



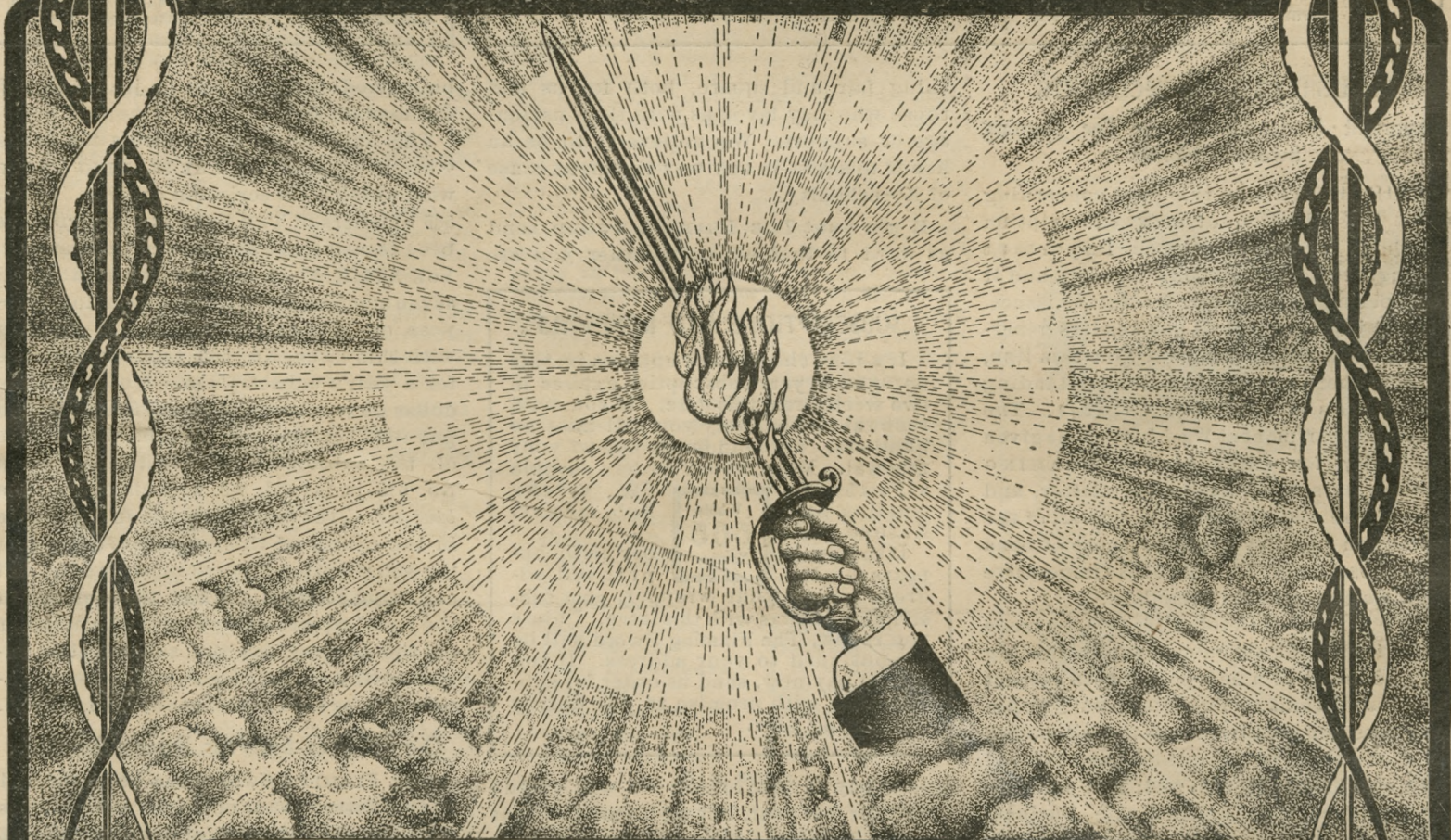
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THE MATTER on this page concerning the adoption of new subscription methods we have deemed important enough to repeat in this number, and it will perhaps appear in a few future issues. The object is to get all our readers generally familiar with our 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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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.

We therefore announce that our offer to send THE FLAMING SWORD free to a limited number too poor to pay, is hereby revoked. No more names will be received on that basis. We would suggest that perhaps those whom THE FLAMING SWORD is likely to benefit are those who have sufficient tact, courage, and love of the truth to make personal sacrifices to the extent of at least \$1.00 annually, and thereby be enabled to subscribe for THE FLAMING SWORD on a basis acceptable to the Postal Department at Washington.

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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Character and Location of the Garden of Eden.

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Location of Eden as Geographically Defined; the Function of the Flaming Sword; the Branches and Boughs of the Christian System; the Rivers of Eden.

KORESH.

WHILE IT MAY BE thoroughly understood that the Garden of Eden is in the people, where in every beginning the church has its origin, it may also be known that such a people has some specific location as geographically defined. Nineteen hundred years ago the location of the central planting was at Jerusalem, where the primal Seed had its development, and where that Seed was planted. The momentum specifically engendered at that time, by the impartation of the Lord's life to his church, took the westward course along the line of Western civilization, and on that line the new Garden will have its spring. It is because of this fact that a distinctive precision will mark the people and the place where the Garden will appear and be defined and designated. Such a distinctive differentiation will be the result of scientific determination. The vitellus of the new womb of universal progress will have its location at the point of the vitellus of the great cosmic cell, the concave sphere which constitutes the womb of universal Nature.

The Lord Jesus constituted one of the heads of the four rivers of the Garden. "Therefore saith the Lord God; because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted in his height; I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness." It will be asked, "How can this be applied to the Lord Jesus? First, let it be understood that the science of the theocrasis of the Lord, which was a combustion of his personality, involves what is

always involved in every process of combustion taking place either in the ordinary flame, or in those more subtle combustions where the mutation is so complete that the flame is only known by the phenomena expressed in the visible operation on the matter through which the phenomena appear. By this more subtle combustion, we refer to the destruction of matter in the generation of physical spirit, as electricity, magnetism, and other characteristics of what the so called scientific world has denominated energy.

In the processes of combustion in those operations with which experimenters are familiar, there is always not only the precipitation of a portion of the products of combustion, but there are also other products which take the opposite course from the precipitate. In other words, there are the anode and the cathode,—the upward and the downward way in every operation of combusive phenomena. This is scientifically true of that process of combustion which dissolved the Lord's body, reducing it to the spirit of that flame called the Holy Ghost, by which is meant, of course, the Holy Spirit. The translation of the Lord was by the fire of which he spake when he said: "I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?" The fire was the product of mental forces operative in the minds of the visible inhabitants of the location where He performed his great function of theocrasis. These forces were the pouring into Him of the love of those who loved him, and, oppositely, the hate of those who hated him. The vortex of these operations dissolved His personal form, reducing that form to the flame of

that form, which flame was the *flaming sword* that was placed at the east of the Garden to keep, that is, perpetuate, the way of the Tree of Life.

