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THE MATTER on this page concerning the adoption of new subscription methods we have deemed important enough to repeat in this number, and it will perhaps appear in a few future issues. The object is to get all our readers generally familiar with our policy on this line, so that there may be no misunderstanding when one's subscription expires. The Postal Department at Washington has given authority for entry of THE FLAMING SWORD as second-class mail matter, and one of the requirements is that all of the names on our list shall be those of bona fide subscribers; therefore it is imperative that we maintain this standard.

In our issue of October 16, 1903, we made some important announcements regarding the adoption of a new policy with respect to subscriptions to THE FLAMING SWORD. We have removed from our list all names of those whose subscriptions have expired and who have not renewed; and we here re-announce that neither safe business principles nor the postal laws will admit of our sending THE FLAMING SWORD right along after expiration of subscriptions, without some order or request to have it continued. A legitimate subscriber is one who orders THE FLAMING SWORD sent to him and pays for it, or agrees to pay for it during the year for which the paper is ordered. The adoption of such a policy obviates all misunderstandings and saves us from loss. In past years we have lost thousands of dollars because of our generosity, which in numerous cases was unappreciated—many ungrateful persons seemingly having reached the conclusion that it was a favor to us to have them receive our publications. We want every-

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be carried out from now on just as left off October 16, 1903.

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THE FLAMING SWORD has been entered at the Estero post office as second-class mail matter. The postal authorities at Washington consider that our offer to the poor will lead to prohibitive results—that of obtaining names not legitimate subscribers within the meaning of the law.

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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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Roosevelt as President and Statesman.

Analysis of the Character of the Republican Candidate for the Presidency; His Popularity and Breadth of Mind, and His Honesty and Integrity.

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MR. ROOSEVELT, the man who succeeds himself to the Presidency of the United States, is called the "picturesque figure" in the field of public observation as a world mover. As we have never seen a satisfactory analysis of the character of the man, we will attempt to convey to our readers something of our own impressions from an altitude of survey prominent at least from the fact that we are outside of the influence of all ordinary political predilection. The enemies of President Roosevelt (among his own friends) had long since come to the conclusion that his nomination was the inexorable and inevitable decree of the masses of the people composing the rank and file of the republican party. We need not reiterate the fact that Roosevelt was made the nominee of the party with Mr. McKinley, by the same power which subsequently attempted to put him aside; for it is patent that it was accomplished for the purpose of shelving a man whom the commercial forces of the world greatly feared. A decree of destiny beyond the purposes of the ordinary mortal, forged the concatenation of events and circumstances which conspired to place the man capable of watching for and making opportunities in that nick of time when the world was ripe with the fruition of culmination.

The world is rushing into the vortices of climax for history making; and characters are about to manifest, in the arena of contest, for a higher standard of religious excellence, of moral obligation, of political and commercial integrity, and of economic and social virtues. With external mankind there is a coöperative yet hidden force with which the common and material

mind does not reckon, and of which the masses of the people are totally ignorant, but whose influence contributes infinitely beyond conception to the material destinies of the world. This force is as effective today as in the days of the battles of Israel, wherein a young general of the warriors of Israel confronted an enemy by which he was so completely outnumbered as to create a fear as to the results of the encounter; but the young general's eyes were opened at the instance of the prophet, to behold the operations of the otherwise invisible spheres, and looking, he saw that those who were for him greatly outnumbered those who were against him.

Men are backed by the powers of the spheres, and that support is proportionate to the integrity of the material vortex which constitutes the physical apex of the combinations which they are promoting, and the achievements which they purpose. Roosevelt's religion constitutes the foundation of his moral integrity, which is up to the best standard of what the world at the present time regards the acme of virtue. He is characterized by a moral stamina commensurate with his conviction of a standard set by the most reliable standard makers of the present age. We do not say that it is our standard, nor the highest to be achieved in the progress of the age; for ours is that of the character and life of the Son of God, whose integrity is the ensample of our aspirations and the sure promise of our attainment. Roosevelt is deeply religious, and his religion constitutes the foundation for the regulation of his life. He has moral convictions of a pronounced order, and a force of character equal to those convictions. To say

that he is "picturesque," is to belittle the grandeur of his mentality.

Roosevelt is a statesman; this he has shown in the scope of the survey he has made of the character of the forces of the world with which he now comes in contact, and which must be met on the plane of the world's development and on the line of its destiny. He is broader in his mentality than railroad corporations and labor-union organizations, and his public acts show that he cannot be influenced through special sympathy for either of these great evils. He has a broader grasp of the requirements of the times, as pertaining to the interests of our country, than bodies of men or parties, and he stands upon an eminence above the political intrigues of party policy, and has been able to force his party into the accomplishment of great achievements which, but for the force of his character, would not now stand to the credit of the republican administration. That the interests of the commercial world and the position the United States is to occupy as the leading world power demand the speedy creation of an inter-oceanic canal, Roosevelt was enabled to embrace in that foresight and grasp of consideration of settled conviction which with him always mean immediate action. In the various acts of his public life, where his friends have believed him to be in the wrong, or, if not virtually in the wrong, attempting feats beyond the power of accomplishment, and therefore not politic, his force has surmounted obstacles, and he has achieved results which have always demonstrated the correctness of his judgment.

As a Christian man Roosevelt deplores the necessity for war, and he would as quickly exert his influence toward the disarmament of the world, as any of the maudlin sympathizers with the principles of international arbitration as bases of settlement for the contentions which lead to conflict; but as the physician with his finger upon the pulse of his patient diagnoses his case, so the President, with his finger upon the public and international pulse, has gauged the character of the heart-throbs of the human race, and, knowing its virtues and its vices, seeks to prepare for the crisis which threatens his charge. Time will show that his determination to place the United States in the front rank of military and naval powers is due to his grasp of conditions which are more deeply seated than "peace" doctors are aware, and which, in the crisis, will demand the aggressive force which the President has displayed in his public acts, and the ability to supplement such force with powers equal to the occasion. He may not foresee the climax, but he has that insight into human character which enables him to calculate the fatality of neglect.

The President's opportunities for record making—both for himself and the party which he represents—

have been ample, and he has never been derelict in taking advantage of occasions; not, however, because he has seen an opening for personal aggrandizement (for this does not seem to constitute any part of his character), but because in the striking things he has accomplished—the operations which make for history—he knew them to be the things which would necessarily work to the advantage of the Government and be of service to the world.

Roosevelt has shown that he desired the nomination, and that he had an aspiration to succeed himself to the high position which he has so gloriously filled since his incumbency of the office. It is no doubt a laudable aspiration for any citizen of this great country to wish to become its President, but in such aspiration there are many motives—some of a low and others of a high order. We can conceive it possible for a man to foresee the trend of events, and the things to be accomplished in the destiny of that trend; to be conscious of the fact that he holds within himself the possibilities of greatest achievement, and that within him are the elements of character which may conduce to its fulfilment. We believe that Roosevelt's greatest motive for succeeding himself as President is that the country and the world need him, and he knows that he is less actuated by policy than most political aspirants.

