



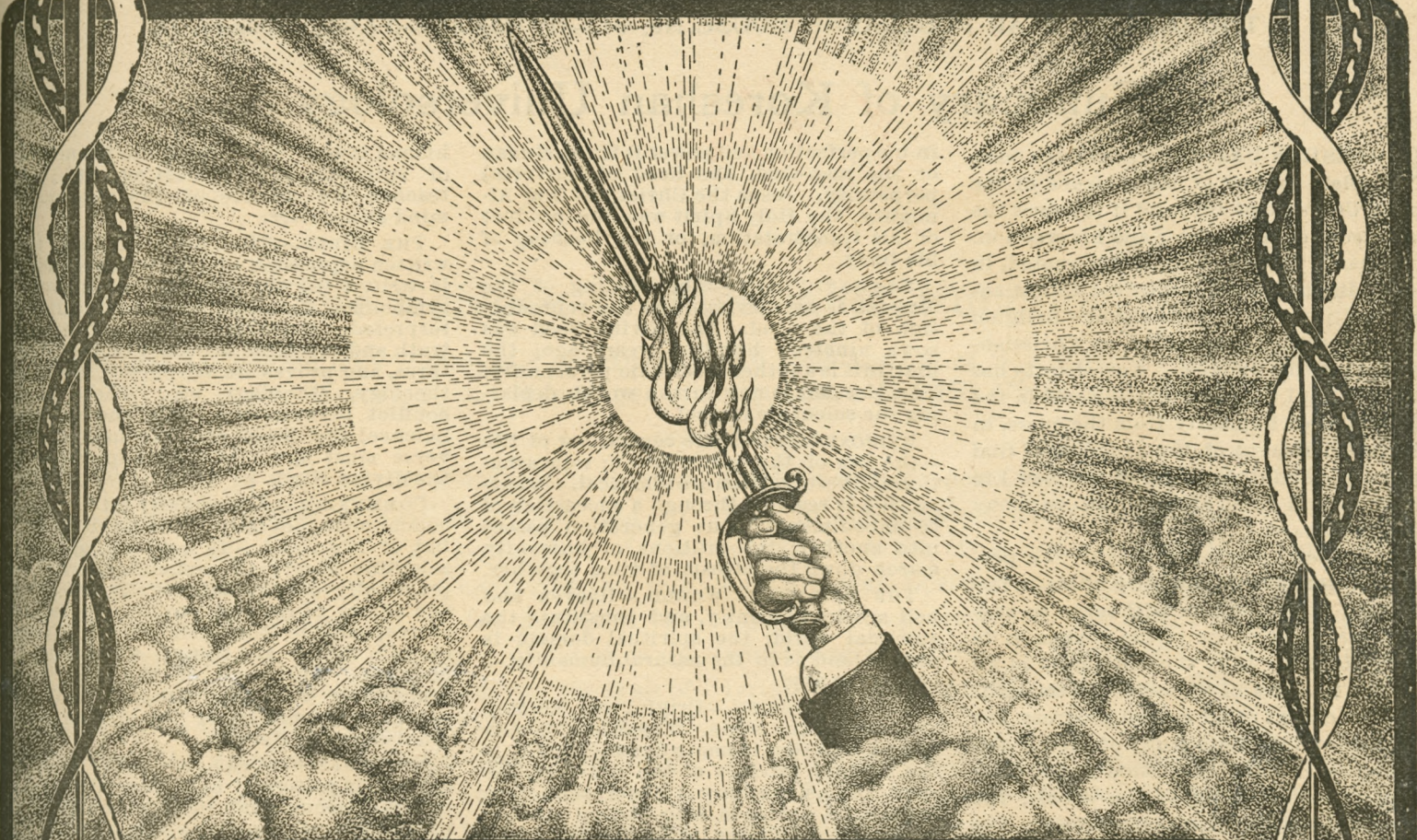
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## Summary of Koreshan Universology.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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## The Science of Messianic Function.

Immortal Life Attainable only Through Conservation and Polarization of Sex Energy; the Cause of Mortality Revealed; the Messenger of Conjunction and His Great Mission.

KORESH.

THE SCIENCE of the conservation of life has its root in the higher utilization of the two sex potencies, male and female. The separation of the sexes on the sex-indulgent plane constitutes but one step toward the economization of the potential elements of immortal life. The perpetuity of the race on the mortal plane of existence, depends on the laws of propagation on the sensous line and in the domain of sensuality. The transmission of the sex forces in the propagative order yields the life of one generation to the development of a corresponding life in the succeeding one. As the life of one generation is transmitted to the generation following, the prior generation is necessarily mortal; that is, it dies because its life is emitted from itself.

The human sperm and germ are both the product of man's physical and spiritual being. The sperm in the male is primarily the product of the nerve force, the spiritual (*pneumic*) essence dominating. The germ of the female is the product of the blood, the soul (*psychic*) essence dominating. The mother also supplies the material from which the mortal body is developed. In the sperm is found involved the partial form of the male, and in the germ is found involved the partial form of the female. These have their origins, primarily,

in the mind of each; the one, the male essence, being that of the intellect, and the other, the essence of the affection. When the sperms and germs of mortal existence are transposed from the mortal mind and body, through the propagative instinct, to the prospective generation, the forces of being—both spiritual and material—are eliminated from the one and transmitted to the other.

In addition to the sex transposition there is the constant flow of mental substance from parents to children, from teacher to pupil, and from generation to generation; thus the mental transposition coördinates with the impartation of the material development on the sex plane. It is thus observed that whatsoever life one generation possesses it yields to the following generation, and therefore loses its own life to produce the same kind of life, or the same kind of existence in the succeeding creation. This is the dead secret of the mystery of mortal being. This is the cause of death in the body, soul, and spirit. We aver that this is the fundamental cause of mortality; and until this cause of mortality is exploited and the world made to comprehend the relationship of the yielding of the life forces to the pleasures of prostitution, there can be no immortal life. The mere fact that men and women, under the curse, have a license



from the legal authorities to commit prostitution with each other, does not mitigate the crime of prostitution against physiological principles. In the eye of the statutes it is legal; in the eye of morality and physiology it is illegal.

The normal use of the sex function on the natural plane has two specific and distinct phases. The first is conservative, the other is propagative. When sex indulgence goes beyond the desire to reproduce offspring it has entered the plane of prostitution; the sex surplus which should be held in reserve for the enhancing of the mental and physical powers, goes to dissipation. The consequence, therefore, is the development of pathological conditions which render the mortal state ten thousand-fold more corrupt and degenerate. Even on the mortal plane of being, then, there should be no sex indulgence except for the purpose of propagation; and this should not be under accidental circumstances and conditions, but under the most rigid scientific direction, that the offspring should be produced under the most favorable application of scientific principles. Under the most favorable conditions as above defined, nothing can be expected beyond the best mortal state and accomplishment.

As mortality depends upon the exercise of the common sex functions, so immortality must depend upon an opposite use of the potencies of sex. Can we be more explicit? Immortal life or immortality is just the opposite condition of mortality; and to attain it there must be a radical change in the use of the potencies which conduce to perpetuity. In the perpetuity of generations there must be the death of the existing generation. One generation must yield its life to insure the following generation; and by this means generations can perpetually succeed one another. The multiplication of generations of the human race through processes which augment in an accelerating ratio, provides that ultimately and within a calculable period the world will not contain its population.

There are just two laws that may operate to prevent the overpopulation of the world. The first law is that of scientific complement. This is involved in the natural principles of scientific restraint, or natural restraint scientifically directed. The principles of restraint are active on the two domains; the higher being the restraints of celibacy and chastity, through which there is a complete conservation of the sex forces for the higher attainment. The other form of restraint is in the exercise of sex control; and therefore the conservation of the physical energies on the common physiological plane.