Who cannot know that as the Lord was the promised Seed, that that Seed came into the world to be planted, and that that planting was for the purpose of keeping or perpetuating the way of the Tree of Life? Who cannot understand that the way to perpetuate the way of the Tree of Life is by planting the seed of life, and that the *flaming sword* that was placed at the rising (East) of the Garden was the flame by which translations or theocrasies are effected? By the Lord's theocrasis he passed into the anode and the cathode directions of that wonderful combustion by which his body was consumed, and through which process his personality was disseminated to his people. He both ascended and descended. In His ascent with his individuality, not his personality, he entered into the veritable throne of the Eternal, whom he became by virtue of his absorption into the throne of the Father. "As I overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne, so he that overcometh shall sit down with me in my throne."

In the Lord's ascent he became identical with the eternal God, for he was God. In His descent, with the precipitate of his combustion, he began his declension with the humanity into which he was disseminated through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which was his own body dissolved to the baptismal afflatus which moved the world in the direction of the subsequent Christo-pagan civilization of the world, now the recognized Christianity of modern progress. His precipitation into the race where he was planted, was the assumption of his cross, whereby he crossed himself with the church—his crucifixion on the two pieces of wood being but the symbol of his subsequent crucifixion, whereby he became the Savior of the world. The Lord descended into the race, which was his descent into hell, whereupon he took upon himself all the conditions of being made sin, thus in his descent being driven out through the wickedness which he assumed in his declension.

The Lord exalted himself above all the trees of the Garden, which was the right and proper thing for him to do. By His great righteousness he was the most exalted tree of the field. He was thus exalted because it was in the divine purpose to take this exalted tree and place it in the human soil prepared as the Garden of God, where this seed might regenerate and multiply the Sons of God. As the Lord descended and took upon himself the sins of the world, becoming that sin, he was driven out for his wickedness and became the man of sin who is to be revealed at the coming of the Lord, at the end of the Christian age now at hand. The Lord comes as the Branch, now at the end of the age, born in sin, because born after the law of the sinful flesh. Coming into the scientifics of life, He begins

the processes of overcoming by which he becomes again the Son of God, in fulfilment of the declaration: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." The Son of man gains his inheritance through the knowledge of the laws of life, and the application of those laws to the processes of overcoming himself and thence the world. It was the Son of God that was driven out by his descent into the race.

"And strangers, the terrible of the nations, [such as are now augmenting the sinews of war and destruction,] have cut him off, and have left him." Study the character of the one of whom it was said: "Peace on earth, good will to men," then compare the operations of the pretended Christian nations of the world, and see if it does not appear that these nations have cut him off and left him. The Christian nations have departed from the Lord of nineteen hundred years ago so apparently, that in Christianity there is not a vestige of what once constituted the Christian world and the Christian idea. "Upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen. "I am the true Vine; ye are the branches." The Disciples constituted the branches of the Lord. When the Lord descended into the race, that is, into the church, with the declension of the church these branches also fell. The entire church has gone into declension.

"And his boughs are broken by all the rivers of land; and all the people of the earth [church] are gone down from his shadow, and have left him." The life of the early church was founded upon its doctrines, and conformed to those doctrines because the operation of the Holy Spirit was sufficient to insure that perfection of character which distinguished the church from the world, without the modern label, "I am a Christian." All of the nations of the earth calling themselves Christian and constituting branches and boughs of the Christian system, are fallen from the shade or declension of the original Christian church. The life of the modern Christianity conforms to the doctrines of the same Christianity, but falls far short of the standard of the pure Christianity of the primitive order. The church today belongs to the commercialism of the competitive order, which the Christian world has derived from paganism and incorporated into the activities of the adulterated Christian system.

The Christian world of today is the mere shadow of primitive Christianity, and its branches and boughs are fallen from that shadow; and thus it is declared that all of the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow and left him. Here, the pronoun him not only refers to the Lord, but the Christian establishment which originally constituted the "body of Christ;" namely, the church as it existed in the beginning. We do not claim that the Lord, who was the manifest Messiah of nineteen hundred years ago, was the source of

more than one of the rivers of the Garden. The river of the Garden divided into four heads; one of these heads was the Lord Christ. The great river Euphrates, one of the rivers of the Garden, contributed its little rivers from various sources, one of which sprang into being with Joseph in Egypt, and continued its flow until Moses formed one of the heads into which the greater river had its principal origin, until the Lord contributed the greatest head or source. The spring of Joseph ran its course from Egypt through the Israelite kingdom established by Jeroboam, thence into the provinces of Assyria, where in Mesopotamia there began the development of the Germanic race through the intermingling of the lost tribes of Media, Persia, and Assyria. The Israelites became a Gentile people through this miscegeneration, and the river continued to flow until the contribution to its stream from the head flowing from Jerusalem began to enlarge its boundaries through the progress of the Christian dispensation.

New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

THE ALIGNMENT OF DEMOCRACY.

Dramatic Episodes at the National Convention; the Shot from Wall Street, and the Fall of Free Silver.

IT WAS THOUGHT that the democratic national convention at St. Louis would be sensational in its developments. Nor was it a disappointment to those who looked for dramatic episodes. A comedy to the mere onlooker, a tragedy to those who hoped to see the party take another line, it has made a distinct impression upon the nation. Now that its deliberations have become historic, the fact is patent that a great fight has been fought and a battle lost. Men from every section of the Union met to construct a platform which should harmonize their interests, and to nominate a candidate who should support this platform. There was unanimity in the republican convention, because all were agreed as touching the money question. Here at St. Louis there were two great factions, one for "free silver" the other for "sound money." Given these two factions, and a fight was inevitable.

One of the speakers argued that the single standard was now fixed not by man's decree, but by fiat of the Almighty. Positively no one but the Almighty was therefore responsible for the uneasiness in the silver camp. As if to endorse this statement, the sub-committee on resolutions inserted the following lines in the text of the platform drafted: "The discoveries of gold within the past few years, and the great increase in the production thereof, adding two thousand million dollars to the world's supply, of which seven hundred millions fall to the share of the United States, have con-

tributed to the maintenance of a money standard of value, no longer open to question, removing that issue from the field of political contention."