Our country stands in the eyes of the world as an aggressive and directing international force, and in a position to demonstrate the virtue of dominancy when governed by the restraints, liberties, and appropriations conducive to the best interests of the world. A change now to a less aggressive and forceful representative of the nation would be a detriment to our progress, for we have reached that critical period in the progress of our nation, where we cannot afford to hesitate where quick decision and hasty action are vital to our supremacy as a world power. We like the tenacity of Roosevelt's determination, and are glad to have a President who, though he may sometimes seem to supersede the bounds of his official prerogatives, always demonstrates the accuracy of his judgment, the sequels of which prove that he did the right thing at the right time, in the interests of the national honor. As no other man, he at least ranks with Washington and Lincoln as the nation's greatest. His succession to the Presidency does not appear to be in the catalogue of chances, nor within the delusions of uncertainty. We are not prepared to regard the voting population of the country as open to any phase of fanaticism so revolutionary in its character as to strike a blow at the combinations which hold together the potencies that constitute our greatness.

We write not as a republican nor as a democrat. We do not believe in the competitive system which actuates the world; but upon the basis of the competitive system,

the one now in vogue and endorsed by Christianity and paganism alike, the attitude of the republican party is the correct one, and the President is a thoroughgoing representative of the principles involved in the delusion. There can be no question but that as a nation we are on the high tide of commercial prosperity, whatsoever that may mean for the rank and file of the common populace. This prosperity is because the great financial powers of the world demanded certain concessions, and the leaders of the republican party were far-sighted enough to fall into line with the demands of the commercial forces and interests of the world, regardless of the individual requirements of the great populace which constitutes the nation.

From the common and orthodox point of view Roosevelt is great; and we will herewith present a résumé of the elements which conspire to constitute this greatness. First, then, he is a religious man of practical conceptions of its obligations. Again, he has a deep sense of moral obligation, which he demonstrates in the devotion he displays in his observance of any function, either private or public, to which he is called, and his hard work in his function shows his fidelity to obligation. He is endowed with a force of tenacity superdominant above the machinations and conspirations which, either through policy or subversive interests, would be seductive against his own judgment, which the world must admit is of the superlative order, quick as lightning, and as sure as the arrow of the trained eye. He is far-reaching in his conceptions of what must constitute the nation's greatness, involving those principles of expansion which include commercial interests of international character, with the military and naval occupations which give to the nation a commanding position, an attitude for the protection and augmentation of such interests. He has grasped the entire situation of what constitutes our relation to the world as its active force; and while he is thoroughly aggressive, his aggressiveness is so controlled by sound judgment as to make him a safe exploiter of American prowess.

The greatest of the nation trust to Roosevelt's leadership, after a test of his ability during a critical and trying period of national progress; and he has contributed to his party a record so enviable as to challenge the admiration of the opposition, howsoever much, for political reasons, it may attempt to under-rate his achievements. President Roosevelt is the admiration of the world, not because he is President of the United States, but because his occupation of the office has given to the world an opportunity to study the character of the man. In opposition, the democratic party has nothing to present but the fatal policy upon which, for two campaigns, it has accomplished for itself defeat and disaster. It has no new lines of policy

to introduce as a motive for political transposition, nor can it adduce any failure of the republican party to fulfil the pledges which were made to the people as a guarantee of its right to direct the affairs of state.

As a nation we are superlatively prosperous, a condition which should be conducive to the happiness of every person entering into that aggregation which constitutes us numerically a great people. If our national prosperity is ultimately conducive to individual happiness, because of the paternal interest of the nation in the welfare of its subjects, we are constrained to believe that individual interests will be as faithfully subserved through the republican, as through any other party. Were we to choose between a gold standard republicanism and a gold standard democracy, we would accept the principles of that party which represents not only centralization in the commercial interests of the world, but centralization in every phase and aspect of its political tendencies. If we are to have the single standard, let it be on the most legitimate and approved lines.

The republican party with Roosevelt at its head represents the gold standard better than it can be represented by any other power, because it is the author of its centralization. If it is to be a choice between the republican party and that wing of democracy represented by Byran and Hearst, the anarchist, let it be with the law and order side of those public controversies which may seem to uphold the trust and corporation interests rather than that red-handed anarchistic subservience to the great conspiracy called labor-unionism. If through any machinations the two opposing wings of the democratic persuasion should get together, with the determination of ambushing a march on the party in power, no obscuration could occult the record of what has constituted the party failure.

The next political campaign is to be conducted upon the basis of a controversy, the respective slogans of which are success on the side of the party in power, and failure with the party in opposition. Roosevelt, representing the most liberal attitude of the republican party, recognizes the fact that a distribution of the public fund is conducive to the public welfare, because it contributes to the individual interests whose success comprises a great part of the public prosperity. In view of this consideration, he endorses and advocates a liberal pension fund, toward which the democratic party has shown its aversion. This constitutes one of those legitimate lines of distribution through which the public moneys should be made to return to the people who make it possible through economics for such a fund to accumulate. A party which shows itself liberal on such a line may find other channels through which some returns may be made to the common people, upon whom the integrity of the Government depends.

New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

THIBET MUST FALL.

The Futility of Mourning Because Hermit Nations are Brought Into Line.

THE BRITISH EXPEDITION to Thibet is by all means one of the most significant and important of modern enterprises. It is the object of the British government to checkmate Russia by gaining access to this forbidden citadel, upon which she has already cast her eyes full of covetous desire. The ostensible purpose of the expedition is to force the natives into commercial dealings with the British Empire. The Dalai-Llama has not shown sufficient deference to the conquerors of India, and so he is to be driven into a commercial treaty that will bring him into relations with a people he would prefer to ignore. It is said that he harbors the most friendly feelings toward Russia, whose sovereign he regards as the "great white Llama." The Thibetans look upon the Russians with amity in consequence of the notion, carefully insinuated by secret emissaries, that the religion of the Czar is not very far removed from their own beliefs. Leniency toward the religious views of the far Eastern nations with whom she has made alliances, is said to be one of the reasons why Russia has gone so far in the Orient.

Thibet is called the roof of the world because of its elevation. It is the land of mystery, but all mysteries are to be revealed, and while the natives are opposing the entrance of the British by the best means in their power, it is not likely that this sacred retreat of the Buddhist priests will long preserve the mysteries inviolate. Civilization in the person of its representative envoy, the army, is knocking at the door of this long secluded nation. The invasion is a carefully planned scheme to deprive Russia of a coveted stronghold in Asia. At the same time it is significant in view of the fact that no foreigners have been allowed to penetrate into those mountain fastnesses, where a hostile army is now endeavoring to force an entrance.