When we consider the aspirations of the human mind for the highest attainment possible for the race, the acquisition of immortality for the purpose of reaching eternal life, we enter into a field of exploration above

the mortal sphere. On the mortal plane man is wholly mortal—spirit, soul, and body. Though the spirit has an existence after the death of the body, there is the same break in the continuity of consciousness in the mortal spiritual world as in the mortal physical world. The mortal man cannot remember beyond his childhood, yet this mortal existence in the present embodiment is not the beginning nor the limitation of vidual career. The memory of the spirit after leaving the body in physical dissolution, continues until the termination of that specific spiritual career, when the spirit terminates its career in that special field of spiritual existence. It then passes through a change corresponding to the death which obtains at the end of the physical career of any special embodiment. These are complementary states of mortality. A long series of these coördinates (natural and spiritual existences) is necessary to the acquisition of that degree of knowledge essential to the desire for the application of the things which conduce to the immortal degree.

Man is not immortal in his present state. No iteration nor reiteration of the formula that "there is no death," will ever transform a fallacy into a truth. Mortality is a fact, and it is the status of present so called life. But the fact of mortality does not militate against the fact of the possibility of the attainment of immortality. "*This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortality must put on immortality,*" means that the mortal in the body shall become immortal in the body. Nor will the immortal state be attained through mere belief and a process of willing or thinking. Such a prostitution of science is found in the claims of the so called "new thought" advocates. There can be no more flagrant prostitution of the human will than is found in the flotsam called "christian" and "mental science."

#### *Polarization Through Messianic Law.*

Immortality will come to the world through the conservation of the essences of sex in their polarization through the Messianic law. As we have iterated and reiterated, this conservation will come through celibacy on the part of the male, and chastity on the part of the female. We reaffirm that this is not the only step, but merely one step in the law of conservation. The creation (or, more strictly speaking, the recreation) and perpetuity of the universe have their resource in this fundamental law of sex.

The masculine sex essence is the vivifier; the feminine sex essence is the formulator. The union of sex viduals—male and female—restricted to the dual limitation as in the common marital order, ultimates in the creation of the vidual form, through sex contact on the sensuous plane. If it requires the conjunction of the two essences in the matrix of gestation to develop a mortal being, then it must require at least as much as



the two essences in conjunction to produce the immortal form. We affirm, however, that it requires more, even, than the conjugation of the two essences to produce the immortal state. We cannot explore the possibilities of immortality except as a broad or universal field of study. The resource of body building as belonging exclusively to the mother, must be taken in its general aspect. Chastity on the part of the female sex must be universally, not vidually, considered.

Our proposition is, "The substance of female waste is the basis of body building." To construct the immortal fabric this waste must be utilized. The question of the correlation of matter and spirit must be analyzed in order to acquire an adequate conception of the possibilities of the utilization of this resource. The current of the menstrual elimination must be changed so as to produce a vortical mental excess.

The student must gain a comprehensive view of the doctrines of the transmutation of matter and spirit, as promulgated in the Koreshan literature. Excessive mental energy produces an excess of mental spirit. Mental spirit in excess is the result of an excessive combustion of matter in the brain. That kind of mental excess which will result in the transmutation of the feminine sex waste to spiritual essence, must be of such character as to know the result of the desire. The hope of maturing and becoming the Arch-natural manhood must become an overwhelming desire. The desire for such consummation must be accompanied with a knowledge of the fact that the Messianic presence is the center for the focalization of all human expectations. Love is substantial. Overwhelming love, such love as can be awakened only in the consciousness of the Messianic presence, the personality ordained of God to accomplish the work of the restoration, is the kind of desire essential to the accomplishment of the mutation of feminine sex waste to the spirit essential to the regeneration of the immortals.

#### *Utilization of Substantial Waste.*

The substance of the menstrual waste must be changed to the spirit of such elimination, not merely in the vidual, but in the thousands. This mental force must then be directed to the ordained center of polarity—the Messianic presence. To the mind desirous of the highest attainment, wherein there is a willingness to sacrifice for the rejuvenation of self and the world, it will not be difficult to follow the train of thought herein formulated from the substantial waste to the substantial spirit, the result of conservation through the purification and exaltation of the mind, thence its direction to the center of influx—the Lord's anointed. There the coördinating masculine, spirit must meet the inflowing femininity. It is through this center that the conjugation of the two universal essences must take place in the institution of the Theocratic conflagration.

It will be noticed that there must be a universal aspiration, an aspiration common to many personalities, and that it is in the common or general influx into one Messianic center from the thousands, that the great result is accomplished. It must not be forgotten that love is not only a potential factor, but in the function of love there is the direction of the substantial flow; for love is not merely an emotion, it is actual soul (*psychic*) substance. Love is soul; intellect is spirit. These must unite before life can be provided. The Theocratic conflagration cannot be engendered without the substance, *hatred*. Hate is a substantial mental thing. The focalization of hate in the Messianic center, is as essential to the theocrasis as the focalization of the potential spirit or soul of the devotees of the Messenger.

The Messenger of the Covenant is a substantial, material, and visible tangibility. There must be a visible Messiah before there can be any scientific direction of the currents of human love. An unknown quantity cannot be loved. The Messenger of the Covenant, Elijah the Prophet, the Messianic presence, are one and the same. He constitutes the coming of the Lord preparatory to the manifestation of the Sons of God. The false Elijahs of the present time imagine themselves to be the forerunners of the coming of the Son of man, who—they think—is to drop out of the physical sky. The term Elijah is the contraction of Eloah and Jehovah or Yavah. Eloah is God, Jehovah is Lord. Elijah is God the Lord, and he is, in fact, the man. It is declared in Malachi: "Behold, I will send my Messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple [the house of God, the Sons of God], even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts." And it is further declared: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

#### *The Visible and Personal Presence.*

We not only have the prophetic declaration that before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord Elijah the Prophet shall appear, but we possess a clear conception of the scientific fact that the law of polarity is a fundamental law of motion, and that without its operation there can be no utilization of energy. The polarization of the Jewish race in the certainty of the fulfilment of the prediction of a Messiah nineteen hundred years ago, directed the spiritual flow of the expectations of the race toward the time, place, and event of the Messianic presence. Thus the polarization was the product of human desire, and the Lord, the Son of God, became heir to the throne of David by the will of the people who desired him. It was, however, the will of God working in the will of the people to produce an heir to the eternal throne. It is because He was the product of humanity that he was



called the Son of man; and the Son of God, because the race was made fertile from the throne of Deity. "The throne of David" is the eternal throne of God.

It was the focalization of the mentality of the human race in the personal Lord, dependent on his visible and personal presence, which rendered it possible, in his dissolution, to disseminate the Holy Spirit and thus baptize his Disciples and followers. Another polarization is as essential to another baptism, as the Lord's manifestation then was to the inauguration of the Christian church and dispensation. Elijah (God the Lord) sends himself and thus comes to the world, the

forerunner of the Sons of God. It is not simply a prediction, but a prediction predicated upon the law and revealed in the science of organic order. The Elijah of this age is the High Priest of Levi. The Lord Jesus was the High Priest of the Melchizediacal order. When Levi was born it was said, call his name Levi; because now shall I be conjoined to my husband. Elijah the High Priest conjoins in universals the principles of sex, through polarization in himself of the masculine and feminine sex potencies, and thus he directs these potencies into the projection of the Sons of God, through the Motherhood of the Deific choice.

