

# 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 Narrow Way of Sacrifice.

The Attainment of Immortality is Through the Overcoming of all Mortal Loves; the Family Tie Incompatible with True Progress; the Order of Divine Relations.

KORESH.

CRITICAL STUDENTS of Koreshan literature should never be at a loss to understand why there should not be more than one hundred and forty-four thousand people of the firstfruits to constitute the Sons of God and the fruit of the Tree of Life at the end of the Christian dispensation, even aside from the geometrical calculus involved in this mathematical problem. The firstfruits of the Tree of Life are the geometrical evolution from the one Son of God who was planted in the race (church) at the beginning of the age. The causes that are operative to militate against a greater multiplication of the divine offspring are manifold. It requires two hundred and eighty-eight thousand men and women to constitute one hundred and forty-four thousand biune beings. It becomes a question of personal sacrifice to be able to attain the inheritance of Sonship, the product of the Son of God and the fruit of the Tree of Life—the attainment of immortality.

Of all the world, there will be comparatively few people who will be willing to make the necessary personal sacrifices involved in what is signified in the formula of overcoming. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be

my Son." This refers to the one who first overcomes for the world; he is the High Priest, and performs the work of that conjunction which unites God and humanity in the final biunities of immortal life. After his overcoming there will be many to attain, through him, the Sonship.

The abnormal tendencies now regarded as normal conditions and cultivated as God-given appetites, are to be transformed by the cultivation of directly opposite inclinations of the sensual mind and body. The abnormal and sensual desires of the eye, ear, mouth, nose, stomach, and sexual loves are to be overcome, in order to insure those expectations embraced in the higher life. Is it to be wondered at that there will be few to attain the ultimate fruition, when we consider that the appetites in all directions receive the specific attention of the most extreme cultivation on all the lines called life at the present time?

Let not the student imagine that the firstfruits of immortality constitute all of the fruits of salvation at the end of the age. There are many and other fruits; but the highest fruits are few. It is a wonderful thing to attain the fruition of the Gods. How great an ac-



complishment it is to reach the condition of being the firstfruits of the universe; how great a thing to know that one is begotten and born of the universe, and is its offspring! Yet such a fulfilment is the promise to as many as believe in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The hundred and forty and four thousand constitute one hundred and forty-four thousand mansions in the Father's House, for the Sons of God are the Father's House, the Temple of the Most High; they constitute the residence of the Almighty.

One of the first requirements in the effort to attain the Sonship, to acquire immortality, that eternal life may be claimed through immortal life, is the sacrifice of the family love. It is one of the most difficult possibilities required, but one which many coming into the Koreshan Unity vainly imagine they have accomplished, and which they vigorously assert is obliterated. They remind us, at least some of them do, of the man who declared that he was an invincible fighter—and then ran away to prove it. Some who have contended that the family love had ceased to exert any influence, have run away from the Koreshan Unity with their families, to prove that what they say of its utter destruction is veritably true.

The family love is incompatible with progress toward the divine attainment. This seems very much in opposition to Christianity, but when, under the light of critical investigation, the Christian system is analyzed from the standpoint of the Lord's teachings, one comes to possess a very different conception of the purposes of the Christian life. The Lord specifically emphasized the doctrine of the sacrifice of the family tie, for he knew that the family love was not only narrow, sordid, and selfish, but that it directly militated against that broader philanthropy upon which depended the regeneration of the world and the perfection of its integrity.

When we consider, solely, the bondage of the family love and its hold upon the masses of the people in and out of the church, we need not wonder that there will be few who will attain to the firstfruits of immortality. There are, however, other loves as binding to some people as the family tie; the gluttonous appetite is one of the fiends to be encountered among those who pretend to desire immortality. Then the sex love, the desire to gratify the passions, is an irresistible tendency of the millions of people who are in the church of modern Christianity; and not only will they not yield this love, but it is hard to convince the mind that this sacrifice is an essential demand to such as seek for immortal life. One of the greatest obstacles we have ever met in the effort to perfect the harmony of the Koreshan Household, is the condition growing out of the selfish sordidness and circumscribed capacity of such as are steeped in the pollutions of the family tie.

When the divine Revelator, in the wonderful visions of his prescient future, saw the things which were to be brought to final fruition, he declared that there should be no more sea. The sea to which he referred was the sea of human procreation, for the sea mentioned was that sea of which the angel declared: "The waters which thou sawest \*\*\* are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." If these constitute the waters, the sea to which John referred, then, as there will be no more of these waters, as there shall be no more sea, it follows that the law of procreation shall cease its influence with those who will constitute the new order of life.

When the Holy Spirit operated nineteen hundred years ago, it separated families; this was a part of its mission, for the operation of the Spirit was followed by the obliteration of the propagative instinct and desire, and therefore of the family tie. It is one of the most detrimental influences to the divine progress and the holy attainment, and the most inimical to the integrity and virtue of the institution of communism with which it has to contend. The Lord, in his effort to plant the seed of the communistic growth, met this difficulty, and found it the great obstacle in the world against the dissemination of his gospel. Those of you who have left father, mother, brothers, sisters, children, houses, and lands for my name's sake and the gospel's, shall have all the conditions which, in the new order of immortality, answer to these relations on the mortal plane, and which, on the plane of the higher life, are ten thousand-fold more satisfactory than the mortal conditions and relations can possibly be.

Those who seek the immortal state with a conscientious desire to meet all requirements, will see the essential prerequisite of a complete sacrifice. It is hard to sacrifice, and there are few ready to comply with the demand; hence it can readily be seen why there are so few to comprise the firstfruits of immortality, now at the end of the Christian dispensation. In the divine kingdom—where there is recognized only the love of God and the performance of uses to the neighbor, where eternal life is the greatest reward the mind can anticipate, where to insure the life of the eternal sphere, bride and bridegroom are one, indissoluble and eternal—there remains no use for the family love or the family tie. Yet to such as are in the bondage of this attraction, it appears to be the greatest thing to be desired. It was said to the Lord at one time, "Thy mother and thy brethren stand without desiring to speak with thee." The Lord answered: "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? \* \* \* Whosoever shall do the will of my Father, which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." He thus settled, at once and forever, the question of the greatest obligation.

Immortality is to be reached in the flesh; it is the



last stage of human progress toward the attainment of the eternal state. But so long as the things which make for natural and mortal existence are the paramount things of the mind, so long the immortal state is postponed. If the pleasures of mortality are the all-absorbing things of the desire, the mind can neither

grasp, nor does it desire the joys of another sphere. To insure the beatitudes of the higher life, the sensual pleasures of the lower spheres must be completely sacrificed. All of the typical sacrifices of the Jewish dispensation signified the sacrifices essential to the acquisition of immortality.

