributes of life because they are symbols of life; and the poet endows their forms with all the passions of the human soul. The artist and the author are inspired from the world of conception, and brush and pen move under its influence, as the geniuses feel the emotions aroused by contemplation of the subjects with which they deal. They are mediums of expression of the ideal; so that the transcendental comes in touch with the senses in the language of form.

The ideals of life have not yet been realized in the world of mortal man; man is imperfect; few are beautiful, few are lovable. In the sphere of human life, art and literature find much of tragedy and depravity; the

drama reveals vice in contrast with virtue, and history has been written with blood. But there is one character that has occupied prominent place in both art and literature—as He has in the world of the mind; he was the one perfect Man which the world has known. His nature was sublime, and he has appealed to the emotions of the mind and moved the human soul as never did the things of the physical world. He involved all that Nature expresses; there was the beauty of his form; his innocence, his purity, his martyrdom, his majesty. Nothing that the artist has ever touched, the poet conceived, or the prophet seen—nothing in the ideal has ever surpassed or transcended the real, as embodied in the Messiah. He is the central figure in the art and the literature of the dispensation.

Man loves Nature and admires the things of the natural world to which the artist and the poet have been true. They have striven to express the ideal perfection of man. We do not believe that these great factors of progress, the essentials of civilization, are so untrue to man as to overstep the bounds of possibility. We do not believe that there is a single principle of life that may not be known; no truth that may not be understood; no true ideal that may not be realized; no attribute of Deity that may not be expressed in man—and man, in his perfection, is the most sublime subject of brush and pen. It is within the province of art to demonstrate the humanity of Deity—a truth which has been the theme of poets and prophets for ages.

The time is coming when the character of man will be sublime. While Nature will increase in beauty as man reaches his perfection, there will be no stronger emotions, no more powerful world-moving impulses than those which will be felt in the worship of man by man. The innocence of the flower will be seen in the human form; and in man will be the freshness of spring, the beauty of the rainbow, the peacefulness of the stream, the stateliness of the pine, the dignity and altitude of the mountain, and the majesty and brightness of the sun.

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CURRENT LITERATURE.

The Character of the Present Literary Output; its Governing Spirit.

CURRENT LITERATURE may be considered in three general divisions; first, that which is purely fictional, next, that which is built upon a substratum of fact, and, lastly, that style of solid writing which confines itself to simple narrative and unvarnished statement. The enormous preponderance of fiction occasions much inquiry. It is due in the main to the thirst for amusement, created by the absence of knowledge that is fresh and stimulating to the higher faculties of the mind. Amusement is as legitimate as work in its proper sphere, but the law of proportion must be observed. Literature is something more than a pastime for the *dilettante*; it is a means of growth, and the primary object of reading is to acquire knowledge. The historical novel as designed to reproduce the life of the past and acquaint the reader with the manners of a different age, is interesting as a museum of antiquities, but the world's thought now centers in the future.

Coincident with the rise of the new century, is the dawn of a new literature that presents facts more delightful and absorbing than the most thrilling tales of old adventure. All the fiction ever written seems tame and insipid compared with the beautiful story of the Lord's return. What subject can equal it in majesty, or awaken stronger emotion? Associated in grandeur with this high theme, is the science of natural things with a coördinate expression of their spiritual content. Curiosity, which ran forward to devour the issue of the novelists plot, may find satisfaction in the mysteries of the subjective world revealed. The issue of the drama of life surpasses any concept that the imagination of the modern playwright can furnish.

Literature now derives its impulse from competition. All the scenes depicted presuppose a lower grade of civilization than that which may be touched by the race in the acme of its development. The literary output is now governed by the commercial spirit. Writing that is done in the hope of fame or money is but the ephemeral product of degeneracy. The author's ambition is to strike the level of the public taste and see editions of his works multiply, rather than to serve his age as guide. Under the inspiring influence of nobler ideals inaugurated by Koreshanity in its redemptive work for humanity, there will spring up in the new century a species of literature differing as widely from the present exotic varieties, as the sturdy and graceful plant of the wildwood differs from the forced and sickly hothouse growth.



Florida the Focal Point of Future Progress.

THE WORK which is being conducted in Florida under the auspices of the Koreshan Unity has a distinctive character, setting it apart from every other communistic enterprise which the world has seen. It is

both scientific and religious in its nature. Here the geodetic experiment which proved the concavity of the earth was brought to a successful issue, and here a nucleus of preparation for the coming baptism is located. The southern part of the peninsula of Florida has a climate that is unsurpassed. The influence of climate upon racial development is universally conceded, and the conditions here are favorable to those who are ready to be inducted into the life of righteousness and the estate of immortality.