## Beginning of the Messianic Age.

Organic Power Depends Upon a Central Personality; Lessons Learned from the Physical Cosmos; The Social Order of the Age of Aquarius.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

THE UNIVERSE is the expression of cause. As all effects are essentially infolded in primary cause, primary cause is the subject of most profound interest to all human intelligence in effect. The primary cause necessarily possesses and is in the dominion of the supreme intelligence, which must be able to impart a perfect intellectual concept of itself, and manifest a perfectly justified self-love because of its perfection. This perfection includes the love of all things as expressions of qualities and attributes proceeding from itself; and no matter how degenerate they may become, they never cease to be transmutable and translatable back to itself in the fulness of their times.

The government of the universe is demonstrably an empire, which must find its highest expression somewhere and at some time in the domain of place and time, in an Emperor. This imperial head must necessarily be Messianic in character, since he must be anointed with the supreme intelligence inseparable from the will of God, or the law of God's being operative to express the universe from and in himself, its highest manifest product and source of being. The most potent of the progressive races of men in any given cycle, is invariably one in the anticipation of welcoming as its imperial head a Messiah or anointed one, before whom every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess in acknowledgment of the fact that the human race produces the God or hero from God-implanted seed, and who is the origin of the Gods who make men in their image and likeness. Harris Weinstock, in his "Jesus the Jew, and other Addresses," says, speaking of his race:

"The belief in a personal Messiah served its purpose well. It brought hope where there might have been despair. It lent courage to the faltering and gave strength to the oppressed, persecuted, and downtrodden." \* \* The belief in a Messianic age, in an ideal state of society, in a universal brotherhood, in an era of universal peace, will achieve still higher and greater good. It must enlist the earnest, hearty, and sincere efforts of

all lovers of humanity, into one harmonious united effort. It must tend to tear away the barriers of prejudice and intolerance, which still exist between man and man. It must help to break down the walls of tradition and superstition which have kept men apart, and which have tended to cultivate and to bring out man's lowest and basest, instead of his highest and noblest qualities. \* \* The belief in a Messianic age must tend to fill the hearts of men with the thought that there is but one heavenly Father. \* \* The belief in a Messianic age must bring us to feel that in the kingdom of God, only he shall be recognized who looks upon all men as his brothers, and upon himself as a personal Messiah sent to teach and to preach the doctrines of a Messianic age of universal peace, of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men."

The writer seems to realize that we cannot have a Messianic age—or age of divine organic unity, without the presence of a personal Messiah to teach us how to have it. Primarily, the Messiah must be the preëminent teacher of the absolute science of sound doctrine. To be this he must be the master and infoldment of the fundamental and all-involving principles of all the sciences of life in their orderly or organic relations. This mastery would certainly give him the preëminent right to the title of Universologist. Secondly, the Messiah must demonstrate himself to be the master of these fundamental laws and principles in their most complex applications to the highest uses of life; the highest of all uses being to produce from himself the personal manifestation of the all-involving God-Man, the highest expression and ultimate product of universal life, of which he is the primary cause. He is the Alpha and Omega; that which produces all things from himself to reproduce them in himself—the Father-Mother Deity.

Andrew Carnegie is reported as having devoted a liberal share of his plunder of competism, to research for the origin and purpose of life. The knowledge of this was most forcefully declared by the greatest philosopher the universe has ever known, in the person of its seed and savior, Jehovah Jesus. Today it is re-declared



by the greatest Scientist the world has ever known, in the person of Elijah the Prophet, who redeems his life from destruction and crowns all life with loving kindness. It is so idiotic to keep on searching for a thing found, when the finding or discovery is being proclaimed from the house-tops. The God-Man is the Alpha and Omega of all creation, the origin and destiny of all life; and if Carnegie does not know it, or learn it now, he will have to be roasted in a "converter" and be put through the "rolling mills" of the Gods, till he has the strength and temper of the flaming sword, and the capacity and flexibility to grasp a God-like concept of man's and all creation's divine origin and destiny. Man's *devilish* origin and that of the money power, whose slave he now is, is apparent enough to the God-Man he knows not as God.

The only unifying power in the universe in any age proceeds from the fulfilled law of Messiahship, the Messiah of its fulfilment. He is the legitimate emperor of the universe, from whom proceed all laws which make and unmake, in the order of law, empires, kingdoms, and dominions of all sorts. To realize the absolute character of this truth, one needs to get right down to the practical consideration of these laws, in the natural sphere of their operation to perpetuate the existence of the alchemico-organic and organo-vital universe, which all balanced mentality recognizes as having a material existence. When one knows something of the nature and origin of the sun in the physical heavens, and of the earth, its circumferential environment and inheritance, one can, aided by the laws of correspondence, understand well the laws of Messiahship, and become disposed to seek the Messiah when he may be found. Nothing makes men so slow in finding Him as their own evil deeds and their own loves of fallacy and evil.

Men revel in the beliefs of the Copernican theories because they keep the Almighty unknown and unknowable, and at a distance which insures his non-interference with fallacies and evils, which they know a Messiah, having the mind of the Lord Jesus, applied to scientific truth, would proceed to condemn and destroy. The Lord Jesus had no use for a god apart from himself as a man, for he said: "I and my father are *one*." He had no use for the competitive system; no use for sensuality and its mortal embodiments, for he said to mortals: "Ye are from beneath," and "children of your father, the devil." He had no use for a "family tree and its familiar spirits" after the family of God's covenant relations had produced himself as the seed and fruit of the Tree of Life. The tree that yielded its fruitage in Him, completed in him its cycle of life-producing power—and was as "a house left desolate" when he was ingathered by his Father's house of a new covenant which became the temple of his Holy Spirit, and in which were the throne and the altar of God.

His personality was absorbed by his Deific identity, which identified itself with the life of his church in earth, which was to become the matrix of his personal reproduction in a new personality or name. This Name his

quickenings spirit foretold by the pens of holy men of old, who wrote as they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit of the central Mind of the universe—the mind that gyrates in the anthropostic nucleus of social order, through the mediumship of prophets, priests, and kings in the median line of human racial progress. This median line is represented in the physical universe by the Zodiac of the physical heavens—an aggregation of focalizations of the physical energies generated in the bowels of the earth for their sustenance, as lights, signs of times and seasons for the inhabitants of earth. The Zodiac has its limits of location. The cycle of God's animal life or development of his personality from humanity has its limits of location in time also, and its times and seasons are in relation to the movements of the "Sign of the Son of man."

"God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform," the church has sung for centuries. There comes a time, however, when "there is no more mystery," when that which has been occult—hidden, is revealed. This time is when the Sign of the Son of man, the Messiah, the prophet, the teacher, enters the age of Aquarius. The name of the Sign is, then, one which signifies the light of the sun, the burning one. Those who know, Moses and the prophets know this; and those who know astrology know that the sign in the physical heavens is passing from Pisces into Aquarius, and those who know chronology know that we are passing into a new Messianic age, a new dispensation, and are watching and waiting for what they call "the second coming of Christ." They cannot forget "the things that are behind," some of them, and demand the old *name* and the old Jerusalem. New Jerusalem is to be renewed in a new earth, and the overcomer on whom the Lord's *new* name is written, effects the conjunction between the spiritual New Jerusalem and the natural New Jerusalem; while the old heavens and the old earth, and all the old things which are behind the times are passing away with a great noise.

A progressive Lord of creation is morally opposed to patching up old garments and putting new wine in old bottles. The new world or rediscovered continent of America is the stage of his future actions; and the vigorous young West and the new South should furnish the best blood of the new nation. Chicago, the most rotten hot-bed of an effete civilization, offers the best earth in its million of the unchurched masses, for propaganda effort. Hence the new Messiah publishes a new gospel of a world empire in new Chicago—and from thence gives the world the Guiding Star of its future destiny. He waits to have the gift accepted. Now is the accepted time, and now the day of salvation. Men may now know the truth, and be freed from the law of sin and death. The star of empire will take its way—west and east, north and south; and the kingdoms of this world will become, by the power of the cross, the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; an empire universal in its sway, glorious in its freedom, and God-like in its origin and destiny, the primary Cause of all things in heaven and in earth, the God-Man.