## The Conception and Propagation of Truth.

Reasons Why Founders of Great Religions are not Accepted by the Masses; the Uses of Discipleship; the Laws of Dispensational Progress and Development.

KORESH.

NO SYSTEM of religion has ever been evolved, formulated, and transmitted to the world, or conceived by its adherents and devotees, in the perspicacity of its founder and supreme annunciator. The great religions have been conceived and formulated in and by the central mind, thence imparted to the few educators who were capacitated by nature and culture (or want of culture) to accept and understand, in a modified manner, the cult of the central discoverer and annunciator of the system. No great teacher has ever come directly and acceptably to the people. He reaches the few who may philosophize and define his system from their own best and highest possibilities of appropriation, and through them it is disseminated into another stratum of thought. Thus it is let down by degrees, through stratum after stratum of mental conception, until finally very little remains of the original concept.

The Judean and Christian systems of religious conviction and annunciation are no exception to this rule. This should be so by nature of the very laws of development and progress everywhere observed. The evolution and involution of life itself, most assuredly depending upon the religious matrix for the propagation of the form and degree of life in process of development, must progress by the characteristic potency and activity of the laws of gestation as they inhere with every domain of propagative evolution. First comes the formulation of the sperm and germ; then the union of these in the properly formulated and prepared receptacle and matrix. Subsequently come the breaking down of the primary cells, the emplacement of the nucleated cell, and thence the formulation of the unborn, gestating development. This is a universal law, and therefore every system of religious development, before it can attain to its fruition as conceived and designed by its great and central founder, must pass through the phases of its progress as herein set forth, and as corresponding to the universal law of growth.

The length of the period of gestation before the fruit reaches maturity in the womb of its matriculation, must and does correspond to the cycle to which its religious conception is attuned. As an illustration of the character of this law as applied to great religions and great cycles, the attention of the reader is called

to certain facts upon which certain absolute convictions are founded, because all thoughtful minds agree as to the facts themselves. At or about the time of the events which conspired to break up and disperse the division of the Hebrew people called the House of Judah, the great circle called the colure, subject to the law of precession, fell within that division of the Zodiacal constellations known as fishes or Pisces. At or about this time a system of religion had its inception which, since that time, has influenced more or less all the nations of the world; and the peoples who are the most directly influenced by the system are the controlling nationalities, and the most progressed in the civilizing qualifications of moral and social existence.

The law of the precession of the equinoxes changes the relation of the sign to the constellation, so as to provide for a change of about 50 seconds of a degree every year. By this law the precessional movement has brought or carried us through about one twelfth of an entire cycle, supposed by modern scientists to be nearly 26,000 years in duration, but which, by some modifying influences elsewhere explained, is reduced to a period of about 24,000 years. One twelfth of this long period has elapsed since the sign entered Pisces, the limit of which it has nearly reached. During the period of the passage of the sign through the Piscatorial constellation, the anthropostic world has been passing through a corresponding constellation of human life; and this period has been a time for the gestation not merely of principles or truths presented to the world at the commencement of the era, but the regeneration of man himself to carry him over from the Piscatorial degree of his evolution to the Aquarial degree of progress toward his highest achievement, his entrance upon the career of divine life and attributes as the completely involuted offspring of Deity.

### *The Cause of Church Declension.*

FROM THE WRITINGS OF KORESH.

The law of development provides that the germ planted shall pass into disintegration before it can reproduce itself in its multiplied fruit. Hence the necessity for the church to pass into declension, while the seed planted should be subject to the laws of gestation, multiplication, and reproduction or reincarnation.



# The Power of the Ultimate Truth.

Koreshan Science the Veritable Truth of the Ages; Knowledge to be Applied in all Spheres of Human Activity; the True Prophet Distinguished from all False Claimants.

PROF. U. G. MORROW.

THE TENDENCY of the world toward scientific things is one of the chief characteristics of modern times. Students of human progress are well aware that the people of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries have experienced some remarkable changes in conception and custom; the lines of research and discovery extend in every direction and cover wide fields—and this is called the scientific age of the world. We cannot contemplate the wonderful changes that have taken place in the world during the past century without realizing that the human intellect is being stimulated to greater activity than ever before. We have passed from the age of philosophy; the intellect demands external truth relative to external things. Such demand is in the order of law and progress, and the demand will be met in the application of science.

The opening of the scientific age is in itself an evidence of the approaching end of the old order. The intellect is the most external and outermost degree of the mind, and intellectual truth is science; science, therefore, is the ultimate form of the truth of that ultimate life which must constitute the ultimate goal of destiny. We are entering a period of transition, a period of marvelous transformation in all the affairs of men. We are not only face to face with the fact that this is specifically and characteristically a scientific age, but also with the astronomical and astrological evidence that the present period is but an introduction to that grander age foreseen by the prophets of old. It is no mere coincidence that, as we note the general tendency of the world toward scientific subjects, the sign Aries is passing from the constellation Pisces into Aquarius. The relation between the precessional movement of the sign through the constellations, and progress in the human world is too striking to be ignored by the rational mind.

The distinct periods of human progress are dispensations. Definite history covers at least two of these dispensations; and the pen of the historian is in hand to record the events of the third. It was no coincidence that during the dispensation of Aries, the lamb or ram was the principal sacrificial animal, nor that the fruit of that dispensation was the Lamb of God; neither was it a mere coincidence that as the sign has passed through the constellation Pisces, which signifies proliferation, the population of the world has enormously increased—it is an indisputable fact that the present dispensation is distinctively a dispensation of human proliferation. The sign is now passing into Aquarius, as we advance into the scientific age. Aquarius is the Water-bearer; and water is the symbol of scientific truth, for as water is the universal solvent of substances in the domain of physics, so scientific truth is the universal solvent of the problems of the universe.

But as we enter the Aquarian dispensation the world is confronted with the question, What is truth? It is evident that all is not truth that is promulgated as truth. If there were no systems of fallacy no one would be at a loss to know what system or school of thought expresses the truth; there could be no choice if there were only one, and there could be no mistake if that one were true. The world is called upon to distinguish between the true and the false; there are certain and unmistakable marks of distinction, and no one who is intellectually wide-awake need be long astray or in doubt. The absolute truth is so distinct from fallacy that it stands alone as the one great light in a great sphere of darkness. It is not a question as to which system is the most brilliant, for there is but one genuine light of science.