Nothing is more necessary in choosing a location for the coming kingdom than the facilities afforded by free transportation, both on land and sea. The initial effort of the Estero colonists will be to establish lines of communication in all directions. Here is a natural harbor offering every inducement for the establishment of a fine American transport line to the old world. The immediate vicinity of the new Nicaragua canal is but one of the many advantages to be gained by an investment of capital in this neighborhood.

Here, close at hand, is Cuba, freed from the yoke of the oppressor and destined to become a powerful factor in commerce. The importance of her sugar industries has already engaged the attention of American sugar dealers, who see in her a powerful rival and resent the tariff concessions she has asked. The time is ripe for a consolidation of our interests with those of the West India Islands, and a line of American ships plying between the gulf coast of this country and Europe would give special impetus to their export trade, and increase the desire for annexation, which is said to be spreading among them.

If the United States wishes to extend her territorial adjuncts let it be done, not by right of conquest, as the spoils of war are taken, but through the expressed desire of those nations who shall sue for annexation as a boon. Let her policy with them be so wise and liberal that they shall esteem it an honor to become one with her in interest and in power. The new century has launched her upon a career of imperial grandeur, whose inceptive point is at the equator.



Foreshortening in Psychology and Physics.

THE LAW of geolinear foreshortening discovered by the Founder of Koreshan Science, and which forms its basis of refutation in combating the erroneous Copernican astronomy, has its correspondent in the moral world. In the domain of physical science, it produces an optical delusion whereby the mind is deceived and the earth is supposed to be convex because it appears so to the eye. By a similar process in the subjective world, those acts which are most worthily done assume the appearance of guilt. Here psychology

and physics find a point of correlation. Motive is the determinant of action both as to time and quality.

Absolute integrity of purpose belongs only to the microcosm—the biologic correspondent of the physical world. All his acts conspire toward benevolence; the sacrifice is complete. But in the eyes of an unsanctified people, the measure of his stature is changed so that he appears a veritable traitor to the race that has borne him. Instead of the divine likeness, men saw in Jesus the lineaments of malice. In proportion to their distance from the qualities which he embodied, the image which he produced upon the retina of the mind, was deformed. The Jewish nation rejected its King because they saw him as a malefactor; but as all things conspire to the accomplishment of divine ends, the foreshortening which he suffered in quality being the occasion of an outburst of popular frenzy, brought about the foreshortening in time; so the church received its baptism at the point of necessity, when further delay would have destroyed the balance of forces.

Remoteness in quality from the object seen, by which its impression on the mental vision is reduced, gives the clue to many an enigma. Why is it that some persons see only beauty and dignity where others discern something vile? Why so many conflicting rumors and statements concerning the one event or the one character? Lo! in the eye of the beholder the miracle is wrought, and he is responsible for the distortion of which he makes complaint. In a similar manner, those restrictive measures which insure the perfection of individual character, seem to be purely tyrannical. The remedial value of circumstances that seem most disheartening goes unperceived, and men never suspect that in rebelling they are acting under the effects of optical delusion.

Bring knowledge that is clear and positive to correct the inference that is drawn from appearances. This is the specific function of Koreshanity. It presents positive proof of the Cellular Cosmogony to correct ocular testimony in favor of the earth's convexity. By a corresponding proof from analogy, it refutes popular notions in regard to the character of Deity.



New Discovery in Astronomy.

ACCORDING to the new method of measuring the planets in the daytime, by means of a color screen thrown across the lens, their diameters are found to be much smaller than originally estimated. This makes another point in favor of Koreshan Astronomy. It indicates that the first step to be taken by modern investigators, is to reduce their figures. Modern science has stretched out the universe to immeasurable spaces, but the Scriptures say that God has set a limit to the firmament of heaven.



The Beauty of Holiness.

The beauty of holiness is expressed in outward things by correspondences. The most transcendent effects in Nature are its faint foreshadowings.

LA GEODESIE KORESHANNE.

Principes qui servent a determiner le Contour de la terre, indiqués.

Suite de la COSMOGONIE CELLULAIRE OU LA TERRE UNE SPHERE CONCAVE. Partie I.—PAR KORESH.)

TRADUCTION FRANCAISE PAR LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

LA GEODESIE c'est l'art de Mesurer la surface terrestre par des moyens mécaniques ou d'autres, dans le but de s'informer non seulement de son contour général—si elle est concave, plate ou convexe,—mais aussi pour démontrer la courbe de l'arc à un point donné n'importe dans quelle direction qu'il soit pris.