Thibet is separated from India by the highest mountain range in the world. The country has been jealously guarded by the Buddhist priests and also by the Chinese, anxious to preserve the exclusive control of trade in that section. The first step toward the emancipation of the Thibetans was taken when they ceased to send tribute and the customary envoys to the court at Peking. They had never departed from this custom until the war between China and Japan in 1895 undermined their faith in the supremacy of the Chinese Emperor.

The Anglo-Saxon race has superior qualities gained through the interblending of the various ethnic stocks of which it is composed. By virtue of these qualities and in fulfilment of the divine purpose carried on from age to age, there is a peculiar fitness in the English

scheme of domination, cruel and arbitrary as its measures seem. It is foolish for any nation to seclude itself at the present time from a share in the benefits accruing from international relations. Thibet has placed herself and her religion as a bar to universal progress and the amalgamation of her people with the dominant race; therefore is it certain that Thibet must fall.

There is a great deal of sentiment wasted over the results that follow in the train of the conquering race. The lesser peoples are obliged to yield to its superiority, and their cherished institutions are swept away in its victorious march. There is, however, no necessity of deploring those events which are destined in the fulness of time to bring forward the backward offshoots of humanity through the slow but steady processes of racial development. The Anglo-Saxon peoples had their own times of trial and of subjection to other nationalities, long ago, in the days when they were in training, before they had reached their present homogeneous state.

The Germanic family of nations has been gathered out of many lands in order to create a people capable of responding to the dictates of righteousness. By this statement it is not intended to magnify the English nation into a holy people. It is simply meant to indicate that through the Anglo-Saxons as embracing their descendants, the English-speaking people of the United States, the reign of God in earth may be expected.

The breaking down of national barriers is not then a source of dismay to the mind which has learned to understand the necessity for what may seem irremediable catastrophes to the uninitiated. The law of reincarnation properly understood ought to provide a solace for those persons who lament the extinction of the North American Indian, and are always grumbling because the United States Government has thought best to interfere in the affairs of the Filipinos. These tenderhearted individuals would learn that according to the laws of racial development, they themselves are far more cruel in denying to these far off natives the opportunity for contact with a superior and more highly cultured people. No race is ever lost, and in due time there will be a new red race.

The roof of a house is that which covers, encloses, protects, and ensures to its inhabitants safety from the storm. The "roof of the world" must surely be an important and necessary adjunct to the universal building.

The Function of Light.

IT IS WRITTEN, "The entrance of thy words giveth light." The function of light is to dispel fear. So long as men sit in darkness they cower and shrink. In the light they walk with boldness. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was made flesh. Then the peoples which sat in darkness saw a great light. When Jesus, the Word, was transmuted to Holy Spirit, he entered into his Disciples. Then they became bold to speak and to teach.

Unity means the conjunction of science and religion.

When the Trees Grow Green.

NEXT THE HORIZON lies a range of blue hills veiled in mist, then comes a growth of green forest, spruce and pine and hemlock; projected against their interlacing boughs, a shorter growth of deciduous trees send out their branches, naked and brown, waiting to put on the living garment stripped away from them by the autumn winds. How dead they look in the early spring! Not a hint of the coming resurrection is visible in those gaunt trunks and lean arms. Then a day comes when the sun, mounting higher and higher in his course toward the solstice, pours down warm beams such as the trees love and have not felt for many a month. There follows a rain—not a short rain, not an April shower nor an intermittent drizzle, but a steady downpour lasting for two or three days. Now look out and see how the trees have changed! That lifeless brown has given place to a warm tint which tells the buds are swelling. The whole landscape has altered. Not a green tint has appeared, but there is a stir and a promise of coming life all over the face of the forest. The green on most trees reappears through the brown tones into which the green fell in the autumn.

The nesting birds have come back. They flit tunelessly through the maples, waiting for the leaves. They do not seem discouraged by the late spring. They have flown a long way to build their nests and bring up another brood in the North. The buds have not opened to furnish them with a leafy shelter, but they do not seem disappointed. Their faith in the eternal trustworthiness of Nature is of too fine a quality to fret at her delays.

After a while—a long while as it seems to the impatient spirit of one who is watching daily to see how the new life comes into the world after the weary, weary waiting—there dawns a morning when the curtain rises upon another scene. Not in a single night has the miracle been wrought, although it seems so to the dazzled eyes of the beholder. Slowly and silently the life forces have risen higher and higher, pushing open the buds so imperceptibly day by day that little gain was noticed. Nature revolts at your espionage. She will ever steal a march upon you and leave you at the end of the season, dazzled, bewildered, but quite at a loss to explain her processes. Her formula has never been written. The wind bloweth where it listeth; the sunshine coöperates with the whilom wind; the soft show-ers steal gently from the cloud, and all three, servants of Nature, aid her to bring forth the beautiful new verdure in such a multiplicity of shades that the light plays over them in a symphony.

That old tree near by was yesterday a blot upon the landscape. Today it is wrapped in a glory of white blossoms that send out their fragrance in delicious waves. So may some lives grow bright when clothed upon with the immortal likeness.

That colony of young birches yonder has a vivid color only to be compared with the silver poplar. At a

little distance the foliage of the two trees seems alike. Nobody but a Nature lover could distinguish the poplar buds from the furry willow buds when they first start, were it not that those of the poplar are a trifle rougher. Nothing in the whole year can equal the delicate beauty of these first messengers that speak of Nature's restorative power, even while the late snows linger and March winds are bleak.

Trust and hope! Believe that the new life comes to the waiting world of humanity as surely as to the budding trees. Such is the lesson taught by their swaying leaves.

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NECROLOGY THE CO-ORDINATE OF ASTRO-BIOLOGY.

The Necessary Factors of Death and Life; the Angle of Reflection; Lines in the Face of the Earth.

THE UNIVERSE is kaleidoscopic in its manifestations; that is to say, it contains a continuous series of beautiful forms or pictures held up to the view of the mental eye. It is a book copiously illustrated, and its illustrations are an aid to the understanding of the more prosaic letter-press. Every turn and twist of this great kaleidoscope reveals fresh beauties, thus proving the harmonious condition of the mind from which they emanate.

It is true that man in his mortal state may fail to appreciate many of the touches of color that are necessary adjuncts to the whole, but that is the fault of the viewer and not of the view. He who appreciates true art peers not into detail, but draws back and seeks general effects. There must be the eye for distance and middle distance as well as for foreground; and he who quarrels with the small details in life that immediately confront him, lacks both the eye of the artist and of the capable critic. The pictures of universal life that are daily presented to our mental vision are but rough sketches from which, in the near future, the one great masterpiece will be painted. They are full of meaning and importance to the Artist himself; and he who adversely criticises their technique and coloring manifests gross ignorance of the scheme that is held in the mind of their executant.