The ultimate form of truth must be the exact opposite of the ultimate form of fallacy. Science that is absolute must be divine—it must be the light of the mind; it must declare in the most emphatic and definite terms, the nature and character of Deity, the processes of creation and perpetuity of the universe, and reveal the origin and destiny of man. That which claims to be science and yet confesses that these are subjects of greatest mystery must be, from the very nature of the admission, a false science. Unfortunately for adherents of modern science, its most noted advocates freely admit that the origin of life has so far baffled all their attempts at discovery. Modern astronomy, which leads the van of all the so called sciences, is founded upon a mere hypothesis, and from the basis of its premise not a single problem of the universe is solvable.

We maintain that in the application of the law of opposites to the fields of modern thought, we can most unmistakably determine which of all the systems of the modern world is the true one. There is but one system that in foundation and superstructure, embracing every department of research and domain of life, is most obviously the exact opposite of all modern conceptions. We place the opposites in contrast and ask the rational mind to accept the one and reject the other; he must accept the one which is complete in itself as a system of universal knowledge or Universology, and reject those incoherent conceptions which comprise the various branches of modern thought.

Such a contrast at once excludes all false claimants to divine power and knowledge, no matter what may be the extent of their apparent success in acquiring a following, nor the wonders wrought in the utilization of surplus vitality in the restoration of men and women to a degree of mortal health. Modern prophets and messiahs are numerous; the sects continue to multiply, and new theories spring up almost daily. Thou-



sands of people go from teacher to teacher and from school to school in the vain search for truth; many are the bitter disappointments and great the confusion! The world is surfeited with counterfeits—with the teachings of false prophets and false christs, whose coming was foreseen and definitely foretold nineteen hundred years ago. The coming of all these false claimants is significant; it is an unmistakable evidence that the *genuine* truth of science or water of life is manifest in a central personality; the Water-bearer. The contemporaneous manifestations of truth and fallacy are in accordance with definite laws of human progression and retrogression; not until truth itself came in its own container, did the numerous fallacies of the past century begin to manifest themselves. The spheres of the spiritual world of the corrupt humanity are being broken up, and their substances precipitated into the external mind.

Let the millions who desire to know the truth, demand of every teacher definite proof of his claims, and abandon all who fail to present the most satisfactory evidence that he has the absolute truth to impart. The time has come when truth must be spoken with

authority; conjectures are but mist which the Sun must dissipate. Let the mind take nothing for granted, for the elements of deception lurk in every fragmentary conception. Accept nothing that assumes the name of occultism or claims to teach occult science, for science is exoteric—it is the revelation or uncovering of that which was hidden. Reject everything which assumes the name Christian, for Christianity is decadent; the truth it once possessed is vitiated. The truth of the new age will no more bear the name of Christianity than the primitive system founded by Jesus took the name of Judaism. Do not look to the Orient for divine revelation, for the light that was there has sprung up in the West. The system that stands in contrast with all the conceptions of modern Babylon in all its phases, is denominated and promulgated as Koreshanity, the complete system of science, the ultimate and perfect form of all truth. It is the power of truth in ultimates, and that power is destined, through the instrumentality of its Originator, whose credentials are both scientific and prophetic, to transform the world and usher in the Golden Age of Light.

## A View of Modern Socialism.

Makeshifts in the Economic Field; Selfish Clamor for Power; the Problem of Finding Honest Men for Office; the Coming of Divine Communism and Socialism.

AMANDA T. POTTER.

THE SOCIALISM of the day as well as the consanguine sporadic efforts toward the reconstruction of the body politic, must remind one of the makeshifts of a hard-pushed housewife who is doomed to the many remodelings of a coarse, unpromising fabric. It is better than no shield, so, after Polly's height forbids it, it is reconstructed for Dolly; after Dolly has brought it to patching, it is clipped of fray and rent and reduced to Adeline; and finally a portion of it may appear on Danny's breeches in fashion that recalls the grotesque little figure made to stand on the sands of the sea appealing to the sun-bonneted mite beside him for information concerning the sayings of the "wild waves." But wherever it may appear, and however recolored or recut, it is unchangeably the coarse, undesirable accompaniment of poverty.

The warp and woof of modern socialistic movement, as well as outgrowing attempts flourishing other titles, are sprung from one and the same basis—poverty of consideration for others with its rank outgrowth of overweening desire for self-benefit. A banding of people actuated by the socialistic mental momentum, is an aggregation of selfish spirit seizing the most available method to further its own interests. A change from the vidual, corporate, and trust feature to that of socialistic manipulation is but shifting the difficulty; for while self exists as incentive, and men continue possessed of varying degrees of acumen, the more intellectual will still find means to successfully exercise his love for overreaching his fellow. To merge the means of production under governmental management, *with men to manage said utilities*; to entrust the products of the

industry of the masses for distribution to these same men, would be to give the proceeds of the laborer to the pillage of a host of "captains of industry" become an army of governmental pillagers under the protection of the strong arm of laws which they themselves enact.

It will be protested that the captains of industry are to be shorn of their title; that honest men are to step to the front. But the activities of the people are from the hearts of the people, and no change in the heart enters the contemplation. If so called honest men become exalted to the public confidence, we have forecast of their future from a past which has seen their kind threading the trail worn by their predecessors. No movement in any order can forestall the consistent progress of that order. Those who by acumen and bent are fitted for the forefront of competitive effort, are today in front rank with preponderance of pelf and power. Change the style and as surely as the cork rides the wave which for a moment submerged it, these *avant-coureurs* of the world's sentiment will spring to the front and work out the consistent issue of the universally preying impulse.

However, a real good is being accomplished by the socialist and his kind. People are stirred to think of industrial functions and products under other than private heads. A new trend is given the thought. The world moves toward its apex of achievement, but no extant schemes will enter into that period of perfection. The present with all it contains is but necessary pediment to a future of perfected societal function when the divine communism and socialism planted in the church nineteen hundred years ago shall have been quickened into life.



# New Century Studies and Reviews.

LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

## SCIENCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

*Thoughts on a Suggestion that Religious Training of Children Should Conform to Modern Science.*

IT HAS BEEN suggested by a prominent clergyman that the training of children in Sunday school ought to conform to the teachings of modern science so that the "accurate and solid instruction," as he terms it, received in the day schools may not be counteracted by inaccurate and misleading statements. A glance at the text books may serve to show how solid and accurate some of the information imparted to the child in the school room really is. One of his first lessons in geography teaches him that the earth revolves on its axis once in twenty-four hours. No qualifications are made. The child accepts it for a fact, together with the whole Copernican system—a gigantic assumption. He never dreams, poor innocent, that the book and the teacher, his supreme court of appeal, can mislead him. The only accurate statement comes from Copernicus himself when he wrote in no uncertain words: "Neither let anyone so far as hypotheses are concerned, expect anything certain from astronomy, since that science can afford nothing of the kind." Let this sentence be incorporated into the text books so that the child may understand when he reads that the earth is convex, that astronomers merely surmise it to be so, their guess being founded upon appearances. In reality they know no more about the form and function of the universe than he does.