Le système d'astronomie enfanté par Copernic prend pour dit la convexité de la terre et sur l'hypothèse levée on a bâti le système trompeur. Aucun astronome n'a jusqu'ici fourni la moindre des preuves du système dont Copernic est le père et c'est un des buts constants du physicien moderne que de trouver quelque témoignage incontestable en faveur de l'hypothèse que tout astronome faussement dit savant, reconnaît pour telle.

Le système astronomique de Koresh s'oppose diamétralement à celui de Copernic et se fonde non pas sur l'hypothèse mais plutôt sur des raisonnements dont la vérité incontestablement établie à la mécanique, renverse les conjectures qui selon nous font la base de ce qui a été faussement dite la science moderne.

Methode de Passer L'horizontale a travers L'air.

En essayant de mener l'horizontale on s'est servi le plus souvent jusqu'à présent du niveau d'ingénieur. Il s'agit, pourtant de plusieurs faits d'optique ignorés du géodésien et de l'ingénieur civil et qui empêchent que l'on puisse viser parfaitement juste à l'aide des instruments d'optique. Le niveau d'ingénieur, instrument à l'usage de l'arpenteur se compose d'un niveau à bulle d'air et d'une lunette montée généralement sur un pied triangulaire. Cela s'emploie surtout à fixer la valeur des angles.

La plupart du monde ne sait pas qu'on ne peut pas déterminer une ligne horizontale à l'aide du niveau ou à l'oeil nu à la visée des sommets dont la hauteur est connue ou sur une nappe étendue de la surface terrestre. C'est par la raison qui tient à la science qu'en menant une ligne de visée horizontale, il faut que l'impression faite sur la rétine par l'image venant d'un côté de la ligne de vision trouve sa pareille arrivant de l'autre,—une loi d'optique ignorée du géodésien qui étend une courbe, croyant tout le temps viser juste.

Deux hommes de taille inégale ne sauraient en rajustant la monture de la lunette pour qu'elle soit au niveau de l'oeil mener deux lignes de visée de la même courbure. L'ingénieur civil, grand de six pieds mena à l'aide de son instrument posé au niveau de l'oeil une ligne d'une certaine courbure; mais celui dont la taille est moindre de six pouces en abaissant l'instrument à son oeil mena une ligne dont la courbure est moindre en proportion. Or, selon la science c'est l'illusion d'optique nommé plus haut qui en est cause, c'est-à-dire qu'en visant il y a deux faits qui déterminent l'impression faite sur la rétine comme suit; Le poteau vertical en s'y imprimant se réduit ou s'allonge selon sa distance en perspective; et, en même temps, la ligne faite par l'étendue de la surface terrestre se raccourcit aussi, d'une manière semblable sur l'oeil. Nous nous trouvons donc, dans toutes les opérations géodésiques en face de deux sortes de raccourcissement—celui qui se rapporte à la surface du sol et que nous appelons géométrique et celui de l'objet en perspective, qui se réduit de haut en bas, nommé le raccourcissement vertical; et, un phénomène d'optique dû à cette cause s'attribue par ignorance à la convexité.

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In The Editorial Perspective.



THE EDITOR.

THE INSPIRING HOPE of Koreshanity is grounded in a scientific comprehension of the laws of destiny; the rewards of life are matters of certainty to him who possesses the knowledge of the processes by which the final goal of aspiration is reached. The stimulus of confidence in the factors of destiny makes the heroes of earth and the Gods of heaven. There is an ultimate and complete satisfaction to be experienced by him who aspires to be truly great; and Koreshanity maintains that true greatness in the highest degree is the Godhood. He who undertakes the task of mastery, sets out in the race for divine laurels—the living wreaths of the highest honors which the universe can bestow. Man has within him the instincts of life, the faculties of aspiration, the ambition to excel, the desire to be loved and honored. These impulses and ambitions are derived from Causation; they are mental responses to the attractions of the Most High. These momentums of the mind must inevitably lead to that altitude in the scale of Being whence the impulses proceed. This bestows upon man the legitimate right to inherit the very throne of Deity—the right to become the Almighty himself, and to wield the scepter of the universe. It is this hope that distinguishes Koreshanity from other religious schools of modern times; it is, however, that hope which was instilled into the minds of the Apostles through the teachings of Jesus the Messiah, upon whom was bestowed all power in heaven and in earth. He was a man who had come down through the dispensations in the median line of progress and development; and he stood forth nineteen hundred years ago in the arch-natural state of divine expression. There is no other conception of life that explains the purpose of existence, the mystery of human experience, the mystery of history. The life that begins and ends, ultimates in that order of divine Priesthood and Pre-eminence which is eternal; that which rises from stratum to stratum in the scale of progress, must finally reach the point of eternal equipoise. There is a consciousness in every cell; there is in man the summing-up of all the experiences of all the cells of his system, a focal point of all his senses; this is his consciousness, a power made possible only through the activities of the millions of cells which comprise him. The climax of human attainment is in the summing-up of all the experiences of humanity. Of what avail would be the experiences of the world's millions—extending through ages of re-embodiment—if it were not true that the lines of all human experience converge in the apex of life? The highest goal of destiny alone is the limit of human progress. God himself is that destiny; he bestows his life upon him who successfully runs the gauntlet of evil through the ages, and masters himself!