The sun is the great *factotum*, the do-all, the pen and ink of the writer and brush of the painter. It is ever active, yet fixed in its determination or boundary, and its arrivals and departures take place at such regular intervals that they form the standard for all timic calculations; yet its very determination (bound), although fixed, is subject to continuous change in the manner of its expressions. Center and circumference are thus a twin pair of opposites, coördinately related and interdependent, and together form what is generally known as the cosmos, which is a Greek word meaning *order*, with the secondary meaning, *raiment*. The

ancients employed the terms macrocosmos and microcosmos—the great order and the little order, to distinguish between the great universal book and its Author.

The determination of humanity is the physical mask known as the personality which, for all practical purposes, may be regarded as fixed, yet subject to numerous expressions from within—the most changeable and expressive part of this organism being the *face*, which continuously and involuntarily expresses the inward thought. The great cosmos corresponds to its human Author and prototype. It has a face, an expressive and ever-changing face—the *face of the earth*, whose features change but slowly, but whose expressions alter with each succeeding moment. It is an old face, a time-worn face, deeply pitted and lined; but it is the face on which the great destiny of the world has been and is still being depicted in words and animated pictures.

The word face is derived from the Latin *facere*, to make; and the word poet owes its origin to the Greek *poiein*, to make. A true maker is a poet, for there is a poetry not only of words, but also of motion, of color, and of form. The coördinate word prose means plain, and is derived from the Latin *pro*, forward, and *vertere*, to turn. There is little that can be termed poetical on the face of the earth today; all is prosy, for the poetical solar ray that finds its expression on the face of the earth is indirect, reflected, bent or turned back; that is forward, whence it came. The expression is from below. It is thus a prosy, plain face, and homely withal, the home mankind—the plain dwellers who long for the poetical mountain height, their original starting point.

The face of the earth is an *inclined plane*; that is to say, it leans in toward the center. The words plane and plain have the same origin, and mean practically the same thing. A plane is not necessarily a flat surface; it is a surface on which, if any two points be taken, the line joining them will be practically on the surface. This is the geometrical meaning of the word. Now, the inclined *plane* face of the earth is traversed by many lines, all of which lie on the surface, but which take their form from below and their original meaning from above. They are lines of ink written with the solar pen. If, then, the original, poetical, and true meaning is to be discovered, it will be necessary to plunge down into the depths, reach the point of reflection, and follow the direct ray back to its source; for to regard the nether point of reflection as the primary origin would be to take shadow for substance, and to obtain the dark, prosy, plain, and so called mater-of-fact meaning instead of the bright and poetical song of the little bird, that “still small voice” of truth that is compelled to communicate with mankind in this very indirect manner.

It is obvious, then, that if attempt be made to read the earth's physiognomy without a knowledge of this law of reflection, very erroneous ideas will be conceived. Reflection necessarily reverses the characters of handwriting, as an experiment with a mirror will quickly demonstrate. The ancient, care-worn face of the earth, then, if traced to its origin, will be found to express a

beauty proportional to its superficial deformity. Plato recognized this principle when he said that “There is in matter a *blind*, refractory force, which resists the will of the great Artificer;” but he was unable to scientifically demonstrate it. The terrestrial book is, then, the indirect expression of the will of its Author; it is parabolic, parable, or comparative, and must be read with this fact held well in view.

That point below the surface of the earth at which the ultra-penetrable solar ray is reflected is necessarily an *angle* or angel. This angel corresponds to what is generally known in the West as Satan, which is the Hebrew for *adversary*, a word meaning to turn towards, and is similar, therefore, to the word prose. Satan is therefore the angel of light and of darkness, of life and of death, for he holds the line of demarkation between Astro-biology—the Little Book of Life, the central Sun—and Necrology, the Book of the Dead, or the face of the earth. He stands as sentinel at the crossroads, and holds one of the two keys of knowledge; and his mansion today is the underworld, where he is bound by the fetters of the world's ignorance.

If, therefore, man would soar as the eagle in the heavenly realms of light, of poetry, and of truth, he must first become as a duck—fold his wings and be content to dive down below the surface of the earth into the dark waters beneath, seek Satan, the angle, pass him by, and then soar upwards on the golden wings of the eagle; thence on to gather voice from the little bird, our well-beloved Mistress of Song, finally to return to earth as a Bird of Paradise, clothed in the brilliant vesture of eternal wisdom.

General Contributions

THE BUILDING OF THE NEW JERUSALEM.

The Founder of the New City; Its Descent from the Spiritual Realm, and Its Expression in the Natural World.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

THE NEW JERUSALEM, the capitol of the kingdom of heaven in earth, descends into the people and place prepared by the Lord for her reception. The Lord, who promised to make all things new, did not “go to prepare” the old Jerusalem and the Jews who rejected him, for the reception of the bride of one whom they had “despised and rejected.” The Anointed of Jehovah Jesus was to be born into this world as Elijah the Prophet, or God the Lord, in a personality with all the credentials that the science of the testimony of the prophets can give, to indicate the Messenger of the Covenant sent to establish the relation which man aspires to enter into with his Maker.

The Lord is to come “with ten thousand of his saints” and “in power and great glory.” He will come this way ultimately, because the kingdom first comes “without observation” in the personality of Elijah as the Messenger of the Covenant who “prepares the way”

by preparing a people and a place, and establishing a kingdom worthy, because of its foundation principles and scientifically selected location to be ordained as a receptacle for the baptism of the almighty scientific spirit of the Golden Age, in which wisdom and love reign triumphant.

When the holy Seed of Jehovah was planted in the prepared soil of humanity, in the people and place indicated by the prophecies and signs relating to the event, indications were given of the way of life, the way of light which was to shine from the east unto the west. "The path of the just is as a shining light." Christendom, as a man of sin, has carried the "spirit of truth" to the birthplace of a man to be born of the spirit, according to the indications of the movement of the sign on the ecliptic—"the sign of the Son of man in heaven." The deliverer from the body of death, who is the Spirit of Truth, tabernacles with men in the body of iniquity which they have laid upon Him who was made to be sin, because of his having poured out his soul unto death, even the death of the cross. He who was rich has for our sakes become poor, that he may be made rich with the riches which he has derived from the profit of his adversity—the riches of wisdom and understanding of the law.