To learn the accurate and solid instruction which modern science has to impart, it is only necessary to question her. What about the origin of life? Why, one of the latest theories supposes that the germs of organic life may have descended upon "this plant," brought by meteors from some other system far remote. So exceedingly plausible a theory was projected by one of the greatest "authorities." Unfortunately nobody has yet explained how these germs could escape the culinary process in their rapid transmission through interstellar space. The germs of organic life always develop from life of the same kind. If any form of life be found today, it is because the parent life was here before and gave it birth.

If the Sunday school teacher wishes to keep pace with the day school, she must tell the children how good God is to keep the inhabitants from falling off the surface of this convex ball as it goes whirling through space at the rate of nineteen miles a second. Let her tell them too, that nobody knows why it does not fall into the sun around which it is circling at that rate of speed, so that is another mercy for which they must thank God. To be sure, if He be an all-pervading Spirit without body or parts, self-existent from eternity, unknown and unknowable, thanks and praise from the lower creation would matter little to him.

Text books cite as proof of the earth's convexity,

the circular shadow supposed to be cast upon the moon's disk by the earth during a lunar eclipse, but they fail to inform the youthful student that there are fifty-two recorded instances where the eclipse occurred when the sun and moon were both above the horizon.

If she is to fill her responsible post with credit the Sunday school teacher will do well to take occasion now and then to show the children how the sun is growing hotter and colder at the same time. This is according to one of the *best* authenticated and most popular of present theories of the solar constitution. It might also be well to touch upon the attenuated ether, showing just what it is and how far it extends. Everything connected with the subject is so accurate and positive! Having shown herself perfectly familiar with the proven and authenticated facts of "science," the teacher will be able to exposit the Scriptures from this basis. The youthful mind will then be saved the confusion arising from an attempt to reconcile Genesis with Prof. Shaler,—a world made in six days with the discoveries of paleontology.

The child who will cavil with the higher critics and persist in asking disagreeable questions after hearing their clear and logical expositions of the miracles is incorrigible and should be suitably disciplined. If he will use his reason let him be given a copy of the *CELLULAR COSMOGONY*. He is ripe enough to profit by its contents.

## *The Fate of the Modern Goliath.*

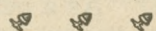
AS INTERPRETED by the founder of Koréshanity, the conflict between David and Goliath is prophetically symbolical of the great battle between true and false science. David as the chief receptacle of the divine energies in his day, involved five preceding Messianic personalities. The Scriptures say that David was a man after God's own heart. This means that he was following after the perfection which he attained in the Christ, not that he had as yet come to please God in all things.

The narrative relates that the Shepherd lad as the antitype of the Good Shepherd, picked up five stones; also that he took one stone and threw it, hitting the great champion of the Philistines in his forehead. The stone thrown by David, who represented his own subsequent development in Christ, was Peter the Rock. He was thrown down to the end of the Christian dispensation, when he reappears in the Expositor of natural things. Now he hits the chief of the Philistines (*fallacy*) in the very seat of intelligence and cuts off Goliath's head with the giant's own sword. The scientists are put to confusion by their own statements; they begin to disavow their own conclusions. It is the marvel of the age to see theories reversed and speculations which have long had the prestige of facts, vanish like dew before the morning sun.



The vortex theory of matter is displacing that of the indestructible atom. Virchow rejected the Darwinian hypothesis on the ground that its advocates failed to produce the missing link. The popular theory of the center of the earth as molten fire is discredited. At the same time the revision of creeds and rejection of dogma mark a similar change among the churches. The fact is that Koreshanity has a way of putting leading questions which lay bare the palpable absurdity of long cherished beliefs and conclusions drawn from assumptive premises. Instead of floundering in a bog of untenable theories many persons are ready to accept the plank to terra firma which Koreshanity offers in its demonstrated premise.

Giant Despair and Giant Error are one and the same character. The blow which decapitates Error puts an end to the keeper of Doubting Castle. Bats and owls will be the only denizens of the foul retreat. Across its haunted threshold no human foot will step. Hope has come with Truth, her double.

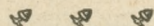


*Great Results From Seeming Trifles.*

THE MOST TRIFLING circumstances often decide the weightiest matters, and the destinies of nations hang upon a slender thread. A shower was the means of the French defeat at Waterloo. A thistle saved Scotland from falling into the power of the enemy. The hissing of a goose on the Capitoline Hill prevented early Rome from being taken by the Gauls, thus assuring supremacy to the descendants of Romulus. Had Columbus continued his course, sailing due west as his ship was headed, he would have landed upon the mainland, not an island, touching first upon the peninsula of Florida. Had he landed here and taken possession of it in the name of Spain, the whole course of history for the past four hundred years might have been changed. But as it happened, when Columbus was approaching the new world though still far out at sea, a flock of land birds flying toward the south came in sight. Thereupon Alonzo Pinzon begged Columbus to follow in their wake. He refused, but finally allowed his first decision to be overborne by his subordinate. This was a decisive moment in history. Had he persisted in refusing to change his course, the same despotic power which held sway in Cuba for four hundred years would have been firmly planted on the main land. Instead of being a great amalgamating center for the production of a new race, all America might have been caught in the iron grip of the Spanish Inquisition. Without the religious freedom which America has offered and which has been her chief attraction from the first, she could never have moulded the supreme product of the ages, a people prepared for conjunction with Deity.

The Spanish rabble, vexed that the new possessions brought no treasure to enrich the crown, dubbed Columbus in derision "Admiral of Mosquito Land." The location of these islands renders them the strategic key to the Western world. Though their importance was

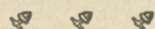
wholly undervalued in the time of Columbus, when they were supposed to form part of Western Asia, they constituted no mean return for the help which Spain had given him.



*Elaboration and Interradiation of Thought.*

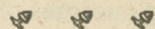
ONE OF THE MOST beautiful laws which Koreshanity teaches is the interconvertibility of matter and spirit, a law which is not confined in its operations to the field of physical research, and is not without a most important bearing upon psychological activity. The ground or basis of all thought is the food supplied. The brain cell is the seat of combustion where the substances introduced into the physical organism, after they have been already appropriated and transformed, undergo their final metamorphosis. Matter and spirit are not only interconverted in the brain cells, but there is a very subtle radiation of spiritual energies toward the body and the brain.