It is believed that instances of flagrant misuse of power are found in recent rulings of the postoffice department of the Government, concerning second-class mail matter. Under certain stipulations and within certain limits, the mailing of publications at the pound-rate postage was

granted by Congress to publishers over a quarter of a century ago; but the interpretation of the laws of Congress concerning postal affairs is the prerogative of the postoffice department. Its interpretations are either right or wrong; if the decisions of the department were right years ago, when numerous classes of publications were admitted as second-class matter, the department is wrong in barring them from the mails today—for Congress has made no new laws to serve as the basis of the new rulings. The publishers of the country believe that a number of these decisions are unjust, effecting not publishers alone, but the reading public as well. We have no doubt that there has been much abuse of the second-class mail privileges by many publishers; but the department should confine itself, in taking action in such cases, to punishing the offenders, for it has no right to deal unjustly with those who have complied with the postal regulations in every respect. The sweeping changes, unauthorized by Congress, will effect nearly every periodical of the nation that is not "immune" through the influence of money or the power of political prestige. A business man has the recognized commercial right to oblige his customers by giving them credit whenever he sees fit; but a publisher is not now allowed to sell a year's subscription to his periodical without cash in advance!

It is said that the so called industrial combinations may settle the labor question; and a few millionaires have manifested that it is their desire to achieve such result. Ambition for fame and name may lead a few would-be philanthropists to make ostensible sacrifices which will bestow no permanent benefits on the toilers of factory, field, and farm; but the spirit of genuine love for humanity will not be satisfied with the restitution of only a small percentage of all the vast wealth that has been unjustly extorted from the producers. There are obvious advantages in the well-regulated co-operation of the great combinations; they are conducive to economy and order and uniformity of prices; and doubtless they have contributed largely to the commercial strength of the American nation. Certainly, there is a wave of prosperity, and the extension of American trade has reached the confines of civilization; but it is all-pertinent to ask who are the most directly benefited by these advantages, this growth of Western commerce, this palpable prosperity? They are those into whose control comes the wealth of the nation. It is believed that within a few years these combinations will be able, to say the least, to make all the concessions now asked by the organizations of labor; but the labor question is not settled when these concessions are made, for the leaders of the industrial army have not yet learned what constitutes the rights of the toiler. Nothing short of absolute justice to those who have been wronged and robbed, will settle the demands of equity; and no question is truly settled until it is settled right.

The climax of America's greatness will not be reached

through the present struggle for commercial supremacy. There is a vast difference between national greed and national glory; through the spirit of the former America is making rapid strides in her race with competitors, but the true glory of the West must come through ideals and energies which shall make its own people great. America would become in itself a great civilization; let that civilization be distinguished from that produced in Europe through the influence of modern Christianity. The dominant factor in the growth of great nations is religion; history is replete with instances of the influence and power of the church for good or evil. Rome, the seat of church and state, has demonstrated that the secret of power is in the religious control of the secular government. The religious spirit of the apostate church has most unmistakably manifested itself in the moral, commercial, and political character and conceptions of the individuals and nations of Christendom. America must become great through the power of the true religion—the religion which shall give to the West and to the world a new society, new art, new literature, new revelation, new government, a new race. Let the people of America once become enthused with the spirit of Koreshanity—moved by its spirit of genuine progress, and there will come back to the world all the wisdom, greatness, and glory of the Golden Age that has disappeared beyond the horizon of past history.