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### PIVOTS OF POWER.

*Every Civilization is Projected From the Conscious Mentality of a Central Personality.*

THE ETERNAL LAWS which make for righteousness have decreed that each generation should evolve from the seed. While these laws are not generally discerned, they are none the less operative. In a larger sense, every civilization is projected from the conscious mentality of some one person. The mighty Roman empire which overspread the world, compelled princes and potentates to bow before its victorious eagles, and harnessed queens to the chariot wheels of its generals, was unfolded from the brain of one man. The mind of Cæsar was the seat of empire. He has often been condemned for the stand he took when he exchanged the title of consul for that of imperator, virtually emperor. It is said that he betrayed his country because he accepted in his own person the highest civic honors which she could bestow; but, had he not accepted them, Rome would never have become the mistress of the world. The crown which he refused belonged to him by divine right—the right of inherent fitness through preparation for the very position which he was to fill. He gave the commercial impulse which caused the Roman ships to become supreme upon the seas, wielding a power there such as her legions held upon the shore.

Without the consolidation of the world under the leadership of one man whose sight was keen, whose plans were far-reaching, whose judgment was never at fault in matters of civil authority, the stream of human progress would have been divided. The current of destiny must flow in a central channel. The Roman empire was to form the vortical center where streams of energy from all the nations of the world met and blended. Not the least important event in its history was the conquest of the little province of Judea. It was Cæsar's policy that made each conquered people another tributary to the national life, sending its revenues into the common treasury. Was it better to maintain the belligerent attitude of a petty state outside the great federation of united interests, or to share in the luster, the prestige of a great system known and honored throughout the earth? It is doubtless true, as some historians have contended, that Rome would never have attained supreme dominion without her policy of building up a national prestige so brilliant that all were proud to share in the reflected glory of its rays. Could there be a more forcible lesson for present-day lawmakers and statesmen to ponder? It was the policy which brought Rome to her greatness. Her fall came when the fruit was ripe.

The title of imperator, which the Senate decreed to Cæsar for life as a prefix to his name, really means commander. Who can command except he have first learned to obey? The motto of the Prince of Wales,

heir apparent to the greatest modern empire, is "Ich dien"—indicative of the truth that the heir must serve before he ascends the throne.

### *Tariff Revision by Non-Partisan Experts.*

THE PRESIDENT has proposed to entrust the revision of the tariff to a board of non-partisan experts. He has not named this board and the question arises, Where is it possible to find men suited to this task—men whose interests are sufficiently disengaged from party issues to constitute them impartial judges? Every man who owns property is interested to protect it. Every property owner is therefore disqualified to serve upon the proposed board. Shall it then be composed of working men? Do they not all wish to advance the particular line of industry in which they are engaged? They want more money just as their employers want more money; and the profits accruing from any kind of labor are affected by tariff regulations. Most of them have been educated to believe that prosperity depends upon the predominance of one or the other political party. The necessity for revision has arisen because the McKinley tariff was instituted to curry favor with Wall street and gratify the cupidity of certain politicians. This does not imply that the late President was privy to any dishonorable proceeding, or that he acted from other than motives of integrity in preparing the schedule of duties now in force with some modifications. Every one knows that he had come to advocate sweeping reductions. That there are men high in influence and power who divided the spoils, cannot be doubted.

Someone may suggest that a board of socialists would furnish the nearest approach to impartial judges of the public welfare. The socialist, however, is not fitted to revise the tariff, because he is not acquainted with the laws of order which demand that an equitable adjustment be made of the results of industry. He would have all share alike without regard to merit or capacity. The only nonpartisan experts capable of legislating with a view to the interests of the whole nation, would be those who recognize the fundamental principles of being; who have definite scientific comprehension of what must come in conformity to the behests of Almighty God, under whose benign decrees our national life was founded.

### *Unfulfilled Pledges of Prosperity.*

THE SUFFERINGS of the Roumanian Jews have enlisted the sympathies of humane persons everywhere, but the United States has the honor of taking the initiative in an effort to check the evil. This is not the first time that she has taken a stand for international justice. The Spanish war was a proof of her desire to help the weak, succor the oppressed, and see the cause of right triumph over the cruel subjection in



which a priestridden people had been held for centuries. But, while it is well for a nation to be chivalrously alive to the needs of the hour in other lands, has she not reason to question whether her own conduct is above reproach in the case of the striking miners? Is it not her duty to see that laws are executed and order is maintained within her own borders?

A disinterested regard for the rights of others, abroad, would be highly commendable did it not savor too much of the political demagogue and trickster, on the part of a body of men who are trying to hoodwink the people. Their benevolent intentions toward an oppressed dependency of a foreign power are not sufficient to redeem the pledges of prosperity, yet unfulfilled, made long ago to the American workman. The price of food is higher than it was five years ago; the prevalence of strikes shows that the scale of wages has not risen proportionately; rents are going up, and the coal strike has reduced the poor man's hopes for a comfortable winter to a minimum. In the face of the present situation, which unless soon relieved must bring a crisis, there is room for the exercise of wise consideration and tact on the part of our lawmakers.

#### Suggestions Concerning Mental Culture.

THE IMPORTANCE of thoroughly mastering every subject that is undertaken cannot be overestimated. The mind is not like a contribution-box intended to hold all that can be poured into it—the more valuable the more it is stuffed. It is not necessary to burden the mind with a great variety of small particulars which, like pennies in the box, only make it heavy. The mind should be trained to habits of exactness. One fact clearly known and assimilated is of greater utility than a mass of undigested material.

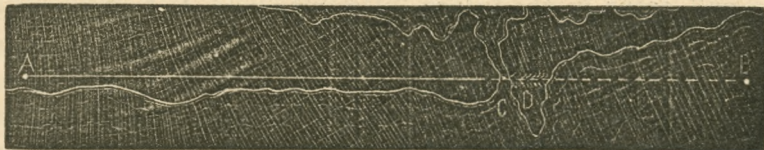
Koreshanity deals with principles and every principle is a key. Instead of cramming the mind with a multiplicity of details it aims to give a few simple laws. These stimulate the mind; they lead it to make its own deductions; they draw it upward into fresh fields of thought and research; they do not strain its faculties, but rather bring them into harmonious and concerted action. At the same time the desire for a higher life, acting upon the cortical area, increases its secretions and these are in direct proportion to health. Koreshanity is the agent of salvation, which means to be in health. Something beautiful and inspiring to think of at all times! Is not this the secret of happiness? And when at last the soul awakes into the consciousness of divine life; when it realizes that its sorrows are past and its goal attained, then, indeed, it will understand how death is swallowed up in victory.

The unity of truth and good in the Lord constitute him the bright and morning Star. His beams shine out afar, and when at last he disappears from mortal sight, the fire he has kindled transforms and purifies the human earth. The energy of vibration touches the bounds of physical creation.

#### LA NOUVELLE GEODESIE.\*

Pendant huit semaines nous avons diligemment suivi cette route, veillant au progrès de l'oeuvre, assemblant les parties du rectilinéateur avec soin et en toutes choses essayant d'assurer l'exactitude et la précision dans ces travaux lents et pénibles d'où nous avons rapporté les faits donnés maintenant au monde. La figure ci-jointe fait voir la ligne droite, la côte et la surface de l'eau jusqu'où la droite en s'étendant y est entrée; elle embrasse l'étendue de  $4\frac{1}{2}$  de mille. A, c'est le point d'où la ligne est partie à l'altitude prise de 128 pouces; B marque l'endroit où la droite prolongée est entrée dans l'eau du Golfe du Mexique. On peut facilement tracer les sinuosités de la côte; C est le détroit Gordon; D, la barre de sable par où il a fallu excaver afin d'y faire passage à la droite; ce passage laissait voir l'horizon bornant les eaux au spectateur établi à la poste deux milles et demi du commencement de la ligne, lieu où l'on a pour la dernière fois rattaché les pièces du rectilinéateur de manière à construire une ligne droite mathématiquement conçue et exécutée, comme on l'avait fait depuis le départ.