The necessity for concentrating the mind upon a given subject calls into activity whole groups of related cells. Some of these may be located in the brains of other persons physically remote from the one who is trying to develop the subject. The interradiations of mind explain why so many scientific discoveries are simultaneously produced by several claimants. Each wants to patent the invention as exclusively his own. There is a very close connection between groups of persons who are investigating the same subject, and the honor of discovery may be justly claimed by more than one. All these groups are dominated at the present time by one mind, which constitutes the central cell for the elaboration of scientific thought. As in particulars so in generals. As this central brain elaborates thought its radiations pass out toward other minds or cells according to interattraction.

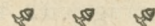


*The Character of the Primitive Man.*

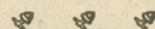
THE CENTURY DICTIONARY, commenting upon the etymology of the word man, which some refer to a Sanscrit root meaning thinker, remarks that such a derivation is unlikely, it being highly improbable that primitive man in his low state of mental development could have thus described himself. It will not be long before the Koreshan idea of primitive man as the prime, head or centre of creation will replace the degrading belief of our origin in the cave dweller.



The glory of God is the intellectual principle, and it is written that He will not give his glory to another. Therefore man when he becomes perfect in wisdom must be God.



Koreshanity never takes away anything without giving something better in its stead.



If we never made mistakes others would never have the pleasure of setting us right.





## In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE NEW THOUGHT or mental science schools have a great deal to say concerning divine power and life, and the Christ as a principle in every human being. Their terminology is largely derived from the Bible, but their conceptions sustain little resemblance to the doctrines of the Christ and his Apostles; his doctrines are paraphrased and perverted; select texts are used to the exclusion of all the Scriptures which emphasize the truth that Jesus as a personality, as a man, was greatly superior in nature and character to the men of his own or our own time. In mental science, the "historic Christ" is of little consequence, but Christ as a principle is the supreme thing; it is assumed that Jesus the man was superior to other men only in his recognition of the Christ principle in himself and others, while others did not. If the personality of Jesus had not come into the world, and if the Bible had not been written, mental scientists today would not be prating about the Christ-life; but as it is, they are indebted to the Man and to the Scriptures concerning him, for the terms they employ and for the conceptions which they pervert. If all that Jesus taught be not true, what warrant is there for accepting a portion of it? He was either the Messiah, or he was not; if he was, mental scientists are inconsistent in rejecting him as such; but if he was not, then they are inconsistent in accepting any of his declarations as true. Jesus was all he claimed to be, or he was an impostor. He could be vastly more than he saw fit to reveal to his Disciples; but he could not, in truth, be less than what he claimed. If he taught the truth concerning himself, then he as the man, the personality, in his own flesh and nature—not simply in spirit—was the veritable Godhead and Godhood. The new doctrines ignore the Messianic functions of Jesus, and declare against any system which incorporates the conception that evil, sin, and death, as such, really exist. Mental scientists presume to teach the principles of mental concentration—that is, the fixing of the mind upon certain subjects, objects, or aims; and that as a result, substances vital enough to heal the sick may be imparted. If it is possible for the mind of any individual through mental effort in concentration—that is, the centering together of mental entities to accomplish an avowed purpose; if a number of minds may come *en rapport* and generate a surplus of force sufficient to energize a movement, is it not possible that some one mind should, through superior strength of desire, concentrate in himself the surplus and ascending energies of not only a single mental sphere, but from all spheres; and through proper elaboration of the concentrated substances, renew the same and give the world a new impulse through impartation or radiation of all that he involves? But such a conception is Messianic, and not in keeping with the democratic spirit of the times; it would make some one man the arbiter of human destiny, the exclusive teacher of the truth, the central personality of the age, and would leave no room for the discordant speculations of hundreds of independent teachers. We maintain that Jesus the Christ did concentrate in himself the substances of progressive elements of the Jewish

people; that he was the door of transition between the old dispensation and the new; and that, as such, he was the sole medium or mediator between God and man, and the sole authority, on the subjects which he discussed; in other words, he was the Messiah, who fulfilled the laws of life in himself, and imparted the substance of himself to his following. Whoever discards the "historic Christ," and sets aside his declarations concerning himself and the character of his mission in relation to God and humanity, and at the same time perverts his teachings concerning Deity, knows nothing concerning divine power and life, and very little concerning the phenomena of mind. Finally, If Jesus did not teach the truth concerning himself and did not overcome death in the body, what assurance have the mental scientists that attainment of immortality in the flesh is possible? On the other hand, if he *did* attain to the immortal state, *what became of him?* As a personality he is not now in the natural world. Where is he then, and how did he get out of the natural? On the Messianic question it appears to us that the mental scientists are between the devil of their own fallacious conceptions, and the deep sea of truth which they cannot fathom!

The editor of a spiritist publication includes the Founder of Koreshanity among those "who have gone into the field of fanaticism;" that he has formed a sort of headquarters for Deity on earth, and claims to have proof that he is the Cyrus spoken of by Isaiah; also that he has gained a large following, but that "his power made a mistake when it commenced to prophesy. One of those was that Chicago was to sink beneath the waves about 1880, and as it did not, and there was not even a hard storm, it took somewhat from his divine prestige." A true prophet generally contends with a two-fold difficulty: Prophecies which he never made are attributed to him, and prophecies which he does make are often misapprehended by the people. In this instance, we call for proof that the Originator of Koreshanity ever made the declaration that the city of Chicago would be destroyed by being submerged in 1880. However, many true prophecies have been made which the unenlightened mind is utterly incapable of correctly interpreting. For instance, Jesus declared on one occasion that "There are some standing here who shall not taste of death till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." The Bible critic at once points to the fact that the Apostles and other primitive Christians have all passed away, and the world is still looking for the Lord to come in his kingdom. But a glance at the context is sufficient to show that the prophecy was fulfilled shortly after it was made—"And after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John into a mountain apart, and was there transfigured before them." They saw Jesus come in the glory and power of his transfiguration. On another occasion He declared that "This generation shall not pass away till all these things be fulfilled"—referring to certain prophecies made in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. The critic asks if that genera-



tion has not long since passed away, and if many of those prophecies are not yet unfulfilled. Those prophecies were fulfilled in a medial or typical sense in the downfall of the Jewish church and polity during the time of the existence of that mortal generation which lived at the time the prophecies were made; but in a fuller sense the prophecies are being fulfilled now—at the close of the present dispensation; and the "generation" referred to was the *divine generation* which has covered the entire period of the Christian dispensation. Concerning the above statements and criticisms, we desire to say that considering the numerous fraudulent mediums, the pretenses, and conflicting theories of spiritism, it is not with any good grace that the editor of a spiritist publication can criticise a prophet!