The spirit of truth, the science of it, attracts the followers of the Lamb, the supreme lover of it, giving all for it, "the pearl of great price." Such a leader is worthy of a following equal to the work of laying in earth the foundation of the city of God, the New Jerusalem, and incorporating its temple in the right place and time. The builder of the city will lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, of which he will be the head. To this he will relate every living stone with a nicety of adjustment that in its completeness will give it the appearance of being a single stone, the visible pearl of greatest price, the life laid down for the friends of God Almighty.

It may be scientifically demonstrated that the heavens of every degree are based upon the hells of corresponding degrees. The resting-place for the kingdom of Jehovah, for which this world was taught by him to pray, must rest upon and descend into a subdued hell—a kingdom in earth obedient to the laws of the divine order of the kingdom in the heavens which the ascending spirit of Jehovah has created from himself and named his Bride—the New Jerusalem. The Lord has chosen a chaotic human hell for his resting-place, satan's seat for his throne, iniquity for his portion, and the wilderness for his plantation, because he cometh with power to subdue all things unto himself, and to transform all things by the renewing life of his spirit—the mind that was in Christ Jesus. The Master of science and of art, its exponent, finds the path of the just so illumined that the groping of the fearful and unbelieving is not his portion when he finds himself alone with his God in the unbroken forest, to prepare a place for his Bride and to build a city and a house for her habitation. Hands are promised him, and the tribute of all nations. As the work of his hands grows under

the guidance of his eye, its attractions will be felt to the four corners of the earth; and universal power and dominion shall become his inheritance. Satan's seat, under his dominion, shall become the throne of commercial equity; and instead of being in the power of darkness, light shall be thrown from it on an altar, where the Lord and Giver of life shall be worshiped in the beauty of holiness and the bond of peace—the love which passeth all understanding.

That the peninsula of Florida should witness the rise of the lost Atlantis, or land of the Gods, is not strange when, in the light of Koreshan Science, we study the movement of the sign on the ecliptic of the physical universe, and witness the tracing of the corresponding movement of the Sign in the ecliptic of the anthropostic universe. It seems to the rational student of cosmogony wholly reasonable that the seat of universal empire during the Golden Age should be in the possession of the United States, and be shown to be the headquarters of the Koreshan System, which is animated in its every degree by a spirit which should enable its establishment to be, in the hereafter, regarded as the cradle of the liberty of the Sons of God, and the vitellus of all equitable commercial activity. Cataclysms, inevitable within our cosmic egg, will but enhance the physical advantages of this chosen spot, the Mecca of every lover of Koreshan Science. Even the worldly-minded, who build wiser than they know, see in the Isthmus of Panama a removable barrier in the natural highway of commercial progress, and they proceed to remove it. "Hands shall be given" the Stone without hands; millions of hands are now working, working as unconscious servants of the Lord, while as conscious devils they seek to oppose his works and ways.

"The time is short;" and energies now devoted to types and shadows of heavenly cities will ere long be given to building, in an earthly Paradise, a divine city of firm foundations and walls and gates, with admission free to all who delight in doing the will of God's good pleasure in glorifying the Son of man become the Son of God. The citizens of the New Jerusalem will be free men of no mean city, but one directly externalized from the mind of God by the hands of men in whom God wills to work out his own salvation in his image and likeness, and who will do the greatest works of all time, and generate a spirit that lives throughout all eternity, by the agency of seed-time and harvest—which abide forever.

The Correlation of Spirit and Matter.

KORESH.

AN ATOM, the least divisible form of matter, is the materialized product of the essence or spirit which, before it existed in the quality of material substance, was unatomic. It is destructible as matter, and when destroyed as the atom, it becomes its coincident spirit. It will be seen, therefore, that matter and spirit are correlates. The corpuscle resulting from the shivering of the atom, is the beginning of the formulation of the material deposit in the creation of the new atom. The atom, though creatable, is not creatable from nothing, but from the spirit which is as substantial as the matter itself.



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE DARK CONTINENT has been known since the most ancient times. Africa was the site of one of the greatest and most ancient civilizations; yet Africa has but recently been discovered. Fifty years ago, hundreds of thousands of square miles were embraced in the regions marked "unexplored" on the maps; but today, every nook and corner of that vast continent has been penetrated by civilized man. The navigable rivers are plied with steamboats, and the natives have been taught lessons of profitable industry. Fertile valleys are being cultivated, and the products of forests utilized in the construction of towns and cities; thousands of miles of railroads are built and many more thousands projected; the mineral fields are rich; and the continent today is making startling progress in the ways of civilization. These great changes have come mostly during the past quarter of a century. There are millions of people living today who can remember when Livingstone began his work of exploration in western and central Africa; and of Stanley's expeditions and final successes. Livingstone and Stanley have virtually given Africa to the world; through them the great dark continent is experiencing a phase of resurrection or restoration. It is remarkable, too, that during the same time Japan has made surprising progress; and it is but recently that the interior of China and Thibet became known to the whites; and virtually the same may be said of Australia, New Zealand, and other islands of the Pacific. The progress of Africa is the most remarkable, because it has been supposed that its natives were, for the most part, the most ignorant and the lowest in the scale of human development. But there are some very noticeable instances of intellectual achievement by natives taken naked from the cannibal districts and fitted, through educational processes, for civilized pursuits. We must remember that from the wilds of Africa the American slaves were obtained only a few centuries ago. That remarkable progress has been made by the American Negro during the past thirty years is not denied even by those who oppose his education. With the freedom of the American slaves began the restoration of Africa—and this is not a mere coincidence, but a striking illustration of the law of reflex impulse. However much a great portion of the American people may dislike Negroes, it cannot be denied that they are factors in American history—and that not of their own seeking, but through the instrumentality of those who enslaved them. They are made an element not only in the industrial and political affairs of the nation, and withal a bone of contention, but they exert an ethnic influence which links them vitally, to some extent at least, with the American people. There is also an interchange of thought and spirit, and the elements of this interchange are substantial. If we broaden our view of the field of progress, and take all racial factors into the scope of our comprehension, we are in better condition to consider the vital questions which concern the relation of the American whites and blacks. It has been considered that the black race was destined to be a support of the

superior races. Let us grant that this is true, and make the elements involved in the black race the *foundation elements* of a future race to be developed through scientific processes. But we are not now discussing the race question, so much as to point to the fact that the astonishing progress of Africa is significant, not only that the pushing of the old civilization to the ends of earth means that the end of the old order is at hand, but also that stupendous achievements may be wrought in a remarkably short time through polarization of mental energy and wise direction of human effort. Columbus ventured westward and opened the portals of the New World, and through them have passed the people of all nations for a great purpose; and through the doors which lead to destiny in America, came also the African slave. His lot has been cast with us, and that too, for a purpose greater and deeper than picking cotton in southern fields. What that purpose is, is the subject of a great discovery—a discovery far too great to be appreciated by the masses at the present hour. Through the conjunction of forces and the conspiracy of circumstances, the science of race progress will soon be impelled to the uttermost parts of the earth, and the whole world may be transformed—through the potent influences of Koreshanity—in less time than has been required to transform Africa. Though the world itself is ancient, it has but recently been re-discovered, and the forces of that discovery involve the factors of human destiny.