Toutes les mesures sur l'altitude de la ligne aux divers lieux par lesquelles on a pris connaissance de la moindre divergence des angles entre eux se sont faites conformément au niveau pris au commencement de l'oeuvre de forcer la droite au moyen du rectilinéateur et sur le principe de joindre des barres horizontales bout à bout; ce niveau on l'a gardé jusqu'au bout depuis le premier accouplement jusqu'au dernier fait lorsque 13,200 pieds avaient été traversés ce qui fait deux milles et demi; à si loin la droite tangible a-t-elle été poussée. Les traverses dépassaient de deux pieds de chaque côté la ligne droite formée par les pièces jointes et au bout de deux milles et demi, elles se



Carte de la côte et du détroit Gordon; elle indique la route suivie par la droite et l'endroit où celle-ci est entrée dans l'eau du Golfe.

trouvaient abaissées à la proximité de 7 pouces du sol; la droite convergait rapidement avec le niveau des eaux. Nous avons continué l'oeuvre d'assembler les pièces du rectilinéateur à une distance assez considérable depuis le point de départ où le niveau de 128 pouces avait été pris. La droite au bout de deux milles et demi se trouvait abaissée de 54 pouces plus près du niveau de la surface des eaux, qu'elle ne l'avait été au départ; et pourtant sur une terre convexe, la droite aurait dû se lever 54 pouces au-dessus de l'altitude de 128 pouces prise au départ, —ce qui ferait un surcroît de 108 pouces ou de 9 pieds sur le niveau actuel tel qu'on l'a trouvé.

Il a fallu pour continuer la droite nous servir d'un autre moyen. Comme la ligne devait passer le détroit et la barre de sable par les excavations pratiquées et s'étendre dans le Golfe au sud du détroit il a fallu faire recours à la vue. Afin de nous garantir contre toutes les déceptions on a choisi deux stations sur la ligne droite à la distance d'un huitième de mille l'un de l'autre; les bâtons de marée, numéros 19 et 20 s'offraient à cet usage. Ils portaient le registre tenu des mesures faites sur l'altitude de la droite. Tout près de bâton 19, le grand télescope pointait de façon à rendre sa ligne de collimation de niveau avec la ligne droite forcée par le rectilinéateur. Sur l'autre bâton, numéro 20, à un huitième de mille plus loin, on a fixé horizontalement un morceau d'acier à la même hauteur qu'y avait la droite, pour servir de mire. Le télescope une fois braqué sur l'acier et tout était facile. A si loin du point d'où la ligne est partie et avec sa déviation constante et prononcée vers l'eau, la réfraction et la courbure de la ligne visuelle y seraient pous si peu pour le bout de chemin encore à faire que l'on pourrait accepter le niveau trouvé par ce procédé de viser pour celui de la droite à sa fin si on l'avait poussée mécaniquement jusqu'au Golfe.

(à continuer.)

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## In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE TOTAL ECLIPSE of the moon on the night of October 16 and 17, will turn the attention of the world for a brief period to astronomy. The eclipse was predicted years ago, and this fact will be used as a "proof" of the accuracy of modern astronomy; and the circular "shadow" on the moon will be appealed to as evidence of the earth's convexity. In view of this, it is well that we consider the subject from the Koreshan standpoint at the time public attention is directed to the matter of eclipses. It is generally supposed by the people at large that eclipses occur very irregularly, and that they can be known beforehand only by those who are able to see through the intricacies of the Copernican system, accurately calculate the distances of the heavenly bodies from the sun, determine the velocity of their motions, and ascertain by means of a mass of figures just when the moon is in exact opposition to the sun on the ecliptic. A little critical study, however, reveals the fact that eclipses occur as regularly as the seasons; and all that the astronomer has to apply in forecasting eclipses are tables of eclipses covering centuries of observation. From the basis of these tables he is able to determine exactly, without considering *any* system of astronomy, just when eclipses will occur in the future. During a period of 18 years and 11 days, 70 eclipses occur—29 lunar and 41 solar. During the next period of 18 years, eclipses recur in the same order. The accuracy of eclipse predictions merely proves that men have been careful in their observations of phenomena and in recording the time of the same. No theory of astronomy has ever entered as a factor in the prediction of any eclipse. In the coming eclipse, visible from pole to pole in the Western hemisphere, the moon will appear to merge into a haze, and then into a "shadow," which appears gray at the edges, and farther in, a deep copper red. This "shadow" is nearly circular, but it affords no proof whatever that the earth is a convex body, because it has never been demonstrated that the shadow is produced by the earth coming between the sun and the moon. If a "shadow" could be produced only by a globe, and if it were shown that the earth was the intervening eclipsor, the question of the earth's shape would be settled beyond doubt as convex. But on the other hand, if it can be shown that the "shadow" is produced by a *disc*, and that the earth is *concave*, never coming between the sun and moon, then modern astronomy is left without a semblance of proof of its premise. A mercurial disc crosses the switchboard of the universal battery in the earth's shell, and cuts off a stream of levic energy which supplies the moon with substance; as a consequence, the moon pales or swoons in accordance with the meaning of the word eclipse; and its light dims as effectually as the light of the arc light when the currents are cut off at the light plant. The circular "shadow" is a projection of the disc. The "shadow" is not always circular, because the disc varies slightly in shape; but the earth certainly remains the same from one eclipse cycle to another. A notable fact is that the brightness of the eclipsed moon varies greatly in different years. The cause of this is a profound mystery to astronomers. The

eclipsing disc is renewed periodically; when it is new, it is more impervious to ascending energies, and the eclipsed moon appears dark; when the disc is old, it is less opaque, and the brightness of the eclipsed moon is increased. According to the Koreshan Cosmogony the eclipses are of use, and the moon performs important functions in universal economy; but according to modern astronomy the moon is a useless, dead body, and eclipses are of no use whatever. The evidences of the truth of the astronomy of Koreshanity are overwhelming, and will soon lead the entire world to accept the same and to reject the absurdities of so called modern science.

Gravity as a cause of volcanic action, is a subject of discussion in scientific circles. The theory is advanced, apparently supported by facts of observation, that the sun, moon, and planets exert a direct influence upon the volcanic systems, and produce eruptions and seismic disturbances. For instance, during the past season of volcanic eruptions, every time, with but a single exception, that the moon crossed the equator, vulcan charges have been fired into the atmosphere, or tidal waves, or earthquakes resulted; and careful observers have noted the fact that disturbances have occurred at the time of planetary conjunctions and oppositions. There were general electrical disturbances attending the opposition of Saturn; earthquakes at the time of conjunction of Mars and Neptune; tidal waves and earthquakes at the time of superior conjunction of Mercury, and an eruption of Mont Pelee on August 27, at the exact time of Mercury's equinox. This theory presupposes that at times of special conjunctions the crust of the earth is drawn out of its normal shape, squeezing out lava here, causing an earthquake there, and a tidal wave yonder. Another theory attempting to explain the same facts of observation, holds that the eruptions and disturbances are caused by electrical influences from the sun, moon, and planets. Let us accept the facts of observation as they are presented, for they are decidedly in favor of the Koreshan Cosmogony—they all point to the fact that the disturbing factors are in the earth—the sun with his spots, the moon and its pulsations, and the mercurial planets in conjunction and opposition in the earth's shell. With these "heavenly bodies" in the cell, performing functions which belong to the organic structure, it is easy to conceive of how they exert an influence to produce meteorological, seismic, and volcanic phenomena in the air, sea, and shell to which the sun, moon, and planets are directly related.