The Northwestern University is endeavoring to open a new department of education. It has awakened to the fact that modern industrial and commercial methods are not what they ought to be, and the object is to remedy the evils as far as possible by introducing special courses for the education of business men. It is assumed that if the men who undertake to manage the various economic departments were educated in science specially adapted to the field of economy, they would be more able to solve practical problems. It would be a cause of rejoicing in scientific circles if such application could be made of modern science as would obviate the difficulties which arise between so called capital and labor. Any attempted settlement of economic problems on the basis of continued subjection of labor to the power of false capital must, from the very nature of the case, prove utterly futile, for the reason that the competitive system is fundamentally wrong; and as long as it is in vogue difficulties are inevitable. That kind of education which embraces in its courses the fallacious conceptions of the modern scientific world is not true. Education in fallacy leads to false relations in which equity cannot obtain. The University would like to assist in making better legislators and more generous captains of industry. The time was when educators sought to make the slave-holders more kind-hearted, and to bring about better laws regarding the treatment of slaves; yet the time came when slavery itself was abolished. Instead of endeavoring to make the chains of white slavery a little less galling, let the chains be broken and the shackles loosed from the hands of labor! Let the competitive system, together with the false science, false religion, and false education which sustain it, give place to the new and better order of human relations!

Senator Tillman is fomenting trouble in relation to the Negro problem; he has given a characteristic solution of the question before the New York Press Club. If the members of the press club are not ashamed of his speech, civilized people ought to be. The senator is a Negro hater, and is not backward in expressing his sentiments. The Negro has many staunch friends; but in such men as Tillman he has bitter enemies. The Negro race in America was degraded in the bonds of slavery for over two centuries; the whites enjoyed their services, but now despise their society. They are not so much to blame for their present condition as many would have us believe; considering their

past and present opportunities they have done well. Is the peace of the South menaced by the Negro? Are revolting crimes committed, and Negro domination threatening in Southern states? If so, the South but faces the fact that there is operative a law of retribution; certain consequences of evil deeds and flagrant abuses are unavoidable. No liberty-loving and law-abiding citizen of America should, in justice to an oppressed people, endorse Tillman's defense of lynchings, the use of shot-guns, and stuffed ballot-boxes; nor his opposition to education of the Negro. The policy and purpose of Booker Washington are humane and civilized and are productive of good despite all opposition.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has issued a memorial in opposition to a bill in the House of Representatives, to amend a section of the revised statutes relative to the treatment and transportation of cattle and other animals in boats and cars. The intention of the bill is to allow the transportation companies to confine animals forty hours—instead of twenty-eight as heretofore—before unloading for rest, water, and feed. The bill to amend is ostensibly intended to meet the increased demand for food products, but in reality to afford cattle men and transportation companies greater facilities for making money at the expense of public health—for it must be admitted that animals rushed across the country with forty-hour stretches without food or water, and then quickly conveyed to the slaughter-house, do not make as choice steaks and chops as animals fresh from the dewy meadow green. If the society can soften the hearts of congressmen and cattle men and abate somewhat the passion of the money god, we give them our hearty permission to do it!

The young Rockefeller discusses philanthropy before his Bible class; he declares that the "giving of money is not the greatest kindness nor the greatest philanthropy—but *kind words* and sympathy in misfortune and distress." It is obvious that modern charity is not true philanthropy, because poverty is created and wealth amassed through misappropriation; it is not philanthropy to sustain the competitive system. But while present conditions obtain kind words do not go very far in supplying the wants of the needy. The pious millionaire junior might profit by pondering the question propounded by the Apostle James: "If a brother or sister be naked or destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"

It is said that the policy of the President is to move against the trusts by degrees; but Congressman Littlefield is seeking to cover the whole area with one bill. Before the trust evils are abolished the anti-trust advocates will find no little field for their measures.

The republican party has gone into anti-trust legislation just far enough to convince the people that it is not afraid to push anti-trust bills, and to show the trust magnates that it does not mean to do anything really derogatory to their interests.



# The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

## Soul-Mates or Counterparts.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—What is the Koreshan idea or doctrine of "soul-mates" or counterparts? I have met people among the spiritualists who hold that it is possible for counterpartal males and females to recognize each other in the body; and recently I have read the views of a Mr. Baxter on this subject; and from a tract published, in which it is held that in order to obtain immortality in the body, man and wife must be properly mated, I quote as follows: "The promise of immortality of the body is to *two*, man and wife, whom God (not man) will join together, and no man shall put them asunder. Israel will not judge who their mate is according to their bodily forms, but there will be an irresistible affinity between the male and female spirits of the just, and they will judge according to the spirit and agree, and destroy all the works of the devil in each other. Their work is to cast every evil thought out of each other by the word of God, the man being clothed with Zion above, and the woman with Jerusalem above, like the positive and negative of electricity." Do true counterpartal males and females recognize each other as such while in the dual state?—INQUIRER.

It has been said that marriages are made in heaven; but that which is true of this saying applies neither to common marriages on the sensual plane, nor to any phase of the numerous fads concerning the recognition and association of so called soul-mates. The true doctrine of the divine marriage relates to the marriage or conjunction of God and man, or the unity of males and females in *biune*, not dual forms. When God made man in his own image and likeness he made him male and female in one flesh—that is, two-in-one; but divorce of the two obtained in the fall of man. When Jesus came, the true individual man was manifest, for Jesus was both male and female, Bridegroom and Bride, the *biune* form of the divine Seed. In Him the spirits of males and females of the Jewish dispensation, which he involved, were *biune*. He was the resurrection, and in that resurrection there was no marrying nor giving in marriage for the simple reason that in him all spiritual counterparts were united—in him the divine marriage was already complete.

The Koreshan conception of counterparts is definite and scientific; but we do not for a moment countenance or encourage in the least degree, any

endeavor on the part of some to discover their "affinities," nor any association of the sexes on the basis of fancied counterpartal relations. We maintain that it is not only unnecessary for true counterparts to recognize each other in the dual state, but that from the very principles, laws, and processes upon which the divine marriage depends, it is utterly impossible for viduals to know what males and females are to be conjoined in the immortal state. This knowledge is the exclusive prerogative of the Messenger of the Covenant, as we will show.

When Jesus was theocrasised or translated, the *biune* entities which he contained became vidual spirits; and when he baptized his Disciples, male entities were received by women, and female entities were received by men. Now, two persons baptized by the male and female components of any one divine and *biune* entity as it obtained in the Messianic mind, became counterparts—but there was no basis of spiritual recognition of any counterpartal relations in the primitive Christian church. The relations existed, but the divine spirit in each performed its work without the association of counterparts. A little critical analysis of the subject reveals the fact that the making or relating of counterparts is performed through the impartation of the divine spirit from the Messianic personality; so that there are no counterparts in the vidual state until the viduals are baptized through the exercise of the Messianic function.