The republican party of the great American nation is the most thoroughly organized of any popular political body of modern times. It contains some of the elements of organic unity, and it unites the forces of the older order. The party symbol is the elephant, an appropriate and characteristic symbol—organic unity being manifest in the harmonious action of the 40,000 muscles in the elephant's trunk. The republican party is popular, the party of the majority of the people of the United States. The recent republican national convention at Chicago was one great lesson in unity of sentiment and harmony of action. The democratic papers have said that the convention was a "cut-and-dried affair" from beginning to end. That may be true; but it requires some skill, experience, and keen foresight to cut and dry a program for the unanimous nomination of party standard-bearers. In one great coliseum were hundreds of delegates from all parts of the Union; and thousands of people witnessed the united action of all the delegates. Speeches were made, the names presented to the convention, and votes cast; and when the votes were counted, Roosevelt and Fairbanks were nominated on first ballot, without one dissenting vote. As to whom the candidates should be, the delegates were all of one mind. The great audience felt the effect of the great battery, and burst forth in storms of applause. Now when in modern times, was there ever such a manifestation of the elements of political harmony? It was simply unprecedented. Unity of sentiment and action augurs success for the party this campaign.

The Administration has the indorsement of the people—or the majority of them—on the question of the gold standard, the policy of protection, and the policy of expansion, as well as the attitude of the party toward the trusts. Again, democracy is forced to *hunt* for issues; and it appears that it will be extremely difficult for that party to find issues upon which there is any hope of success; and it may be as difficult to find a man who can harmonize the warring factions of the democratic party. In these statements we are not endorsing the principles of either party particularly; we are simply setting forth the facts as they are apparent in current political history.

The editor of the *Woman's Tribune*, while being usually very liberal on many important questions relative to the intellectual, economic, and other interests of the human race, reaches somewhat adverse conclusions concerning the Koreshan Cosmogony. In the first place, she readily admits that in the old system of astronomy there are many unsolved problems—problems which may never be solved, it is held. A further admission is, that an infinite universe is beyond the grasp of the human mind. Perhaps she would confront another difficulty if she were to attempt to explain why, if it is not possible to attain to all the knowledges of the universe, Nature is so deceptive as to plant in the mind and soul a momentum in the direction of the solution of all problems, an aspiration to the heights of intellectual comprehension of the laws and limitations of existence. What would be the use of a mind reaching out into infinity if it can never be satisfied? Is there a hunger and a thirst whose demands can never be met? If so, there can be no ultimate rest nor satisfaction for the ambitious; and Nature, after kindling hope in the human heart, cruelly destroys it by withholding promised gifts, or by showing that their possession is impossible. We do not believe in such a nature nor such a destiny. We are broad-minded enough to include in our hopes of the future, the high attainments in life, love, and wisdom, about which the great poets and prophets of all ages have written. In the final uncovering of all mystery to the people of the world, there must be a scientific revelation of the character, form, function, and purpose of the cosmos. We believe the universe is an harmonious whole, a complete thing, a living thing, and a limited thing, having definite bounds, such as all forms must have; and we are firm in the belief, from the basis of actual demonstration and proof of the shape of the earth and size of the universe, that our conclusions will ultimately be accepted by all the world as the broadest platform upon which the rational mind can possibly stand.

One of the laws set forth by Sir Isaac Newton is, "The force which holds the moon in her orbit is the same as that which makes a stone fall, only diminished in the inverse square of the distance from the center of the earth." This means that we are to consider the moon as a *falling* body, constantly falling toward the earth. In the text-books, illustrations are given of cannon-balls fired from the top of high towers, at such velocity that, though the balls fall $16\frac{2}{3}$ feet the first second, 48 feet the second second, 64 feet the third second, etc., the curves of the balls just equal the curve of

the earth—thus they *fall all the way round the earth* without actually approaching the surface! Hence, it is figured that as the calculated distance to the moon is about sixty times the earth's radius, and as gravity is supposed to vary inversely as the square of the distance, a stone at that distance from the earth should fall one thirty-six hundredths as far per second as objects fall on the earth; thus a stone 240,000 miles from the earth should fall one-twentieth of an inch per second. Now, this is the supposed velocity at which the moon constantly approaches the earth every second of time—according to the text-books; and at this rate, only 800 years should be required for the moon to fall to the earth—the theoretical distance of 240,000 miles. But it is fated that the moon should go on *falling, falling*, toward the earth, under the direct influence of the earth's gravity, yet remaining just as far away as it was in the beginning—until modern astronomy is rejected by the people, and then the moon will drop suddenly from its hypothetical orbit, 240,000 miles from earth, to the distance assigned by Koreshan Astronomy, which is about 850 miles. Meantime, the theory of the falling moon may be taught alongside the idea of the balance of centripetal and centrifugal forces, illustrated by the ball attached to a string and rapidly whirled in space.

Not long ago a writer questioned the usual explanation of the cause of simultaneous tides on opposite sides of the earth. The usual theory is that the moon tends to pull the earth away from the water, and succeeds to the extent of a few feet continually. The writer remarked that if such were the case, the exact balance between centripetal and centrifugal forces is an unfounded assumption. When the Koreshan Cosmogony was presented to him, however, he considered the old ideas of astronomy so well established that he could not be induced to impartially examine it. This leads us to the consideration of a few points related to the subject. It is obvious that if the moon should exert sufficient influence upon the ponderous earth to pull it several feet away from the water on the opposite side, it should be able not only to pull the *water* with the earth on that side, but also be able to lift the water entirely *off the earth* on the side next to the moon. But it does not; and it further occurs to us a very remarkable conception that the moon should be pulling the earth toward her continually, century after century, while the earth remains as far away from the moon today as it was thousands of years ago.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand, and the fate of it is strikingly set forth in one of the parables of Jesus. In the astronomical world that man was Copernicus. The house he built is destined to fall when the mental elements beat against it and wash away the foundation. The wise man founds his scientific house upon solid rock, and it stands in spite of all opposition. The rock foundation is the demonstrated premise. The house of fallacy cannot stand the storms of the impending revolution.

Many people are high in the world through inflation. Like balloons, they are out of their natural plane and element, and will fall when the gas escapes.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

The Universal Principle of Appropriation.

I trust you will take no offense from the following questions; but I ask them for the sake of some people who are anxious to know your position on the points named: (1) Does Koreshanity sanction the eating of meat and the killing of animals for food? (2) Does it sanction in any way the diabolic thing called vivisection? (3) Does it sanction the use of alcohol or tobacco, except as medicines in peculiar cases?—READER.