This statement could not pass. For sixteen hours Mr. Bryan labored for the exclusion of these lines, and in the end he triumphed. The democratic platform waived the currency question altogether, and when it was made known that Judge Parker of New York had been nominated upon such a platform, not an enemy to democracy but cried out in derision: "What do the democrats want of a gold candidate on a platform dictated by the foes of gold?" The inconsistency of this nomination was not overlooked by the New York press. Perhaps it showed the candidate his duty for, presently, the great convention was electrified by the news that every delegate was wanted in his place. Some were ill, all were weary, but they hurried back to the hall where a bombshell straight from Wall Street hit them in the forehead. Their candidate refused to stand without the endorsement of his views as a single-standard nominee. What to do now? The most strenuous efforts were put forth to save the party from its ludicrous position. In the end, the convention voted to sustain the nomination, thereby entering upon a new phase of inconsistency "for the sake of harmony." Thus ends the efforts of the democratic party toward conciliation. Like the ass in the fable, it was not careful to draw in its long ears when it put on the lion's skin and essayed to pass for the king of beasts.

The rout of the silver faction, whether by preconceived ruse or not, has been accomplished, and both cliques stand pledged to the same financial plank. Mr. Williams, the temporary chairman, struck the keynote, not only of the convention but of the political arena when he said: "Any body with a *deep chest* can make an impression upon this convention."

A great barrier between the two parties, republican and democratic, has been leveled. By the nomination of a single-standard man, the democratic party stands in line to support the great corporate banking establishments which in their turn support Wall Street, through whose nefarious traffic the country is subjected to the fluctuations of its medium of exchange.

The democratic party is now committed to "sound money." The gold standard is termed thus, because it tends to strengthen the present financial system and delay its fall. But if one asks whether such a system, founded upon competition, is not wrong; whether it does not favor the upbuilding of a moneyed class, strong enough to keep the people who work for them in servitude, the answer must be, "Yes."

Observations on the English Orthography.

THE MOST DIFFICULT task for the average American school boy or girl to undertake seems to be the mastery of orthography. In the old days when the spelling school was made a prominent feature of education, every pupil was drilled in this branch. His pride was enlisted by the public displays of pro-

iciency which were frequently made the chief source of recreation to a whole village. The spelling book was always well thumbed, and the fame of those who could "spell down" a whole district without any preliminary preparation in the words given, was sufficiently great to encourage the pastime. Those who had by nature a poor memory for words spared no pains to overcome the difficulty, so that like Demosthenes they often outstripped fellow students of greater natural ability.

At the present time, apart from the unwritten code followed by those of an older generation that proclaims poor spelling when habitual as a mark of carelessness, an unpardonable breach of minor morals, there seems to be a total lack of interest in orthography. The younger generation is notoriously at fault in this branch, nor does it show much inclination to mend its ways. The complaint is not confined to the lower grades, but is heard even in colleges and universities. It does not come from teachers in any one section of the country, but from all over the United States.

In awarding the prizes for English composition recently in one of the far Eastern states, the judges report that not one of the essays submitted by the competitors from the high school—and this particular school is not a hundred miles from Boston—was free from minor technical defects, misspelling being the most glaring fault. Simple words such as village, wonderful, speech, and laid were cited as misspelled, and this by students who were writing upon subjects drawn from the masterpieces of English prose, fiction, and Shakespeare's dramas.

The most obvious reason for the prevalence of this fault, would seem to be lack of interest on the part of the students themselves. They are not keenly alive to the inconsistency of a High School graduate who writes "rool" for rule. The English language is no more of an impediment to good scholarship now than it was in the days when the spelling book was mastered with pride. Only think what a Japanese boy is obliged to master before he can command any kind of position as a person of education! His diligence is in striking contrast to the indolence of some American pupils. There are several thousand written characters from the Chinese to be learned, which must tax the memory as compared with our simple alphabet.

Some of the indifference toward orthography is probably due to the advocates of phonetic spelling. Young people hear their elders contend that the English language presents insuperable difficulties in its present state, so they decide to wait for phonetic spelling to relieve them of their burden. Here is Prof. Lounsbury, who says that we are "weltering in an orthographical chaos in which a multitude of signs are represented by the same sounds, and a multitude of sounds by the same sign." He also says that our language "rejoices in the distinction of being the most barbarously spelled of any cultivated tongue in Christendom." This sentiment is in the air; it pervades the class-room, and it is no doubt responsible for some laxity on the part of both teachers and scholars. Who knows whether the

tendency to condone orthographical offenses on this ground, may not take us back to the eighteenth century prejudice against good spelling as pedantic in men and women of *esprit*?

A distinction should be made. Prof. Lounsbury does not say that it is a task beyond the ability of the ordinary American pupil to learn to spell with accuracy. If he did, the annals of many a country school district would refute the statement. Nor does he advocate nor condone the errors made by the illiterate. What he does point out is the desirability of a better orthographical system. There are scholars of good ability who would prefer to keep the present spelling, and they have cogent reasons to support their views. It will be better in the meantime to cultivate a feeling for accuracy.

Political Issues in America.

THE CELEBRATION of the Louisiana Purchase in the form of a national Exposition, shows conclusively that the policy of expansion is productive of national greatness. It ought to show those who labor for the anti-expansionists what it means for the United States to reach out in any direction. The talk about making a political issue of the subject of expansion has died down in the face, perhaps, of the conviction that the United States is capable of wisely administering affairs among dependent peoples. Three hundred thousand Filipinos have learned to speak and write the English language since this country assumed control of the Islands—so much for American oppression.

Heretofore, the questions relating to the various phases of the labor problem have been kept outside of party lines. It has been said that the greatest disaster which could befall the country would be to array labor and capital into two opposing parties; that the demagogue who should attempt it, or attempt to bring his existing party into power on such an issue, ought to be set down as an enemy to his country.

One, at least, of the democratic candidates for nomination to the office of President made no secret of his determination to espouse the cause of the laboring people as in direct opposition to the wealthy class. If Mr. William Randolph Hearst were to be elected to the Presidency, there would be an opportunity for close observation in order to determine what kind of an opposition toward capital might develop during the next few years.

One of the inventions which *Dinkelspiel* records that he saw at the World's Fair was an electric pump "to remove der vater from der stocks in Vall Street, vich can aftervards be used as a life-preserver ven der vater gets too deep." The next President, whosoever he may be, will certainly require a life preserver if he tries to interfere with the interests of the great Wall Street bankers and brokers. The conflict between labor and capital is destined to be waged with increasing bitterness, and no president who does not maintain the civil Constitution without favor to the lawbreakers of either class, is a safe man to assume the conduct of affairs.

The Koreshan Doctrine of Immortality.

WHAT IS MEANT by personal immortality according to the Koreshan concept? This phrase comprehends the entrance by man into another sphere, the Arch-natural, without the ordinary physical dissolution. When the Lord Jesus entered into his glory, he converted his body to Holy Spirit by his own knowledge of the law of overcoming. This power and this knowledge are exclusively the property of one man, the man who in any age of the world has ripened into a consciousness of his interior life as conjoined to Deity. He constitutes, by virtue of his infoldment, the Messianic center for the whole world.