The Messenger of this age infolds and conjoins in *biunity*, the ascending spirits of men and women who were baptized by the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the dispensation. The union of these entities has taken place in heaven or the spiritual world of the Messianic mind. For the sake of clearness, let us deal with one *biune* entity. In the coming theocrasis, the male and female components of such *biunity* will be separated, and two personalities—a woman and a man—will be baptized with the two spirits respectively; so that the two persons baptized become counterparts, but they will not recog-

nize each other as such, because there is no necessity for such recognition. Why? Because the relationship is established through Messianic function alone, and because the central personality, the divine Motherhood, will attract and properly unite the spirits of the two when they reach the final point of overcoming and incorruptible dissolution; and then from the pole of divine Maternity they will be projected into the natural world as one *biune* Son of God. Not until the blending of the two in one will it be possible for them to know that they are the counterparts of one perfect being.

It would perhaps be a surprise to many faddists if they were to suddenly discover that instead of two being concerned in the relation and union of counterparts in one form, that there are in reality *four*—two in the natural world and two in the spiritual; and that that which determines such relation is the disposition of the two in the spiritual, with which the male and female viduals in the natural are to be baptized. The commandment is, not that viduals should love their counterparts or soul-mates, but to love the Lord in his appearing, with all the heart, might, mind, and strength, and the neighbor as one's self. When this is done completely, all counterpartal relations will take care of themselves—they will be adjusted through Messianic function without any meddling on the part of theorists who fail to comprehend the first principles of conjunctive unity.

## The Question of Salvation by Faith.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—How do you explain the numerous passages in the Apostle Paul's writings in which he states that salvation is by faith without the deeds or works of the law?—INQUIRER.

When Jesus answered the young man's question as to what he should do to inherit eternal life, he said, "Keep the commandments." In this answer He incorporated the vital truth that divine life is attained only through obedience to the divine law. This is in keeping with the spirit of the law itself; the law was given to be kept, for it involves the ten fundamental



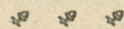
principles of that life which Jesus himself attained through actual fulfilment of the law. He declared that he did not come to destroy the law but to fulfil it, every jot and tittle. When the Apostle James said that faith without works is dead, he also declared a truth; and he made the statement emphatic that whoever is found guilty in one point of the royal law is guilty of the whole. In keeping with these statements the words, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city," appear at the close of the last book of the New Testament. Therefore, the keeping of the law, the works or deeds of the law, is absolutely essential to the attainment of divine life, according to the declarations of the great Teacher and his Apostles.

Now, while it is true that the statements of the Apostle Paul are appealed to by the modern churches in support of the idea that the keeping of the law is not necessary, rather than the numerous texts which declare the law valid, we do not wish to be understood that the Apostle's statements are fallacious, but only the modern interpretations of them. The Apostle himself affirms that "we establish the law." What kind of salvation did Jesus obtain through obedience to the law? Perfect manhood, the divine nature, the immortal life. What kind of salvation obtained to the Disciples as a result of the dissemination of the Holy Spirit? It was a *spiritual salvation* through the exercise of faith in the Divinity of Jesus the Christ. The vital energies of the divine Personality were for those who were receptive to them; but when the new spirit was born in them, the processes which were to ultimate in the great transformation "at the last day," had only begun.

The impartation of the Holy Spirit was the dissemination of the vital substance of the body and personality of Jesus; it was the power given to all who believed in His name, to become the Sons of God in the perfection of their manhood. The Disciples were unable to keep the law; the Apostle Paul declared that they could not, for the carnal mind was at war with the Spirit which they had received. A

degree of salvation was enjoyed then; it was the "earnest" of that which was to come—not the final salvation. The Disciples, or the new birth in them, constituted the firstfruits of the Spirit; but they looked forward to the "redemption of the body." The divine seed was sown—that life was imparted which, when it should fulfil its course through the dispensation, would bring forth the fruits of the resurrection.

Therefore, the time intervening between the impartation of the divine Spirit at the beginning of the dispensation, and the manifestation of truth in the scientific degree at the end of the dispensation, constituted a period of *grace*, in which all who had received the germs of the divine life were "saved" (or preserved, as the Greek indicates) through faith. The grace of God was that special favor of life imparted which, when it should ultimate in the scientific truth, would enable His people to keep the law, overcome death in the body, and thus attain to the power and life of the resurrection. The Apostle himself distinguished between the salvation that was wrought in his day, and that which was to come—the salvation of the body, the attainment of immortality in the flesh. The first was by *faith*, the second is through *obedience to law*. But the failure on the part of the churches to preserve this distinction has led them into the fatal error of making the law of none effect through fallacious interpretations of the statements of the Apostle.



#### The Foreshortening of Time.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Will you please straighten out the following: If the precessional movement is 50" of a degree yearly, then 12 years would equal 1' of arc, and 72 years would equal 1°; therefore, a grand cycle or one revolution would occupy 25 920 years. Where do you get your 24,000 years as the length of this cycle? What is meant by the figures (concerning the foreshortening of time) in THE FLAMING SWORD of September 5? This appears to me something like the conjuring of Totten and Dimbleby—and more especially so as to your explanation of the question concerning the round number 144,000, and of your declaration that 17 is the diagonal of 12. While I agree with and understand in a great measure the writings of KORESH, I do not understand the mathematical problems as explained by some of the writers on THE FLAMING SWORD.—E. M., Los Angeles, Cal.

The definite annual amount of the precession of the equinoxes, as fixed by astronomical observation, is 50.2"; at this rate one degree of arc would be covered in 71.7 years; and from this basis it is generally computed that the

cycle of precession is 25,816 years in length. But in referring to the rate in a general way we have used the even number 50". Now, the usual 25,816 years is in accordance with the present rate of 50.2" and the hypothesis that the precession is uniformly continuous, without any factor operative to change the amount of the annual movement. There are no scientific data available to the scientific world which go farther back with any certainty than two or three thousand years; Hipparchus is supposed to have discovered the precession of the equinoxes, and from the basis of his observations, he estimated the rate to be about 50.66"; and so far as astronomers know, the rate has not varied much since the time of the first computation.