The famous Sampson-Schley controversy has its serious as well as its foolish phases. A brave man, who certainly accomplished in one day, in the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago, all that the American people could ask, has been maligned; and jealousy has endeavored not only to rob him of the honor of the great victory, but to destroy his standing and reputation. It was Sampson's misfortune to be absent from the scenes of the famous naval battle; chagrined, he has employed every possible means to establish himself as the real victor. The fact remains, however, that it was Schley who directed the American fleet in engagement. The people gave Schley the credit, but the Navy department conferred the honor upon Sampson. At the request of Admiral Schley, the court of inquiry sat to settle the controversy, but the result is wholly unsatisfactory to both sides, because the majority report censures Schley on a number of charges, while Dewey, in whom the people have confidence, had the courage and manhood to render his individual decision entirely in Schley's favor. Future history will record the fact that the two heroes of the Spanish-American Naval war of 1898 are the men who were in direct command of fleets in action in the East and West Indies. They are the men who practically settled the issues of the war, and technicalities—in the hand of jealousy—are not sufficient to destroy the people's admiration of them for their bravery and heroism.

The success of Signor Marconi in signaling across the Atlantic Ocean by means of wireless telegraphy, effectually destroys an argument put forth a few years ago by certain minds anxious to find some proof of the earth's convexity. In the very infancy of the Marconi process of wireless telegraphy, it was found necessary to elevate the stations; hence, it was concluded that such elevation was essential to

allow the electric lines of transmission to escape the supposed intervening bulge of the convex arc. But the argument must now be abandoned, for the reason that a bulge 100 miles in height between the stations on either side of the Atlantic, would be too much for the altitude of the little captive balloons which held the apparatus.

The failure of the Pan-American Congress, which convened in the City of Mexico to settle some American questions and issues, does not indicate that the time is not approaching when the Americas will constitute one great system of commercial and political relations. Success is rarely attained through first endeavors; forces in things of great moment are not easily dissipated. Destiny conspires through events, to converge lines of progress. In the not far distant future, the lesser nations of the West will feel the need of the guiding and protecting hand of the Government of the United States; and there will come a unity of the family of nations between the seas.

Koreshanity maintains that they will be saved who recognize and realize their lost and degenerate state, and desire to rise above it through obedience to scientific law. The world has come to judgment, and the great separation is in progress. The fallacies of modern thought are leading thousands to affirm that "Man's salvation consists in an intelligent understanding of the simple truth that he is not lost, and needs no salvation;" and preparing them to remain content with their present lot. The slave who does not realize his bondage will not endeavor to secure his freedom.

Nature proves her existence through every avenue of the human consciousness. Nothing is more obvious than the fact that Nature is true; and the mind that is able to properly comprehend the laws and processes of its existence as it is, is able to interpret the infallible language of Causation expressed in it, and to demonstrate the absolute verity of the eternal Being who creates and perpetuates man and cosmos.

The modern Christian presumes to believe in salvation by faith, without works; this means that there is nothing to distinguish such a man from his wicked neighbors except his religious convictions—for his *works* are the same as theirs.

Language is life; Nature is language expressed in form and function. The vocabulary of Nature is embodied in the forms of its symbols.

The dust of the earth, of which the Almighty makes man, has been ground in the mills of the Gods.

There cannot be anything on the outside of a universe which contains everything.

He who thinks there is no evil, has no eye for that which is genuinely good.

The breath of God is in the Heir of the Ages.

The meeting of extremes completes a cycle.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

Concerning the Inquiry Department.

THE FLAMING SWORD is published for the purpose of convincing the mind that Koreshanity is true, and for the instruction of those who have accepted its principles and doctrines. We use various methods of elucidation and styles of presentation to arouse and enlighten. The modern mind is full of inquiry, and we have found it both necessary and desirable to answer numerous questions propounded by those who come into mental contact with the System. Inquiry is made in conversation with our representatives, and at lectures; answers are always interesting and helpful to personal inquirers and to audiences.

Naturally, numerous questions are asked by correspondents; therefore, this Department is a necessity. It places before all, the replies to the inquiries of individuals, whereas, if the questions were answered by letter, they would reach only the few instead of the many. We believe that the manner in which we conduct this Department is more effective, interesting, and profitable than controversy. Koreshanity is the ultimate truth of all science; we are not searching for truth—we have it, and are promulgating it with a courage which characterizes our convictions. It is not necessary, for this reason, that the space of THE FLAMING SWORD be filled with the opinions of those who differ with us. We mean by this, that it is not our policy to open our columns to interminable debate, which is usually fruitless and wearying to the reader.

This restriction does not, however, preclude concise statements of one's objections to the Koreshan System, nor reference to facts which seem to be contrary to our conclusions. In such cases questions may be asked or implied, as to how we explain the difficulty. This is an Open Court of Inquiry, and we invite our readers to avail themselves of its benefits. Our antagonists are sometimes discourteous, and it is not wise to allow them to offend our friends. It should be remembered that to the majority of those who receive THE FLAMING SWORD, the truths of Koreshanity are sacred.