The Koreshan conception of life is radically different from that entertained by any other school of modern thought. Life is the interaction of spirit and matter, the result of such adaptation of form and function as to insure a continued equilibrium and harmony of the elements and substances of the organism, both spiritual and natural. Form is absolutely essential to function, but form alone is not sufficient; there must be co-ordinate energies active,



else there is neither motion nor sensation. The chemist can never discover the principle of life because he completely ignores the world of energy. The christian scientist can never discover it, because he ignores form. Life, according to many prevailing fallacies, is a finely attenuated substance in space, which acts upon all forms alike, the character of its expression depending upon the fitness of adaptability of the structure. The daily press announces in flaming headlines that an American physician has discovered the vital principle of human life, and has declared that life is not dependent upon organic function, but may be infused into organic bodies after the organs have ceased to perform their various functions. His "discovery" is on a par with that of Professor Loeb; he stimulates activity by means of thermal energy and magnetism. The results he has obtained are no nearer the discovery of the real principle of life than the act of applying a fertilizer to a growing plant. One could just as consistently say in such case, that the life of the plant is not dependent upon its own functions of life, but is contained in the substance of the fertilizer! However, the numerous efforts to discover what life is, are not without significance; they not only betoken the fact that the discovery is possible, but also indicate that the discovery has already been made. The efforts of the biologists in this direction are a reflex of the work of the true Discoverer.

An ingenious writer has estimated the amount of salt contained in all the oceans and seas of the world. The specific gravity of sea water is about one thirtieth more than that of fresh water; from this it is known that about one thirtieth of the weight of sea water is salt. If, therefore, we can ascertain the cubic mass of salt water, we can easily determine the amount of salt held in solution in the seas. We allow that the average depth of all the seas is one and one half miles; this gives 200,000,000 cubic miles of salt water. One thirtieth of this bulk gives in round numbers about 7,000,000 *cubic miles* of salt. It is estimated that if all the salt were taken out of the seas and spread over all the continents and islands, they would be covered to a depth of about 220 feet; and further, if formed into a globe of solid salt, its diameter would measure over 250 miles. Now the question arises, Whence does all this salt come? The best answer geologists can give, is that the waters of the ocean are in contact with great beds of saline deposits. But we ask, Where are these deposits? No one has ever discovered any trace of them. According to this theory, in order to impregnate 200,000,000 cubic miles of water with salt, there must have been originally as much solid salt as set forth in the above estimates; but the idea is absurd, for no such enormous deposits are found to exist on or in any of the continents. The Koreschan solution of the problem is simple. The salt of the sea is continually being created through the action of solar energies. The green ray of the sun is the chloral ray—that is, it contains chlorine. The great streams which drain the continents, carry into the oceans an enormous amount of sodium which, in its disintegration, generates ozone of sodium. The conjunction of the ozone of sodium with the chlorine of the sun produces chloride of sodium, or common salt. Metamorphosis of saline

substances produces calcium deposits, and finally strata of sediment which become earth. The wonders of creation are being wrought continually in all domains, and millions of factors are employed in the work of universal construction.

The Mafia in the Wilkesbarre anthracite district is reported as having sent the following message to miners who have returned to work, and to non-union men employed: "Quit work, or we'll dynamite your houses, kill your wives and babies, and beat you to death." Such threats may never be carried out, but if so, they are isolated cases; nevertheless, it cannot be denied that the spirit of intimidation is a powerful deterrent in times of strikes. Neither can it be denied that the labor leaders advocate resorting to force and other measures of industrial and commercial injustice in order to gain concessions from their employers. But the injustice is not all on the side of labor; the two sides are directly to blame for the conditions which exist in the coal regions, while the people who uphold competition are also responsible. The spirit of humanity is not in the conflict; at present, it has not opportunity to exert its influence to effect a lasting settlement of the issues.

The new issues of the republican party are of profound interest to democracy. The success of the republican party is due to its organic power and the sagacity of its leaders. It has the knack of catering to the wealthy classes and attracting the masses; it has wisdom and foresight, and strikes at issues while the iron is hot. The party is now taking up new issues; it proclaims against the trusts, and supports the Administration in its endeavor to remedy the trust evils. There is a movement in the party looking to tariff revision and adoption of the policy of reciprocity. The democratic party has signally lost on the money question, and has met overwhelming defeat on the question of expansion; and now that the other great party is boldly stealing the remaining democratic issues, what is left to democracy for the coming campaign? Will it borrow issues from socialism?

The recent utterances of President Baer, of the coal trust, as to capitalists being divinely appointed to conduct the industry and control the labor of America, have aroused expressions of strongest disapproval from all over the nation. The inanity of such claims is apparent on the face of them, and the man who makes them merits the contempt of the people. The only kind of a god the modern capitalist serves is the money god; but the agents of such a god are oppressors of nations.

If the planet Mars were influenced by the opinions of astronomers, it might be inhabited one year and entirely depopulated the next. The idea that the earth is a planet, or rather that the planets are earths, is one of the primary assumptions of modern science, and has led to numerous fallacious conclusions in all lines of thought.

The war department is adopting the automobile in military service. The automobile has already proved itself to be a deadly vehicle on public highways, and doubtless it will be effective in times of war!



# The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

## Diurnal, Annual, and Precessional Movements.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Please answer the following questions: (1) Do we see the entire surface of the sphere of the heavens every 24 hours from any point on the earth, or about two hours to each constellation of the Zodiac? I suppose these two hours of the diurnal revolution correspond to one month for each constellation in what is referred to as the annual revolution of the heavens. (2) Do the heavens revolve directly from east to west along the line of the terrestrial and celestial equators? And have the equators any further significance than that of being merely the prime circles between the poles north and south? (3) Is it the celestial or the terrestrial ecliptic that changes its relation 50'' of a degree every year?—E. E., Los Angeles, Cal.

(1) From any point on the earth's surface one half of the heavens may be seen at any given time; this is inevitable, since from horizon to horizon all vertical arcs are 180° in length. But it does not follow that the whole surface of the heavens is seen from any given point every 24 hours. For instance, the latitude of Chicago is about 42° north; the north star, consequently, has an altitude of 42°, and the stars within the radius of 42° from the north star neither rise nor set. The circle just touching the horizon under the north star is called "the circle of perpetual apparition." There is a corresponding circle about the south polar point of the heavens in which, from this latitude, all the stars are *invisible*; this circle is called "the circle of perpetual occultation." In 24 hours' time, the whole heavens is seen from this latitude except that part lying within the southern circle of 42° radius. From any point on the equator, the entire surface of the heavens is seen every 24 hours.

If we divide the heavens into 24 parts by meridians extending from pole to pole, we have so many "hour meridians." Two of these hour spaces embrace, on the average, one constellation of the Zodiac. Modern astronomy teaches that the earth revolves diurnally; while the Koreshan System maintains and demonstrates that the heavens revolve. This revolution, of course, brings every degree of the equator and ecliptic into view in 24 hours' time. But it must be under-

stood that the sun has an annual motion in the heavens—that is, as related to the star sphere and star time. The sun makes its diurnal sweep as related to the earth, from east to west, because that is the direction of the rotation of the heavens; but while the heavens turn once from east to west, the sun moves forward in an easterly direction in the star sphere about 1°, so that in the time required for the heavens to make 366 revolutions, the sun makes one complete revolution in the heavens in the opposite direction, passing a given meridian 365 times, which makes 365 days in a solar year. The sun passes through one constellation of the Zodiac in one month's time, or the 12 constellations in 12 months.