(1) We always respect the holding of sincere opinions and the expression of sincere sentiments. A number of intelligent readers of THE FLAMING SWORD are vegetarians, and the question of meat-eating sometimes arises. We have no quarrel with any one who abstains from eating the flesh of animals. Meat-eating is not adapted to some temperaments and dispositions. On the other hand, the constitutions of some people demand animal food—and with such, our vegetarians friends should have no quarrel. The universe supplies an immense variety of foods—sufficient to suit the taste as well as the necessity of the peoples of every grade in the scale of progress.

The question of diet, however, is not one of the very greatest importance in the universe. We see in the question a danger, not that some one may eat something which some one else considers to be wrong, but in the subtlety with which so called dietetic reforms may be insinuated into the mind, causing one to make of a mere sentiment or fancy, a basis of test of truth and fellowship. For instance, the above questions seem to indicate that a number desire to know our position as to meat-eating. Our conclusion is, that it is already a *foregone conclusion* in their minds that if Koreshanity sanctions meat-eating, they will have nothing to do with it. Is such a position rational? Here are all the evidences of the absolute truth in Koreshanity, which one, for a mere sentiment, however akin to prejudice it may be, refuses to investigate. There were people in the days of Jesus who considered that the Disciples could not possibly possess the truth, because they ate without washing their hands!

The conclusions of Koreshanity are

not reached from the basis of sentiment or fancy, nor yet from any form of hypothesis. As to the question of eating meat, we observe the operation of the universal principle of appropriation. From the lowest forms of life to the highest plane of existence, life is maintained through the appropriation of organic substance—that is, the substance of living forms. The taking of life for the maintenance of life is universal; and we make the very emphatic declaration, that there is no *other way* to live. If there are those who do not like this method of existence, they will have to fight it out with the Almighty.

The Jews were both a warlike and a meat-eating nation. They not only ate the flesh of animals, but they killed animals for sacrificial purposes. Century after century, they killed and ate products of the animal kingdom. They were continually absorbing into the Jewish life, essential elements from the animal kingdom—and what was the ultimate result or involved product of Jewish progress, upon the basis of appropriation of animals through sacrifice and otherwise? Why, the greatest, the most holy, the most powerful, and the most pure Man, even the Son of God, was produced from the Hebrew race—a meat-eating and a warlike people. However contrary this may be to the opinions of vegetarians, it is nevertheless true.

It seems that the eating of flesh was not repulsive to the Messiah of nineteen hundred years ago. He was not an enthusiast on the subject of dietetics. He frequently used terms that were decidedly shocking to his hearers—even meat-eaters. He taught an idea of eating flesh, a doctrine of appropriation of life, that was new to them. The eating of the flesh of the Son of God was an absolute necessity—as necessary to the existence of spiritual life and ultimate perfection of a class of people, as the eating of flesh is to the life of the lion.

The Almighty subsists on a very highly developed substance. He does not gather this substance from the vegetable kingdom—but from the hu-

man kingdom. In the Book of Revelation the great supper of God Almighty is described. What is eaten there? It may be very shocking to some people to say that the Almighty is a cannibal; but existence is full of strange demands.

We declare that the Almighty Creator of the universe, at the great supper he institutes for his own enjoyment in the maintenance of his life, appropriates the *lives of men*: "Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great."

What happens to the men so appropriated? They are taken into a higher realm of life. Through being eaten by the Almighty, they become a part of his life and mind. A corresponding thing happens to animals eaten by man. The human race takes from the animal kingdom absolutely essential elements of life. The two kingdoms must be vitally related for the sake of existence. There is nothing sentimental in this; it is simply the declaration of a truth.

(2, 3) We oppose vivisection, not so much because it gives animals pain, but because, in the hands of the blind medical fraternity, it serves so little purpose. We do not indorse the use of either alcohol or tobacco. They are products of the curse upon the world, and meet the demands of the perverted sensual appetite of the depraved.

The Coming of "This Same Jesus."

Jesus was a peronality. Unless that personality appears again, identically as last seen by his Disciples (Acts i: 11), can it be said with truth that the same Jesus has come again? If the personality of Jesus was dissolved when Jesus was "taken up into heaven," as I understand Koreshanity to teach, was Jesus actually seen by the Apostle Paul "last of all," "as one born out of due time"? Or did Paul merely have a vision or mental view of Jesus?—INTERESTED READER.

Numerous conclusions of modern Christianity are very inconsistent and fallacious. None are more so than its doctrines concerning the coming of the Lord and the resurrection. It is conceived that in the Lord's coming not

only must he come with the same body, but also that in the resurrection of the saints—whose bodies have long since passed away and utterly dissolved through the fires of disintegration in corruption—their identical bodies must be manifest.

Now, why conclude in the first instance that in order to have the "same Jesus" return, his body must be preserved or remain intact somewhere through the centuries of the Christian dispensation, while in all other instances, it is concluded that actual preservation of the bodies of the thousands is *not* essential to the return of the former bodies or personalities of Christian believers? If it be possible that they may reappear as the same in every respect, after passing through the experiences of *utter dissolution* in corruption, why may it not be concluded that Jesus may reappear, though his body was completely dissolved through the fires of *incorruptible* dissolution?

The fact is, that in the consummation of this age there is no promise of the return, either of the identical *body* of Jesus or the *bodies* of his Disciples. There are factors of identity which transcend the elements of the material body—factors which connect the links in the chain of re-embodiments and preserve the individuality or identity of the central ego as it passes down through the ages. Every man has an identity; that identity does not reside in the most external signs of recognition, such as are presented to the external eye, but in the deeper recesses of his being, his spirit, his soul, and his character. The elements of his identity may relate him to thousands, or millions of personalities of the past—and yet his identity would be his own. The highest identity of all is in Deity, whence man descended, and whither he may return.

"This same Jesus" lived before he came into the world nineteen hundred years ago. It was not His first experience in the plane of natural life. He had walked with men through the ages past; he had passed down through hundreds and thousands of re-embodiments, masquerading in so many different personalities, until finally his identity was made up of the individualities of millions, for in him were the spiritual heavens of the divine order,

comprising the Gods, all the orders of the angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect. Jesus was the same David, the same Abraham, the same Adam, and the same beings who made history in the past; aye, he was the *same Jesus* who had come to the world thousands of times in the former cycles.

The name Jesus is a Hebrew word or name having a specific meaning. The name is *Yeshuwa*, and it has been Anglicized instead of translated. If it were translated it might be less confusing. It means simply the Savior. Centuries before the beginning of the Christian era it was declared that there is no Savior but Jehovah. Finally, the Savior appeared from the realms of invisibility; that Savior was Jehovah—the *same Savior*, the same Almighty, and the same identity who had appeared in the natural world myriads of times before. When He went away, the angels who appeared to the Disciples, and who knew of all the possibilities of the Lord's return, declared that that *same Savior* would come again—and in like manner as they had seen him go into heaven.