Diverging Plumb-Lines in Tamarack Mine.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—In the article copied from the Milwaukee *Sentinel*, concerning the plumb-lines, the point is made that two lines in the same plane, 4,250 feet long and about 12 feet apart, diverge downward .1 of a foot. Now, how far upward must these lines extend to meet? It is evident that for every 4,250 feet there would be a convergence of .1 of a foot, and to converge 12.6 feet we must have as many spaces of 4,250 feet as there are tenths in 12.6, which would make 535.500 or 101 miles. Will you not tell us in THE FLAMING SWORD how these facts help the Cellular Cosmogony?—M. S. M., So. Elgin, Ill.

The report of the plumb-line experiments at Calumet, Mich. gave the results of the trial in shaft No. 2, where the lines were 12.6 feet apart at the top; the downward divergence was .1 of a foot, or 1.2 inches, for the length of 4,250 feet. The results in shaft No. 5 are somewhat different; here there was a space of 17.58 feet between the wires at the top, and 17.65 feet at the bottom. This makes a difference of .07 of a foot, or .84 of an inch.

We understand that the engineers do not claim to have made exact measurements, on account of vibration of the plumbs; the mean of several measurements was taken. It is not surprising that discordant results should be obtained in the first experiment of the kind. Besides the excessive downward divergence in shaft No. 2, there was a torsion or twist of the plane of the wires to the extent of an inch.

It is true that the manifest divergence of the wires in both shafts is greater than the calculated divergence from the basis of the earth's concavity; in the case of shaft No. 2, it is 40 times too much; in No. 5, 20 times. It is also true that the plumb-lines swung on *our side* of the question. Had the results been as far on the other side of the required convergence at the bottom from the basis of convexity, there would have been no hesitancy on the part of our antagonists to use them as an argument against our conclusions.

In a general way the results, though discordant and inaccurate, confirm the truth of the great discovery of KORESH. They are in general agreement with

the results of the long series of experiments conducted by the Koreshan Geodetic Staff on land and sea. Numerous experiments with the plumb-lines are essential to the work of determining the approximate difference in the ratio of downward divergence of gravic rays in open air and in enclosed shafts; when this is done, the amount of deflection of the rays of gravity can be determined as accurately as the index of refraction for any transparent substance.

To those who are not satisfied with the results of the recent plumb-line experiments, as indicative of the actual downward divergence of the rays of gravity, we suggest that the results of experiments to be performed at Calumet within the next three or four months, preparations for which are now being made, if properly conducted, will be more accurate, and hence more conclusive to our opponents. The distance between shafts No. 2 and No. 5 is 3,200 feet. The twenty-ninth level is to be extended between the shafts, a line suspended in each shaft, and measurements taken at the top and bottom. The calculated downward divergence of two perpendiculars 3,200 feet apart, is 8.22 inches for the length of 4,250 feet; and the two plumb-lines, in the experiment to be performed, will approximate this divergence.

Relative Importance of Negro and Boer Problems.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—I have been reading THE FLAMING SWORD nearly two years. During that time, with the exception of a few numbers, I have read and studied its contents closely; and during all that time I have failed to see one column taken up in behalf of the Boers; but in a recent issue you devoted whole pages to the Negro.—SUBSCRIBER.

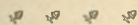
At the time of the commencement of the war of England against the Boer Republic, THE FLAMING SWORD devoted sufficient space to the oppression of the Boers and the bravery of their warriors. Our sympathies are with the Boers. We have admired the courage of these people and the strategy of their generals. It seems to us that we have devoted sufficient space to the subject of the war, to at least define our position with regard to it; but we have not made a specialty of it. Many publications have done so with the view to raising funds on the basis of modern Christian charity, to aid

those who are suffering at the hands of Christian England. We believe that we have more important work in hand.

The importance of any question is to be considered in relation to individual, national, and racial progress. The Negro sustains a wholly different relation to the factors of progress than that sustained by the Boers. The Boers may be practically exterminated; if so, it is in the order of destiny that the rule of the Boers be overthrown, and the country occupied by a more progressive people. The Indians gave way before the march of progress; and centuries ago, the inhabitants of Canaan were forced out of the promised land.

But the Negro is here under the sign of the Twin Land; and the race constitutes about one seventh of the population of the United States. The forces at work for the uplifting of the colored race began with the first importation of slaves from Africa; it was the forced emigration of a portion of the race to the land of its destiny. Koreshanity knows the future of the Negro; the race constitutes an element essential in the establishment of a new order, a new people, under the direct supervision of the divine kingdom.