(2) The heavens revolve directly from east to west. The axis of this revolution extends through the astronomical north and south poles; consequently the equator, extending midway between the poles, marks the path of the sun on March 21 and September 22 of every year. The equator of the earth and the equinoctial line of the heavens are in line with each other. Astronomically and geographically, these lines are of great importance; the equinoctial line is the middle of the sun's spiral belt, and the earth's equator is the median line of the torrid zone. These lines have a significance as correspondentially related to the human world. The progress of humanity is westward—in the direction of the revolution of the heavens; and they have a still higher significance as related to the field of divine activity.

(3) Astronomical longitude is counted eastward from the point of the vernal equinox. This point is where the sun crosses the celestial equator at noon, Greenwich time, on March 21. The point of the vernal equinox is not a fixed point in the heavens; if it were, the length of the solar year would be the same as the sidereal year, which is 365 days, 6 hours, 9 minutes, and 9.6 seconds long. But the true solar year is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46.05 seconds in length, making a difference of 20 minutes and 23.55 seconds between the sidereal and solar years.

Thus it will be seen that the vernal equinox has a westward motion which annually amounts to 50'' of a degree per year, an arc of a circle which corresponds to 20 minutes and 23.55 seconds of time. The sun crosses the celestial equator every year, 50'' of a degree west of the point of its crossing the preceding year.

This westward motion of the vernal equinox is termed the precessional movement. Its cause is due to an annual impulse of the heavens along the line of the ecliptic, imparting a slight rotary motion to the heavens on the axis of the ecliptic, which is oblique 23½° from the axis of the diurnal revolution. Thus the axis of rotation is changed a little every year, and the constellations of the Zodiac move forward in the order of the Zodiac at a rate of progress which, without periods of foreshortening, would complete a revolution on the axis of the ecliptic in 25,816 years. It is the celestial ecliptic that changes its relation; the terrestrial ecliptic and its signs are stationary. During the Christian dispensation, the vernal equinox has passed entirely through the constellation Pisces westward from Aries to Aquarius. Its entrance into Aquarius marks the time of the beginning of the new dispensation.

## Origin of Colors in Humanity.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Please explain the origin and cause of the different shades of color in the human race, if you can do so in reasonable space. Are all the intermediate colors the result of the blending of white and black peoples? Does the white race contain all the colors in combination, as white is the combination of the seven primary colors? Are the white and black races analogous to day and night? Can any of the Negroes attain to the divine Sonship? And is it worth while to encourage intelligent Negroes to study Koreshan Universology? J. I. T., Mobile, Tex.

It is generally supposed that at some time in the past there was but one race of man; this conclusion is in keeping with the prevailing idea that at some time in the past the human race began to exist. These conclusions are fallacious. There never was a time when the different races did not exist. The



principal racial colors are as old as the universe, and there will never be a time when these colors will not be manifest in the world. This thought is absolutely essential to a correct understanding of the Koreshan solution of the race problems; for this reason we make these emphatic statements.

The universe is perpetuated through the operation of the laws of divine creation; that is, humanity is periodically renewed from the impulses of divine life and mind. Creation evolves from the point of anthropostic involution, which is the supreme cause-point, the highest seed of all life, the origin of all things and of all conditions—good and evil, light and darkness, white and black, with all intermediates of all opposites. The Almighty is the perpetual cause of perpetual existence, the cause of all effects in all the kingdoms of life, down to the outermost expression—the physical cosmos. Throughout the universe of existence an eternal order obtains; all the different species of the animal kingdom are so many stratifications or orders of life. There are thousands of species of the vegetable kingdom—so many stratifications of vegetable life; and likewise, the shell of the earth, as well as the spheres of energy of the physical heavens, is stratified. Now all these strata are eternal; they are fixed in the order of things, and express in their planes all of the different qualities or degrees of life which obtain in the highest kingdom.

The different races of humanity are so many stratifications—so many great spheres of consanguinate relationships; they are so many planes in which life in its descent from the divine kingdom is manifest. There are in reality seven races, corresponding to the seven churches, the seven orders of the Sons of God, the seven primary colors, the seven primary metals, and so on. The ultimate effect of the impulses from the divine center, so far as humanity is concerned, is manifest in ethnic life. The separation of the different qualities of divine life is made in the dissemination of life to the seven churches, each church presiding over a portion of the human race. The three spiritual sons of Noah, for instance, were founders of churches which ministered directly to three different races

of people, because they contained the racial elements which attracted corresponding spiritual substances—and these peoples became known as the Shemitic, Hamitic, and Japhetic races. The colors which characterized these people existed before the ministration of the churches of the sons of Noah; but the churches gave them character and supplied them with substances which *perpetuated* their racial life and their racial colors. Thus the three races owe their origin to the three churches, in the same way that the universe owes its origin to the Creator—through the principle of renewal.

For the direct cause of racial colors we must look to the activities in the races themselves. A racial color is the expression by means of cuticular pigment of a quality of life in the race, resulting from the conjunction of ascending and descending spirits of corresponding orders. A race is the meeting ground of certain elements which produce racial color; the principle of expression is precisely that which gives the different shades of color to the foliage of vegetable life. Different branches of races may amalgamate, but the racial stock continues somewhere in the world. We cannot say that the white race is the blending of all colors, but that it contains essences of life which have been in all other races. A white ray of light is not a combination of the seven primary colors, but it is composed of that substance which, when decomposed, produces seven colors; that is, the seven colors are created through the processes of decomposition. So we say that the life of the highest and most progressive race, when let down to the various planes of racial existence, produces the other colors.

The white and black races are analogous to day and night. The "thick darkness where God was" when visited by Moses, was nothing more nor less than a black people. Mount Sinai was composed of black human beings. Moses received his revelations from his father-in-law, Jethro, who belonged to a dark race. The ravens which fed Elijah the Prophet were Arabs; he drew his spiritual substance from them. In many parts of the Scriptures the black race is referred to as corresponding to night; while those who are saved

are "washed and made *white* in the blood of the Lamb." The mental night of humanity is ultimately expressed in the black race as its ethnic effect.

The truth, with the opportunities it affords, is open to all who are able to receive it, without distinction as to condition or color. It is certain that Ethiopians were baptized by the divine spirit nineteen hundred years ago, which therefore prepared them for the reception of the awakening truth and life at the end of this age. It is therefore worth while to encourage Negroes to study Koreshan Universology. Ethnically, the Negro race is to be of great importance in the coming age. The American race problem is to be solved scientifically, as we have advocated for years, through racial amalgamation.

#### Acceptance and Rejection.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Please explain what is meant by the Scripture, "Then two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left." Will this be literally fulfilled when the great baptism takes place?—Mrs. L. P., Colton, Cal.

The common view of this Scripture is that it teaches that at the end of the age, at the time of the great judgment, there is to be a separation of people, of friends; and to that end employed familiar relations. Dr. Doddridge looks upon the text as being a warning of coming calamity; in his paraphrase he says: "I tell you, that in that night, that gloomy calamitous time, the providence of God shall be strangely seen to deliver some of my disciples, when others in the very same places and circumstances shall perish in the coming calamity. There shall, for instance, be two persons lying in the same bed; and the one shall be taken *by the enemy*, and the other dismissed. \* \* Some, perhaps, employed in the same business and dwelling in the same place."

The Adventists' view is that the text refers to the time of the translation of the saints—some people shall be translated and *millions* left. Now, while it is true that at the end of the age there is a great division; that calamity will overtake many; and that at the time of the great translation some will be taken and many left, the text conveys something entirely different. It does



not say that here and there in different parts of the world there will be instances of separation of two men abed; women at mills, and men in fields; but it does say that there will be *two* men in the *same* bed, *two* women at *one* mill, and *two* men in *one* field—not a thousand beds, mills, or fields. In other words, there will be at the end of the age but *two women* in all the world grinding at *the* mill—the only mill of the kind there is; two men in *the* field, and two men in *the* bed. What are these women, men, bed, mill, and field? In olden times women did grind at the simple mills to prepare food; but in this age, would it not be a little strange for women to be grinding at *such* mills—especially in America?