No sooner has this man become imbued with the knowledge of his own office than he begins to teach mankind how to effect an entrance into the higher sphere. He knows that after he has been transited from exterior to interior, those who believe in his words and obey his teachings will follow him in the same manner. The secret of the Messianic presence is not revealed save to those who are ready to embrace the doctrine of the resurrection from the dead. This means the overcoming of mortality, with all the ills pertaining to the lower stage of physical existence.

The Arch-natural state cannot be attained save by an influx from the Messiah; and those who teach the possibility of effecting an entrance independently and individually are but propagating error. Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me," thus expressing the law of dependence upon one personality. This may be understood by considering the fact that all men are bound together by interior as well as by external affiliations. The difficulty lies in convincing persons that they are not, each one, the repository of that central sphere which must descend from spiritual to natural life in order that man may be transformed—that he may forget his follies and vices, seek righteousness and attain virtue. The law of conjunctive unity renders it impossible for man to be his own savior. He must be saved by the attraction to superior knowledge, and this includes the humiliation of confessing that he cannot save himself—hence the encomiums upon humility. It is a virtue which has truly a saving quality.

Personal immortality means, then, the surrender of personal pretensions—the losing of the self on the lower plane to find the true selfhood in another sphere. It is not incompatible with the doctrine of personal immortality to speak of losing the sensual animal consciousness, because with the loss of what gravitates, there is a corresponding influx of new spiritual life from above, and in the union the soul becomes an integer by entering into combination with its own complementary entities. The lower consciousness is obliterated with all that brought pain and sorrow. One enters into the Arch-natural domain as an infant, to grow up into the amplitude of knowledge. The child is now in a realm where no time is wasted in redeeming past mistakes. He is set going in the right direction, and progress is constant and equable. He is not subject to the unhappiness of constantly being obliged to rectify his own errors.

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THE LANGUAGE OF UNIVERSAL SYMBOLISM.

The Foundations of the Earth and the Foundations of Language; the Word Symbol Analyzed; a Significant Series of Sevens.

A GREAT DEAL is written at the present day on the subject of symbolism, but up to the present time, from the mass of literature that this subject has called into being, nothing has arisen that can be said to convey to the mind of the inquirer any clearly defined idea of what symbolism really is; nor apart from Koreshan Science, has there been demonstrated any sound basis on which a scientific treatment of this subject can be made. Dictionaries inform us that a symbol is a sign by which one knows a thing. As has already been stated in a previous article, the world possesses innumerable marks and signs, none of which express any clearly defined ideas or represent definite sounds. A musical note may represent a definite sound, but it does not convey to the mind a definite idea. If we are to regard the universe as a book, and all its multiplicity of constantly changing phenomena as symbolical, there must exist some definite key to their interpretation.

The word symbol is derived from the Greek *syn* or *sun*, together, and *ballein*, to throw; and suggests the gathering together of several parts to form one integral whole; and hence it has come to mean foundation as well as superstructure—the former being the formative letter, and the latter its meaning. The word *ballein*, apart from the prefix *syn*, was employed by the ancient Greeks to signify the laying of a foundation. The word *ball* takes its origin from this source, and in itself forms a very good symbol of the universe.

Symbolism is the foundation of all language, and it is therefore into the foundations of the earth that we must delve if the source of true scientific and geometrical symbology is to be discovered to the mind; and it is for this reason that we have led the student into the very bowels of the earth and the jaws of the black serpent. If the word symbol expresses one idea more clearly than any other it is that of oneness, unity, integrity, and the joining together of two parts that form one eternal whole. The two serpents that we have taken as symbols of knowledge are so clearly interlocked that the foundations of the earth, although at times shaken, are incapable of being rent asunder; and as they form the basis of all superficial expression, they must necessarily unite idea with sound; for the shells of the earth are metallic, and the words when pounded will, on their rebound, represent the sound or tone corresponding to the metal from which they derive their impetus. Thus we derive the word *cymbal* from much the same source as symbol, for the form of the cymbal is *hollow and basin-like*, and wrought of metal; and when struck it gives forth sound. In the

seven plates, then, that correspond to the seven divisions of the alimentary canal, we have the symbols of seven notes. The word note is derived from the Latin *noscere*, to know; and the seven divisions symbolize the seven basic sciences and the much-talked-of but little understood harmony of the spheres.

Now, as the alimentary canal forms the basis of the superstructured brain and mind, with the twelve cerebral compartments, so are there twelve qualities of force, mind, or meaning poured into the seven foundations of the earth, where they cross, breed, and present themselves to the light of day. There have existed during all time certain clearly defined, geometric marks which symbolize the seven foundational planes and the twelve superstructural forces; and these, for the most part, represent the two serpents in their various attitudes of progression and retrogression, of rest and activity. These symbols form the very essence, the *multum in parvo*, of literary characters; and their inter-relationships as well as their meaning, even when considered singly, are so complicated that only assiduous care, long study, and ceaseless industry can unfold the wonders they conceal when, in their multiform combinations, they express ideas so complex as those represented by the various phenomena that daily present themselves to the physical vision. These symbolic characters are specially the handwriting of Deity, and serve as the only key to a knowledge of his character. They represent principles which He himself infolds, and which he alone, the Man, the Initiator, the Symbol *par excellence*, possesses the power to unfold.

The seven symbolic bowls or cups are comparable to seven caves, whose interiors have to be explored and their hidden treasures appreciated. As seven notes they are seven knowledges which, when sounded or expressed, become seven doctrines. As the skirting or confines of the universe, they are seven skirts or veils that must be torn aside before the glories they conceal can become manifest; they are the seven steps that lead up to the throne, and the seven blasts that must be sounded before the walls, armed as they are with the black archers, can be taken and the city delivered from the hands of the adversary. Then shall the barriers be broken down and give place to the seven Triumphal Arches through which the Queen of heaven and earth shall glide in to her terrestrial throne, to the mellifluous harmonies of the spheres.

In the sense in which the word is generally understood, there are no mysteries connected with the science of Astro-Biology, and the symbols are not mystical. The word mystic is derived from the Greek *muein*, to close the eyes. The mystic is the man who endeavors to see with his eyes closed, and who disregards natural phenomena; while the scientist compares natural phenomena and formulates ideas concerning them and the principles they involve. Many of the principles involved in the written symbols referred to above, have to an extent been understood by mystics in different ages, but their understanding differed from that of the scientist in that they did not possess any material

foundation for their metaphysical beliefs, which led them either to personify the various principles they recognized, thus creating a numerous family of false and disconnected deities, or else to deny all conception of the personal Deity; thus in either case breaking up the symbol and destroying the foundations of true knowledge.