The Negro question therefore surpasses in importance the question of the Boer war and its incidental sufferings. We have weighed the questions in the scale of science, and follow the course which scientific principles and prescience make absolutely necessary in the work of preparation for the salvation of the whites and the blacks.

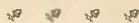


Koreshan Scientific Astrology.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—I notice in a recent issue of your publication, reference is made to "a scientific horoscope according to the Cellular Cosmogony." How can such a horoscope be obtained? Will you kindly answer one greatly interested in all Koreshan teachings?—J. F. I., Milan, Wash.

The highest uses of the true science of Astro-anthroposophy is in the sphere of divine relations, and in this sphere it is first applied. It belongs primarily to the highest orders of the Koreshan System—to those who perform the functions of divine priesthood. The time is not yet for its general application in the outer Courts or in the world at large. The time is not far distant when it will not only be employed for the purpose of determining the character and qualities of man in an existing generation, but also for predetermining the character and sex of offspring. Its ultimate benefit to humanity will be that of race improvement.

Koreshanity teaches the laws and principles of the correspondential relation which exists between man and cosmos. The science of these relations now points unmistakably to the Messianic personality. The stars indicate the time of his appearing and of the end of the age. When the Messiah of the age has prepared his people for the great baptism of divine power, he will arrange his human stars in the order of their emplacement; and the world of man will begin to conform to the order of the cosmos.



Southern Educational Problems.

Movement on Foot for the Education of Brain and Hand of Southern Whites and Blacks.

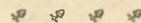
This movement [represented by the Peabody and Slater funds] is in hearty sympathy with all useful and valuable forms of education for both races, but it recognizes especially the necessity for radical improvement in the public schools for the children of all the people. It believes that the right kind of education is desirable for everybody, and that the best future of our democratic institutions calls for universal education more than for any other one thing. It believes especially in that kind of education which fits men and women for practical life,—which promotes progress in agriculture and industry. It believes that the worst thing that can possibly happen to the Negro race in the South is to have any large proportion of the white race kept low in the scale of human advancement through ignorance.

The South is fortunate in having active and enthusiastic educational leaders of high accomplishments, broad views, and unselfish devotion. The North has contributed a great deal of money and much noble effort to the work of Negro education in the South, but it ought also to contribute with like generosity to the work of Southern white education. It is essential, furthermore, from this time on, that Northern men in their educational work in the South for Negroes, should secure the constant co-operation and advice of the best Southern men in the states or communities where the schools in question are located. It is gratifying to learn from many sources that the institutions for Negroes, founded in the South by Northern philanthropists, are constantly growing in favor, and that the motive and spirit of their work are much better understood among Southern white people than in former years.

More and more such institutions are adapting themselves to the real situation. Many of them have fairly grasped the idea that the purpose of education for the

Negro is to make him as good and useful a Negro as possible, rather than to make him an imitation white man. But the main fact is that the whole business of education, North and South, East and West—whether for white men, black men, or red men,—is becoming transformed by new ideas to mean something much more and better than mere textbook stuffing. The business of education is to make capable citizens, decent and happy homes, good neighbors, and useful and efficient members of a workaday world.

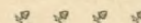
According to the new educational ideas, the young Negro who knows some Latin and algebra, but who does not know how to plow corn with a mule, is not only an absurd and ridiculous object, but is probably not so well educated in the deep sense of the word as his illiterate brother who actually understands plain farm work and has the moral character to work faithfully. But a certain amount of book learning is not incompatible with practical training and economic efficiency, and these things should all go together. —*American Monthly Review of Reviews* for December, 1901.



Abject Slavery of Coal Miners.

The average wages, including miners and laborers, is less than \$1.50 per day. Upon this salary the worker must maintain an average family of five persons, which means that each has less than 30 cents per day. This forces the children, as soon as they are big enough to carry a dinner pail, to go into the mines to work in order to swell the family income, so that it will be adequate to keep them alive. There are 25,000 children under 14 years of age employed in the Pennsylvania coal mines. In these coal mines, men and these children annually exhume from the earth 44,000,000 tons of anthracite coal, for which the consumers pay an average of \$7 a ton or \$308,000,000. And the coal barons stand between the coal miners and the product of their toil and absorb all but a meager living, even forcing the 10 year old children of the mines out at 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning to toil in the "breakers," and then robbing them of most of the value of their product.