There was more to the being and character of Jesus than was manifest to the external eye. He had all that which the people of his day could not see, though they had natural eyes. He was deeper than his mere mask or covering. He had an interior and ascending self that, in the spiritual world, corresponded to the external Man. Vision of the interior being of Jesus, as in the case of the Apostle Paul, was as real as any vision he ever had of natural men; but his view was not with the natural eye, but with the *spiritual eye*. It was with the spiritual eye that the Disciples saw Jesus ascend at the time of his incorruptible dissolution, for he withdrew from the natural into the spiritual realms of their own minds.

Jesus can come again and be himself truly and really, just as it was possible for him to come nineteen hundred years ago, as the same identity that he possessed through the ages. He did not drop down from the *sky* of the physical heavens nineteen hundred years ago; but he did "come down from heaven"—from the heavens of humanity; and the *way he came down* was through spiritual and natural processes. His return must be through similar proc-

esses. He went away going up, and in his return he must be going up—he must *rise again* in the first resurrection of the new order. The sun returns every day by "rising;" and the same is no less true of the Sun of God.



What Our Exchanges Say About Us.

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only must he come with the same body, but also that in the resurrection of the saints—whose bodies have long since passed away and utterly dissolved through the fires of disintegration in corruption—their identical bodies must be manifest.

Now, why conclude in the first instance that in order to have the "same Jesus" return, his body must be preserved or remain intact somewhere through the centuries of the Christian dispensation, while in all other instances, it is concluded that actual preservation of the bodies of the thousands is *not* essential to the return of the former bodies or personalities of Christian believers? If it be possible that they may reappear as the same in every respect, after passing through the experiences of *utter dissolution* in corruption, why may it not be concluded that Jesus may reappear, though his body was completely dissolved through the fires of *incorruptible* dissolution?

The fact is, that in the consummation of this age there is no promise of the return, either of the identical *body* of Jesus or the *bodies* of his Disciples. There are factors of identity which transcend the elements of the material body—factors which connect the links in the chain of re-embodiments and preserve the individuality or identity of the central ego as it passes down through the ages. Every man has an identity; that identity does not reside in the most external signs of recognition, such as are presented to the external eye, but in the deeper recesses of his being, his spirit, his soul, and his character. The elements of his identity may relate him to thousands, or millions of personalities of the past—and yet his identity would be his own. The highest identity of all is in Deity, whence man descended, and whither he may return.

"This same Jesus" lived before he came into the world nineteen hundred years ago. It was not His first experience in the plane of natural life. He had walked with men through the ages past; he had passed down through hundreds and thousands of re-embodiments, masquerading in so many different personalities, until finally his identity was made up of the individualities of millions, for in him were the spiritual heavens of the divine order,

comprising the Gods, all the orders of the angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect. Jesus was the same David, the same Abraham, the same Adam, and the same beings who made history in the past; aye, he was the *same Jesus* who had come to the world thousands of times in the former cycles.

The name Jesus is a Hebrew word or name having a specific meaning. The name is *Yeshuwa*, and it has been Anglicized instead of translated. If it were translated it might be less confusing. It means simply the Savior. Centuries before the beginning of the Christian era it was declared that there is no Savior but Jehovah. Finally, the Savior appeared from the realms of invisibility; that Savior was Jehovah—the *same Savior*, the same Almighty, and the same identity who had appeared in the natural world myriads of times before. When He went away, the angels who appeared to the Disciples, and who knew of all the possibilities of the Lord's return, declared that that *same Savior* would come again—and in like manner as they had seen him go into heaven.

There was more to the being and character of Jesus than was manifest to the external eye. He had all that which the people of his day could not see, though they had natural eyes. He was deeper than his mere mask or covering. He had an interior and ascending self that, in the spiritual world, corresponded to the external Man. Vision of the interior being of Jesus, as in the case of the Apostle Paul, was as real as any vision he ever had of natural men; but his view was not with the natural eye, but with the *spiritual eye*. It was with the spiritual eye that the Disciples saw Jesus ascend at the time of his incorruptible dissolution, for he withdrew from the natural into the spiritual realms of their own minds.

Jesus can come again and be himself truly and really, just as it was possible for him to come nineteen hundred years ago, as the same identity that he possessed through the ages. He did not drop down from the *sky* of the physical heavens nineteen hundred years ago; but he did "come down from heaven"—from the heavens of humanity; and the *way he came down* was through spiritual and natural processes. His return must be through similar proc-

esses. He went away going up, and in his return he must be going up—he must *rise again* in the first resurrection of the new order. The sun returns every day by "rising;" and the same is no less true of the Sun of God.

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Books and Periodicals.

Review of Important Publications Received by the Editor of The Flaming Sword.

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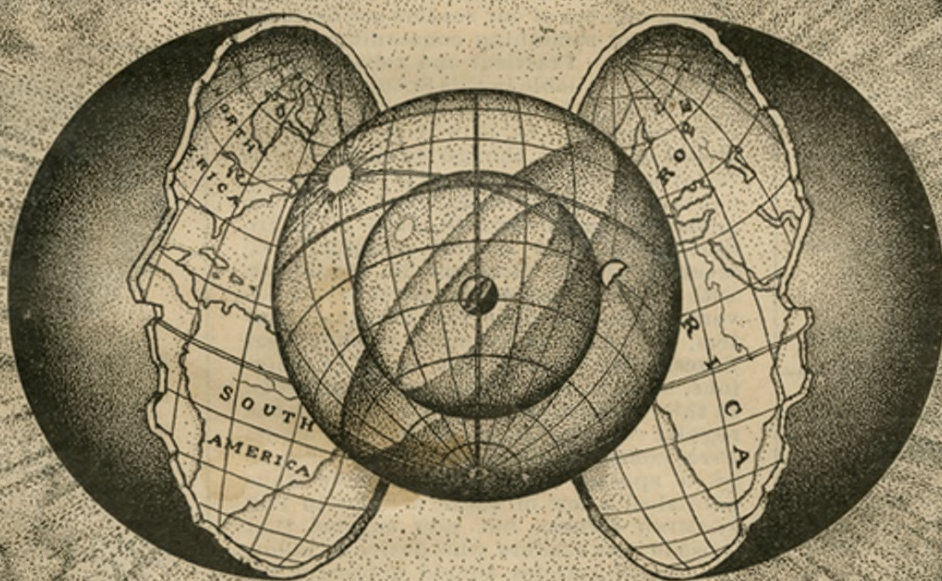
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