Initiation into these mysteries was generally carried on in crypts and caves, which in themselves symbolized the underworld; and the ceremonies were weird and fantastic or gorgeous according to the particular rite that was being celebrated. It is interesting to note that the modern Christian churches have succeeded in adopting not only the priestly robes, but many of the ceremonies, rituals, and architecture of the pagans, but at the same time remaining in entire ignorance of their significance. Ceremonial has not, up to the present time, been a marked feature in the Koreshan religious exercises; but the time is now ripening when the fundamental principles of creative life that are veiled by the great symbols, will be set forth and enacted by the initiates of the Koreshan Ecclesia, as an aid to the comprehension of their meaning, and as a means of expression to the world at large, of the principles they represent.

In the Koreshan church there is but one Initiator, and he seeks to impart the inner doctrine in all its fullness to his disciples; but the power of the Initiator to impart is measured by the capacity of the aspirant to receive—that capacity being in ratio to the relative strength of the two internal serpents, for the caves to be entered and explored are those of the alimentary canal, and the veils to be rent asunder, the seven laminae of the brain which form the skull-cap that contains the twelve mental forces. The Initiator is the writer, and his disciples are the symbolic pages on which and through which he seeks to transmit his doctrines. The more external phases of the doctrine may be imparted directly to the brain through the medium of the physical ear; but the higher and therefore more internal, through the intellectual stomach and intestinal discriminating powers.

If there is one message that Astro-Biology brings to the world more clear and emphatic, more worthy of punctuation and emphasis, than any other, it is that the way to the heart is *via* the narrow and pyloric channel of the stomach and the intestinal intellect, and not that of the head; and that so long as the bowels are compelled to exercise the functions that they are at present called on to perform, there can be no salvation from the ills that mortality entails, no hope of immortal Sonship, of the solution of the *mysterium magnum*—the grand Arcanum whose veil has for ages hidden from mankind the Light of the World.

The intellectual waters that are borne by the great Initiator are as ripe grape fruit that he seeks to pour into the intellectual stomachs of his followers, to be crushed, converted into new wine, and bottled in the digestive cavities to be carried up *via* the heart to the brain as an intoxicating draught of love for Her, the Queen of the tideless sea, and Bride of the foam-decked shores.

General Contributions

THE HIGH STANDARD OF THE LIVING WORD.

The Origin of All Thought; Elements of Savagery in the Mortal Man;
The Power of Transformation.

BERTHA LDINE, MATRONA.

THE LIVING WORD, involving the eternally true concept of the universe in its entirety, and revealing the man, its microcosm, in all his relations to it as evolution of himself, is the prime origin of all thought. The material basis of this scientific concept is the Word made flesh and dwelling among men in the relation to them of center to circumference. The spirit of the living Word, generated by the transmutation of his material substance to quickening spirit equally substantial, is transmissible to receptive subordinate mentalities, in which it works with a transmuting power till they are translated to newness of life or a higher plane of being, as a harvest expression of the seed-Word sown. This harvest expression of the Son of man is denominated in Sacred Writ, the Elohim or the Gods.

Beings lacking a true conception of their origin and destiny, and living in disobedience to the laws of divine-human origin, may have a semblance of man in some of their vidual attributes; but they are not men in any divine or scientific sense of the term. Man as created by the Gods is ever in the image and likeness of Jehovah, the standard Man of God. During the era of man's creation as a race, the "clay in the hands of the potter" passes through semblances numerous, and acts a part on many planes of development. His appearances are often bestial, certainly unmanly, and decidedly earthly, sensual, and devilish. The savage elements of society in process of divine reformation to the image and likeness of Man, the Son of God, are both voluntary and involuntary servants in the execution of the divine will, by which their transformation is so completely effected that, in unison with Jehovah, they declare, "I delight to do thy will, O God;" and through intellectual obedience to the laws of divine Manhood they become identified with it.

The Manhood of Deity, in which human thought finds its origin and destiny, is of neuter being, biune as to male and female potencies. The science of the law by which comes sin, comes when sex distinctions become most actively manifest in the race maturing for a restoration to the divine image and likeness. Men in the vidual or widowed state of being, under the curse of the law, the sequence of the fall of man, diligently seek consorts with whom, in their children, they enter and reënter from generation to generation, the schools of mortal experience in which the law is the schoolmaster. This sphere of discipline prepares them as disciples of wisdom, through suffering, to learn obedience and to recognize the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil when it appears ripe for their appropriation.

Loving this fruit as the continent of meat and drink promised in due season, truth in its most scientific aspect, the hungry and thirsty for righteousness eagerly appropriate it and find in it the water of life, and the flesh which is "meat indeed."

The appropriation of this scientific spirit of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, by the one-time "children of disobedience," makes of them men in Christ, who think soberly or rationally as men ought to think. Rational thought makes men wise unto salvation; they become as Gods, knowing good and evil. Of such as they the Gods declare by the Lord God: "Behold the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil." Mortals as devils and satans, the departed from the worship of Jehovah, become inhuman, worshiping as gods they know not what—graven images of themselves as the divine image, and dual-headed and three-headed deities dissolving in an ocean of infinity or incompleteness, having neither center nor circumference. Such cannot know Jehovah as the origin and destiny of every thoughtful, rational being. This last and worst state of mortal man, in which God is not in all their thoughts, brings the chaos of utter social disintegration now so imminent and rapidly approaching its climax through the agencies of church and state antagonisms, the strifes of capital and labor, and wars for national commercial supremacy; and interior to all these are the ever-increasing and intensifying lustful sex attractions, repulsions, and disgusts.

The time has come when things of mortal flesh fail to satisfy the God-begotten spirit of progress, the world's hope that mortals may put on immortality, and, born again of incorruptible seed, confess themselves the Sons of God. The portion of Levi, the son of conjunction, is God, the all-knowing scientific spirit of Jehovah. The Levitical High Priest, the Lord ascending from the race, is the receptor of the Bride, the New Jerusalem, the glory of God descending to meet her Lord ascending in the race. The bond of unity by which they become one is found in their eating together of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden where the Lord, as High Priest of the order of Levi, walks in the dawning of earth's new day, and teaches his own to *think*. He opens the eyes of their understanding till they discern in their companion the Ancient of Days, the beginning of years, the fountain of eternal youth, and himself the origin and destiny of all their thoughts, both good and evil.

The dynamo of electrifying thought which is to fire the world with zeal for the knowlege of God, finds the positive pole of its earth-reviving battery in the Elect of God, possessing at command the Electra of constructive power that yield to every age its portion of anthropostic radium, its nucleus of divine royalty and altar of holy love. He, the Elect, holds the power of theocrasis; in its exercise, through the agency of his anthropostic battery, he will awaken the whole world to new thoughts of God, so potential that beings of God, unseen and hitherto unknown, will walk the earth as men and thrill it with vibrations of right living and right thinking.