The subjects of this text are all directly related to the great work of the age. When the Messiah had told his Disciples what would occur, they asked, *Where* will these things occur? and he answered, "*Where* the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together." The body is the container of scientific truth, and the eagles who gather are those seeking to know and to obey the truth which the body imparts. Hence, the law of acceptance and rejection is operative at the time of His appearing.

Out of the old the new develops; then there are *two*—the old and the new. The new is taken, and the old is left or rejected. The two women are the old church and the new church, grinding at *the* mill of the dispensation; the new is accepted and the other rejected. Two men in the same field of human activity are the representatives of the old and new dispensations. This occurs at the time of the great awakening. The "two men" were asleep in the same state; the one was awakened, and the other left to slumber.

It will be noticed that the one that is left in each instance, remains at the place and work in which he was engaged; therefore, the one "left" is not taken away to some place of torment; and the one that is "taken" is *not* taken *by the enemy*, but by the Almighty—accepted by him according to the law of attraction, while the other is left according to the law of rejection, because not fitted to perform divine uses. But according to the common view that the *one* is taken to *heaven* and the *other* taken to *hades*, would it not follow that *both* would be taken, and nobody left?

**ERRATUM.**—In the clause, "The sign is now transiting from the constellation Aries," paragraph 2 of first article in issue of September 26, read "Pisces" instead of "Aries."

## The Flaming Sword's Exchanges.

THE EDITOR.

**American Monthly Review of Reviews.**—We know of no publication that gives each month so accurate and impartial a view of current politics as the *Review of Reviews*. The October number of that publication is noteworthy for its very clear and full editorial exposition of the issues involved in this fall's campaign, the effect of Speaker Henderson's retirement, the meaning of the tariff agitation in the Middle West, and President Roosevelt's attitude on the trust question. The President's remarkable speaking tours through New England, in the South, and to the West, are described and pictured for the reader more comprehensively than in most daily or weekly journals. In fact, this record of the year's campaigning up to date is something unique in our periodical literature. It includes a survey of State political activities in all parts of the country. This month Mr. W. T. Stead discusses the points at issue in the famous "Pious Fund," a bone of contention between the United States and Mexico. The career of Dr. Rudolph Virchow is the subject of two articles; and the *World's Fiction* for a Year, by Dr. Talcott Williams, includes a summary of the latest statistics of literary output from all the civilized nations. 25 cents per copy. 13 Astor Place, New York City.

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*We are authorized to announce that the regular services of the Koreshan Ecclesia are held at the Koreshan Hall, 315 Englewood Avenue, Chicago, Sundays, 3 p. m.*

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At the first two meetings there were full audiences, and an opportunity for questions brought forth interesting inquiries. Friends of Koreshanity are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

## Summary of the World's News.

AMANDA T. POTTER.

Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt operated upon at Indianapolis for abscess on leg due to trolley accident at Pittsfield, Mass. Western tour abandoned; physicians expect quick recovery.—In speech at Logansport, Ind., President favors creation of non-partisan board of experts to remodel the tariff as it becomes necessary to suit the changing conditions, taking the question out of politics and dealing with it as a business proposition.—Sept. 25.—Daniel H. Burnham, architect, known world-wide as "the man who made the [Chicago] World's Fair, talks of scheme to make Chicago one of world's most attractive cities. Recommends parkways for entire Lake front, with speedway and park in Lake itself.—Coolness toward national Administration noticeable in Wall street, where magnates seek political cause for falling stocks and tight money.—Governor of Pa. orders another regiment to anthracite fields, where disorder increases.—Generals Botha, Delarey, and De Wet appeal to the nations for contributions to relieve the distress of their people.—Sept. 26.—Judge Birdsall nominated in third Iowa congressional district to succeed Speaker Henderson.—Earthquake in Russian Turkestan; four towns destroyed, hundreds killed.—Mother Jones, the miners' friend, enroute through Chicago to Iowa where she will lecture, recounts pathetic occurrences in the mining regions.—Sept. 27.—Paul Morton, of Santa Fe railway, suggests that Chicago needs a business mayor, more civic pride, better attractions for country visitors, cleaner streets, and improved railway terminals.—Letters are sent to miners who return to work in Wilkesbarre district, threatening to destroy their homes with dynamite and kill them and their families unless they quit work.—Buenos Ayres daily publishes violent attack on United States for its alleged imperialistic policy in South American affairs.—Pietro Mascagni, the famous operatic composer, will conduct extensive operatic tour in America.—Sept. 28.—Comptroller McGann's investigation into the 1900 delinquent tax list shows that \$125,000 has been collected and not turned over to Chicago's treasuries.—Newspapers comment on an influx of crime in Chicago.—The indications are that U. S. troops will not withdraw from Cuba until the permanent treaty contemplated in the Platt amendment is completed.—Boers have erred in appealing for outside help; result is to tighten British purse strings.—Lady Henry Somerset enroute for America; sad memories of her friend, Frances Willard, will cause her to shun Chicago.—President Roosevelt subjected to operation; wound laid open and bone treated; physicians confident.—Sept. 29.—Twelve miles of tunnels exist under principal streets in Chicago; secretly constructed for storage of electric wires; work performed during night, with no obstruction to traffic; most wonderful system in world; construction will continue.—Emile Zola, famous French novelist, asphyxiated by defective stove; efforts to resuscitate fail.—Sept. 30.—Combine of lead manufacturers with \$60,000,000 capital, headed by Whitney, Rogers, and Guggenheim interests, is arranged in New York.—Tidal wave in Japan; 500 perish.—Arbitration settles strike of 1,200 Chicago building trades workmen; \$300 job involved in dispute; construction work on buildings costing \$9,000,000 blocked for half a day.



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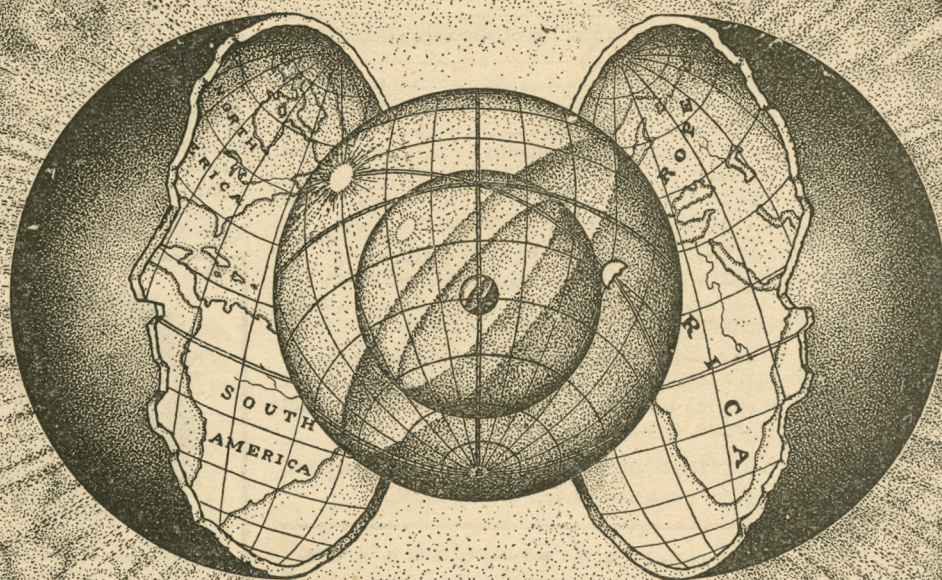
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