And what hopes does the future hold for these miners? "Illiteracy" is on the increase, and it must continue until the people at large arouse from their criminal lethargy and wrest the mines from the robbers to restore them to the people collectively, to whom they belong by natural and moral right. Or does anyone think that the coal barons made the land and the coal therein contained?—*Ex.*



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Matter of interest to our readers appears on page 2 of this issue; it refers to changes in THE FLAMING SWORD, and also new rulings of the postal department. The standing matter at top of page contains instructions regarding terms, remittances, and correspondence. Look it over once in a while—especially when you write to us. Letters intended for the Editor should be so addressed; and business letters should always be directed to the Guiding Star Publishing House.

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A Word of Appreciation From the Secretary of our Home Shawl Industry.

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Summary of the World's News.

Dec. 25.—Christmas Day.—Mayor of Chicago forbids police secret organizations.—Holiday trade in Chicago reaches total of \$12,000,000.—Actress Mande Miller dead.—McClay is dismissed from Navy department at Brooklyn, by order of President.—M. D. C. Borden gives \$12,000 to his 3,000 Fall River, Mass., employes.—Gov. Shaw, of Iowa, favored for secretaryship of the treasury.—Dec. 26.—Chicago post office handles millions of letters and parcels Christmas week.—Soldiers and policemen engage in fight at San Francisco; 6 officers badly hurt.—Gov. Shaw accepts position in Cabinet.—Christian daily paper to be established at Tokio, Japan.—U. S. reduces Chinese indemnity claim from \$25,000,000 to \$7,000,000.—Hundreds of Christmas gifts received by Mrs. McKinley.—Race riot at New York; Negroes use razors, and 7 men are hurt.—London News publishes editorial on "Americanization of the World."—France may become involved in trouble with Venezuela.—New German laws aid American trade.—Dec. 27.—Fall of iron girder in Chicago proves fatal to four persons.—Panama Canal company offers to sell canal to U. S. for \$40,000,000; Congress to decide between Panama and Nicaragua.—Carnegie may give \$1,000,000 to Columbian University.—Delegates to Pan-American congress agree on arbitration; adopt The Hague scheme.—Boers again active; British losses heavy; vigorous war still in progress.—Dec. 28.—First National Bank, Chicago, to erect largest business building in the world; cost \$5,000,000.—Difficulties between President and Cabinet predicted by newspapers.—Capt. Leary, first governor of Guam Island, dies at marine hospital at Chelsea.—Senator Dewey is married to Miss May Palmer, at Nice, France.—Senator W. J. Sewell is dead.—Another massacre reported in Samar.—Dec. 29.—Mayor of New York opposed to Sunday saloons.—173 barrels of sugar stolen from Chicago warehouse.—Illinois Board of Arbitration approves labor-unions.—Venezuelan revolt gaining in strength.—Battle-ship Missouri launched at Newport News.—Mrs. Roosevelt plans a revolution in Washington dress regulation.—Union of industrial leaders in Germany fight the trusts.—Senator Mason advocates public ownership of telegraph business.—Dec. 30.—Wreck on Chicago and Northwestern kills four persons; many injured.—Christmas

tree fire destroys large Chicago apartment house.—Burglars and hold-ups do a flourishing holiday business in Chicago.—Congress takes up Cuban tariff reductions.—Venezuelan troubles effect asphalt trade.—Leavenworth convicts thwarted in plan to escape.—Harmony reported in civil and military departments at Manila.—Dec. 31.—Last day of 1901.—Small-pox breaks out in Lincoln, Ill. asylum for feeble-minded children.—State governors along line of Northern Pacific oppose the Hill-Harman combine.—Germany decides to not take immediate action against Venezuela.—Attempted assassination of Japanese emperor reported.—Cuban election today; general belief that Palma will be elected president of the new republic.

The Flaming Sword's Exchanges

The National Magazine.—The January National Magazine contains the first of a series of articles by Senator Mark Hanna of Ohio, on the career of his friend, the late President McKinley. No other man was so warmly devoted to McKinley or so closely in touch with him. These articles will embody the Senator's estimate of his friend's character and life work, and give many interesting incidents of his career. They will be the most widely read and authoritative contributions on this subject, which is of the profoundest interest to all patriotic Americans. The National Magazine is a first-class American News-Magazine; its stories are strong; its pictures of men and women of the day many and timely; and its "Affairs at Washington" unique. Those who are not subscribers can obtain the January number by sending 10 cents in stamps to the W. W. Potter Co., Publishers, 41 West First street, Boston. Annual subscriptions, covering the entire series, \$1.

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