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE PROGRESS OF JAPAN during the past fifty years has excited universal interest and comment. Bold, courageous, tactful, and strenuous, the Japanese have commanded and merited the admiration of the peoples of all nations. They have risen in the scale of progress to the rank of a world-power. There must be some potent cause for this; and we no sooner enter the field of research in Japanese life, than we discover a striking parallel existing between the people of Japan and the Germanic and Anglo-Saxon families of the West during the present dispensation; and if we were to dwell at length upon a number of remarkable parallels we should include the Mohammedans; for the spirit of warfare has particularly characterized Japanese, Christian, and Mohammedan medievalism. Each of these divisions of the human race contains strains of the blood and spirit of Abraham; and to uphold the rights and religions of these peoples, the sword and cimeter have been powerfully wielded by skillful hands. It is quite remarkable that at the same time that feudalism prevailed in Europe, feudalism prevailed in Japan; and as in the one so in the other, there flourished the spirit and customs of knighthood. The very soul of Japan involves the spirit of the sword; sword-making and sword-wielding in Japan in the days of knighthood were almost religious exercises; and the hearts of the loyal knights were as true as their steel which flashed and glittered in the sunlight. A kind and considerate brother in Koreshanity has sent us a remarkable work entitled "Bushido, the Soul of Japan," written by Inazo Nitobe, a full-blooded Japanese, and author of several other works concerning his native country and people. This work is "an exposition of Japanese thought," and reveals at some length the secret of Japanese progress, which secret is but an expression of the progressive life and spirit of the ancient Hebrews. "Bushido" means, literally, the ways of military knights; it is a powerful code of ethics which rules in Japanese life; and that code is deep and broad, and has so persistently held and led the Japanese mind along certain channels as to give character not only to the people as individuals, but to the nation as a whole. Here we find a superb stoicism, with the heart steeled against suffering and pain; a personal rectitude that scorns to do an injustice; a spirit of dignified daring in the minds of both youth and knight; a benevolence that is mother-like in its feeling and manifestation; suavity as a marked trait; a veracity sadly needed in the West; and a feeling of loyalty to the government of the nation. Self-control in Christendom is becoming more and more rare; and in the democratic West there have developed such rudeness, vulgarity, and overbearing attitude of the ignorant as well as the educated, as to greatly offend the refined, and make one wish for the revival and rigid enforcement of the ethics of kings' courts; for a return of the spirit of chivalry with a due sense of consideration of the feelings and position of others; and a natural division of the people into classes. The knights of Japan are called the Samurai, whose law is Bushido. Their customs rule throughout the moral and

social life of Japan. The spirit of the Samurai is inculcated in the hearts and minds of the children. Their conception of etiquette is thus summed up by a noted exponent: "The end of all etiquette is to so cultivate your mind that even when you are quietly seated, not the roughest ruffian can dare to make onset on your person"—meaning that the ultimate end of etiquette is *mastery*. They proceed on the basis that fine manners mean *power in repose*, and that gracefulness means economy of force; consequently, the constant practice of graceful deportment brings with it a reserve and storage of force. On lines of fortitude, we may note that among the Samurai it is a disgrace to *feel hunger*, even though the stomach be empty! The sons of the Samurai are not raised and pampered in luxury, but subjected to tests of hardships tending to develop character; parents with great sternness set their children to tasks which call forth all the pluck that is in them. The olden knights of Japan lived for country, and their sacrifices on its behalf were numerous. Among them it was a *disgrace to grumble* or to give forth expressions of discontent. The early Christians lived for a greater purpose, and they perhaps underwent greater hardships, more severe ordeals; and yet their hearts were as true as Japanese steel! In the study of the character of the knights of Japan and the knights of the Cross, may not the Koreshan disciple and student find ground upon which to learn valuable lessons and to make the firmest resolutions in lines of development and embellishment of personal character?

Bushido, the great ethical power in Japan, leads its votaries to disdain theories. "To know and to act are one and the same," was a maxim of the Socrates of China; and that maxim is practical today in Japan. Because of this attitude, modern Christianity does not flourish in the higher classes of the Orient; neither could certain phases of modern science find acceptance and lodgment in such soil. It is said that a typical Samurai calls a literary savant a "book-smelling sot." Among them, a man who reads little smells a little pedantic; the man who reads much smells yet more so; both are alike unpleasant. An intellectual specialist is considered a machine. The idea is that knowledge becomes really such only when it is assimilated in the mind of the learner and shows in his character. Knowledge among the knights of Japan is pursued, not as an end in itself, but as a means to the attainment of wisdom; he who stops short of this is a machine which may turn out poems and maxims to order. Knowledge is conceived as identical with its *practical application in life*. But Bushido failed in commercial life in Japan when the doors were opened to Western trade. There now remains something of a wreck of the institution of ethics royal. But we may contemplate its greatness and grandeur as we do the temples of Egypt, Rome, Peru, and Central America, now in ruins. Why did Bushido fail in business? Because it was powerless to stay the current of commercial dishonor! The most unscrupulous Europeans and Americans rushed in through

the open doors of Japan, and drove Bushido from the avenues of commerce; and when Japanese business houses were established in America, Bushido could not compete with the spirit of greed. Dr. Inazo Nitobe observes that "it will be long before it will be recognized how many fortunes were wrecked in the attempt to apply Bushido ethics to business methods." Where was the difficulty? Among the Japanese, honesty attains elevated rank in their catalogue of virtues. Honesty was the difficulty. "It was soon patent to everybody that the *ways of wealth were not the ways of honor*." This is the discovery that heathen Japan made when coming in contact with Christian Europe and America! Japan advances rapidly in lines of modern civilization. Its people may be long in forgetting their first contests with the unscrupulous tradesmen whose influence came as a blow to many a guarding virtue of the sons of Nippon; and the fact that "book-smelling" has been forced upon them through the introduction of Western ways. In more ways than one, Japan may feel some of the reflexed evils of the West, ere its people see the Sun rise in fact as they now do in national symbol.