Now our contention is that there obtains in both the human world and the physical cosmos, a foreshortening of the precessional period of revolution or cycle. This is due to the operation of the principles of acceleration of motion, and revolution or radical changes in both domains. There are numerous evidences of the fact that the present relation of the poles of the earth and the heavens has not always been sustained. The finding of the remains of mammoths in the frigid zone demonstrates the fact that it was once tropical in the North; and it is generally recognized that great glaciers once covered a large portion of the present territory of the United States. In the distant past the climatic zones were different from what they are now, and the ecliptic sustained a much greater obliquity to the equator. There are numerous evidences that more or less sudden changes in the relation of the ecliptic and equator have occurred, with consequent and corresponding changes in the position of the equinoxes, and astronomical longitude and latitude. The sudden impulses are due to accumulation of energies in magnetic zones; and the acceleration of the precessional movement *foreshortens the time* or period of the precessional cycle which, without such foreshortening, would complete a period of 25,816 years.

No one observing the present rapid progress of the world, and comparing it with the ratio of progress of past centuries, can fail to realize that there



somehow obtains an acceleration of force in the human world. If the rate of the world's progress were now what it was a few centuries ago, and were to continue so in the future, it is obvious that the *time* of realization of the conditions which terminate the end of this dispensation, could not be reached for centuries to come; but we have reached the time sooner than we would otherwise have done, because of the operation of the principles and laws of acceleration. Having now entered the period of acceleration, time foreshortens, the period of precession in the human world is being rapidly reduced, and the time of the culmination is at hand. Coincident with the transposition of accumulated energies of life from the old order to the new, there will be a corresponding cutting-off of the time of the old cycle in the astronomical domain. This is the foreshortening referred to in THE FLAMING SWORD of September 5. The approximate amount of foreshortening for every Zodiacal cycle is about 1,816 years, making the length of the cycle about 24,000 years.

The length of this cycle was discovered by the Founder of Koreshanity. To show how the deductions are made—that is, to enable the mind to fully understand why and how the foreshortening of time obtains, and how the 24,000 year cycle, instead of 25,816 years, fits in as a definite part of still longer periods, would require a specific treatment of the subject in greater space than we have available for this reply. The conclusion is a part of the integral System of Koreshanity.

The mathematics of the Koreshan System is founded upon the principles of *life*, and in some respects the mathematics of Koreshanity is as revolutionary as the Cellular Cosmogony. The 144,000 Sons of God constitute the incubated sphere of the Grand Man; the number, therefore, is not the result of a mathematical evolution in accordance with the principles of the old mathematics. The number 144,000 is a cubical number from the basis of divine evolution; it represents the *cube of life*. We do not recall the statement that "17 is the diagonal of 12." Please inform us where the statement occurs, that we may ascertain the manner in which it was applied.

### The Flaming Sword's Exchanges.

THE EDITOR.

**Leslie's Weekly.**—The Valentine Number is very interesting and pretty; the cover page contains a very beautiful design, and the page has an embossed appearance. An attractive feature of this number are two pages of photographs of thoroughbred dogs at the New York dog show; another page is filled with beautiful winter scenes. Southern Women who Have Made Their Mark in Journalism shows how capable women are of filling important positions. Baron Pierre de Coubertin's "The Next Great European War" is of interest to students of political questions. The New Southwest is a finely illustrated article concerning the resources of New Mexico. The usual departments are up to the standard in the present number. 10 cents per copy. The Judge Company, 110 Fifth avenue, New York City.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

*For the present and until further notice, all mail matter for Koresh; Victoria Gratia, Pre-Eminent; and Berthaldine, Matrona, President of the Society Arch-Triumphant, may be addressed to Estero, Lee Co., Fla.*

*The Founder of Koreshanity has been in the South for the past few weeks; and the Pre-Eminent, accompanied by Berthaldine, Matrona, left Chicago for the Koreshan Headquarters, on Tuesday, February 10.*

*The meetings of the Society Arch-Triumphant, at our Hall, 315 Englewood avenue, Tuesday evenings, 8 o'clock, continue as usual. Interested friends cordially invited.*

**Human Culture.**—This monthly periodical devoted to phrenology in its application to human culture, has recently been very much improved, and now appears in tinted covers. Mental Activities Photographed is a series of illustrated articles showing how and why facial expressions and gestures and poses of the body conform to inward emotions. Each number contains 24 pages filled with helpful suggestions and interesting matter relating to mental phenomena. \$1.00 yearly. 130 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

**The Student's Journal.**—A feature of the February number attractive to all writers of shorthand is the page of beautifully executed shorthand notes taken in court by a young and successful official reporter; also an article interesting to every one is "Problems of Astronomy," in both phonography and common print. The two pages of the Department of Rhetoric con-

tain valuable matter for all who desire to use good English. Single copy, 10 cents. 1135 Broadway, New York City.

**Our Dumb Animals.**—The cover page of the February number contains a beautiful photograph of the Passion Play by the Catholic Indians of British Columbia. The character of this publication is widely known; it is published in the interests of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Its motto is, "We speak for those that cannot speak for themselves." Its illustrations as well as subject matter, is conducive to the spirit of kindness. 19 Milk street, Boston, Mass.

**Brotherhood.**—An English publication designed to help the peaceful evolution of a juster and happier social order; organ of a co-operative movement in the British Isles, but discusses general reform subjects. No 9, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, E. C., England.

### Summary of the World's News

AMANDA T. POTTER.

Feb. 11.—Great Britain's protocol accepted for Venezuela; Italy and Germany expected to fall in line.—Strike in Chicago office buildings ended.—President Roosevelt alarmed over inclination of Americans to escape parenthood.—Illinois state senate favors electing United States Senators by direct vote of the people.—Method of miners' union severely scored by attorney who makes plea for nonunion men before coal strike commission.—Feb. 12.—Many Chicago clubs and societies will banquet with appropriate services to commemorate Lincoln's birthday.—Fire in Rock Island arsenal; \$2,000,000 damage.—Nonunion miners announced not to share increased wage scale.—Feb. 13.—Congressman Wise of Virginia predicts uprising of blacks with great slaughter by both races.—Earl of Dudley in a speech at Dublin, declares that the prospects for a bright future for Ireland are encouraging; asserts that agitation is being abandoned.—Feb. 14.—Protocol raising Venezuelan blockade signed at Washington; preferential treatment of allies referred to Hague tribunal.—Pope's physician declares pontiff in excellent health; gains in vigor each year; says pope will live to be a hundred enjoying life as he does today.—Chicago's exhibition of automobiles opens at Coliseum today; exhibits valued at \$500,000.—Feb. 15.—McKinley Memorial Association collects \$500,000 for monument; will collect \$100,000 more before work is begun.—Senator Tillman, speaking in New York, predicts bloodshed if policy of forcing negroes over whites is continued in South.—Plans for beautifying Chicago are discussed at Banquet of Merchants' Club in Auditorium.—W. J. Bryan is quoted as declaring that he is not a candidate for Democratic nomination for President.—Strap-Hangers' League will promote nomination of John M. Harlan for mayor of Chicago; expect him to oblige traction