Religious liberty is in the category of things guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. The infusion of the spirit of liberality was doubtless due to the efforts and influence of Thomas Paine, the noted deist and revolutionist. There are many so called followers of Thomas Paine today whose minds are still narrow and their souls pinched into small compass. We may instance one at least, an editor of a magazine and a dealer in free thought literature, including Paine's "Age of Reason," who has so forgotten the contents of that work and the first amendment to the Constitution, as to engage in getting up petitions asking Congress to pass such laws for the protection of women as will compel all ministers of the gospel and priests of all religions practiced in the United States, to be or become *eunuchs* before entering such profession! The hypocrisy of Christians as a class is frequently dwelt upon; but notice the atheistic cant, that "holier-than-thou" phariseism, in the following quotation: "I was born and raised an atheist, and have always been proud of myself that I have never done a mean or low act to be ashamed of. On the contrary, I have had business transactions with thousands of Christians, and in all my life I have not met one of either sex who was honest, or had intelligence enough to be honest." We do not refer to this case as being of any particular consequence in itself, but for the sake of illustration of the persistent presence of the inconsistencies of the followers of fallacy. Here are all the long ear-marks of that well-known animal called prejudice, which, under agitation, sometimes commits some horrible deeds. We have but to note the atheism of France at the close of the eighteenth century. That headless, creeping, hideous thing despotically undertook to murder all who stood in its way, and a long reign of terror resulted. Will that spirit be revived? Contemplation of the fact that atheism has modern science so called on one side and anarchism on the other, may lead to an affirmative answer.

If corporations did not go beyond conducting legitimate businesses and protecting their own rights, there could be

no particular objection to them under the present order of things. The tendency is, after accumulation of surplus force, to expend it in riding over others. It is not so much the principle of monopoly that people object to, as the abuses which ordinarily follow in the line of the progress of organized capital. Similar abuses, we observe, follow the progress of organized labor. Very few people find much fault with the American postal system, though it is a monopoly which private capital would like to control. There should be enterprises conducted on a gigantic scale, great industries under wise direction. Systems of transportation should exist, but organized in the spirit of service and not of greed, and all lines of activity centralized. A marked tendency of the modern world is toward centralization—and that tendency is so strong that it leads to centralization of oppressive powers. Centralization is not wrong. It is one of the most potent factors of progress. *The universe is an empire*, centering in its almighty Creator. That to which the people object in the trusts and various forms of business and economic organizations, is perverted monopoly, the imperialism of greed. The imperialism of righteousness is inevitable—not as an evolution of present forms of monopoly, but as a *revolution* in human life and mind. Under the new order, properties of great monopolies will be owned by the people, but controlled for them by the Government, the form of which will be patterned after the form of the government of the great cosmos.

Character is the perceptible sign or manifestation of life and mind, the sum of the qualities which distinguish a person or thing from another. We make our own character; reputation is but that which others think of us. With each one's book of life there is a printed index; and in this index is noted every change in or addition to the contents of the book. We may so thoroughly change the character by enlarging the mind and heart as to change the features of the face, the shape of the head, the form of the body, and withal, the habits and manners of life. With all the marvels of scientific knowledge and the inspiration of hope, the Koreshan should outstrip all others in lines of embellishment of personal character. Representatives of any great movement must be wide-awake, considerate, suave, polite, genteel, of pleasant manner, open countenance, and smiling face. Ways of practical application of the principles and doctrines of life are numerous—and lessons in all these lines need daily attention on the part of all who endeavor to walk in the Koreshan light.

The most profound wisdom is displayed in the entire arrangement of the cosmos. Is there not, then, some one who possesses the wisdom displayed? Whoever he is, does he not sometimes visit and admire the external world? There are those who profess to believe that the universe happened without a Designer. As well say that the oak grew without the acorn, or that the chick developed without the egg.

God is not "all things" in their grossness, but all things in their highest infolded refinement.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

Primary Substances of the Earth's Shell.

"I have another question that I wish to ask you: In conversation with a friend I was led to state that there are 12 primary strata of the earth's shell—7 metallic, and 5 mineral; and that all the other minerals are alchemical combinations of these 12. Am I right? If so, please give me the names of the 7 metallic strata and the 5 mineral strata, from gold up. Also the relative thicknesses of the same, as near as can be estimated from the basis of their specific gravity."

"How many principal minerals are there in existence? If the whole mineral kingdom were put in a crucible and all the kinds of minerals separated, how many would there be, and how would they class as to weight from gold up?"

In answer to the above questions, submitted by two different persons, we have to say that the great shell of the earth consists of three general divisions of classifications of strata—seven metallic, five mineral, and five geologic. The metallic and mineral strata constitute the twelve foundations of the earth—the twelve foundations of the geologic mass denominated as the geologic strata, which exist in a more or less conglomerate or chaotic state. The twelve layers also constitute the voltaic pile, the related and superimposed plates or planes of the universal battery.

In the metallic layers exists the planetary or digestive system, where the primary substances are amalgamated through the action of the energies from the sun. The mineral layers constitute the bony frame of the physical cosmos; the whole being clothed upon by the geologic body, in which there are systems of circulation of fluids and energies, the face or surface of the body being *inward*. In man the order is reversed, because the perfect Man is the cosmos involved or rolled in. Hence, the surfaces of the bodies of man and cosmos are bathed in the same sea of atmosphere.

The twelve foundations, in conjunction with the solar and lunar penetrations, are also the physical basis and origin of all the various kinds of minerals which exist in the conglomerate earth. They are the roots from which all other chemical or alchemical words are derived. From the lowest stratum upward through the metallic firmament,

in the order of their specific gravity, the names of the substances comprising the strata are: Gold, silver, copper, zinc, iron, tin, and plumbum. Six of these are pure metals, while the seventh and uppermost is a hybrid product, as related to the primary metals and minerals, but primary as related to other mineral species.

The character of the mineral strata may be approximately designated by the names of five mineral substances which enter largely into the constituent elements of the body of the earth—calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium, and aluminium. As primary minerals these exist in the form of pure crystals. The manifold species of so called mineral combinations and elements are the products of the union of these primary substances with the primary metals, and with oxygen, silicon, hydrogen, etc., in vortices of transformation; and these vortices may be in the natural laboratory of the cosmos, or in the laboratory of the chemist.

The skin of the earth, the fertile soil, is composed of disintegrated rocks and metals, together with oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, etc., in union with the substances that precipitate from the organic kingdoms. The aggregate thickness of the seven metallic strata may approximate 15 miles; the mineral strata, 25 miles; the geologic mass, 65 miles; the whole constituting a shell or rind about 100 miles in thickness.

The number of kinds of metals and minerals known today is about 800. But let us note that instead of being so many different chemical combinations, they are so many actual, distinct products or creations from the basis of union of substances through the destruction of matter and inflow of vortical energies. Let us also note that the character of a chemical product depends upon the processes employed in the transmutation of so called elements. All alchemical substances are, through processes of natural progress and polarization, reducible to one primary substance, completely and actually central and potential in character. This one substance is solar; its two states of ex-

istence are spirit and matter. In function the solar form is biune; hence it is the central origin of all other kinds or states of substance in the physical cosmos—the metallic and mineral primaries being the basic origin.

We may best understand the processes of alchemical transmutation and affinity by considering the physical cosmos as a great battery, a crucible, a laboratory, naturally producing and turning out substances in all their possible states and different conditions. Then if we can ascertain the number of kinds or species, we may contemplate a marvelous store of knowledge, a broad field of study; and then if the keys to the treasures of transmutation are found, the wonderful Philosopher's Stone may be applied in the realm of human mind and life.

The Significance of Names.

"The name of KORESH or CYRUS signifies sun. It is evident that all of the titles he has held through his varied career of development in the past, have well-defined meanings. The same is true of the names and titles of Jesus the Christ. I wish to ask if people not now associated with your work can obtain suggestions as to their prospective possibility of attainment to divine Sonship, through analysis of their present names?"

Every name has a distinct meaning, and may be defined and many of them traced to the roots from which they were derived, the same as other words of a language. Names serve to distinguish persons and families; hence, there must be something in the persons that in itself responds and corresponds to the meaning of their names.

In giving a child its individual or personal name, there is an impartation of a corresponding spirit which, in some degree of mind or character, may make the life of the personality named correspond to the name itself. The child is *christened*—that is, *anointed* with a spirit. Now, while this is true, it does not follow that all persons possessing the same given, Christian, or personal name, contain or manifest the same spirit or the same personal characteristics; for the character of the spirit imparted depends upon the spiritual or mental sphere from which it was sent.

This must be so since, while in Bible times certain names indicated definite relation to the divine sphere of activity, the same names now possessed by thousands of people are applicable to the various mental or physical spheres to which the personalities belong—and those spheres may be wide or narrow according to breadth of mind and field of experience in past generations. The names of Washington, Lincoln, Gladstone, Napoleon, Bismarck, and others, are names of public characters, and are marks of distinction of much greater significance than the same names given to children in their honor. No one would think that names of Rosseau, Longfellow, Emerson, and others in the field of literature, could possibly possess in persons named today, the strength of meaning which inhered in the names of the noted characters. Therefore, while names are indicative of certain inherent spiritual or mental elements, one is not warranted in supposing that the name as given to him is of divine origin or indicates a divine relationship.

As to whether one's name indicates a certain destiny, we would say that a scientific onomastic analysis, considered in connection with a correct astro-biological reading, contingent upon one's acceptance and application of the science of the divine law, would serve as a guide in determining the direction of one's orbital movement in the sphere of universal relations.

THE SITE OF THE SURVEY.

Naples, Florida, Revisited and the Field of the Geodetic Work Reviewed.

In the Spring of 1897, the Geodetic Staff of the Koreshan Unity, commissioned to demonstrate the premise of the Koreshan Astronomy, successfully conducted and completed the pioneer survey in the field of the New Geodesy, at Naples, Florida. The facts of that survey, the photographs showing the progress of the work, and the name and location of the town, are all familiar to the tens of thousands of people who have since purchased and read the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, which describes the survey in detail.

A great many different things have been said about the character of the work and its results, and a great many

eyes have been turned in the direction of the site of the survey. The five months' time spent at Naples amid tropical beauty, in the conduct of such a work, obviously made a great impression upon our own mind. In the memory we fancied many times that we were on the field of operations measuring the meridian arc, making telescopic observations over the water's surface, or walking the white beach anew.

After an elapse of seven years we personally reviewed the field of work. A recent opportunity to revisit Naples afforded us much pleasure; for many were the awakened memories as we stood at different points along the line surveyed. Alone and undisturbed, we walked from the Naples dock to the terminus of the path of the Rectilineator, in a southerly direction, down the beach to Gordon's Pass. With the mind's eye we saw anew the progress of the apparatus as, step by step, it unmistakably indicated the truth of the earth's concavity, discovered more than a quarter of a century before.

There are but few tangible marks of the survey remaining at the present time. A few stakes we found along the way; and for a long distance, where the line extended over the more elevated portions back of the beach, we could locate the route of survey exactly. Looking southward along the path of progress, the excavations showed a notch in the horizon; but in many places the hand of time has changed even the beach itself. Along the route we mentally noted many interesting points: "Here is the end of the first mile of survey, where the line was eight inches nearer the earth than at the beginning." "Here is where we fought the Gulf of Mexico during a terrific storm, which would have broken the continuity of our line had we not constructed a levee to protect the apparatus from the surging breakers that swept the beach;" and "Here, at the end of the second mile, the line was over 30 inches nearer the earth than at the starting-point," and so on.

Finally, we stood at Gordon's Pass, whence we extended the line, by visual means, to the surface of the concave Gulf, at a point a mile and a quarter beyond the Pass. Not the enchantment lent to the scenes by distance in time, but appreciation of the import of the facts involved in the extension of a straight line to its point of meeting

with the water's concavity, caused us to bare the head as we stood upon the site of the final demonstration. We were again face to face, as it were, with the issues upon which the survey was first projected; we felt anew the weight of personal responsibility which was laid upon us when the work was undertaken; and we were thrilled anew with the joy experienced when that weight was removed through successful and actual accomplishment of the task assigned.

How familiar everything seemed as we went over the ground again! How vividly the details of the five months' work and recreation passed in panorama before us! Numerous ocular demonstrations of the water's non-convexity were made upon the Naples beach. There again stretched before us the beautiful and smooth expanse of the Gulf, upon whose bosom we observed many actual and unmistakable facts di-

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rectly and forcefully opposed to the premise of modern astronomy;—for from horizon to horizon we saw, seven years ago, many a ship at such distances and under such conditions as would be utterly impossible over a convex body of water.

In relation to the work of the Koreshan Geodetic Expedition, we noted a fact that may appear strange to some of our readers; but it is that same strangeness which characterizes observations of the effect of truth upon communities from which, for one reason or another, we sometimes expect a manifestation of interest. Though thousands of people in various parts of the world are familiar with the detailed account of the survey, and the name and location of the town which is thereby known abroad, there is not today perhaps a single person in Naples who knows much about what was accomplished there seven years ago. This is principally due to the fact that those who were at Naples at the time of the survey have since removed to other places.

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THE WEEKLY NEWS-DIGEST.

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Important Foreign News.

A new phase of the Eastern situation developed last week; the seizure of the steamship Malacca with English goods and mail on board, in the Red Sea, has aroused the indignation of the English and German peoples; protests are made, in which even France joins. International complications may arise, and it is even conjectured that an Anglo-Russian war may result.

Fighting between Russia and Japan during the past week has been confined mostly to light skirmishes on sea and land. It is important to note that the Japanese began advance north from Port Arthur, driving back the Russians. Gen. Kuropatkin said to be in desperate situation; Russians repulsed at many points. Naval fight reported at Port Arthur.

Mrs. Maybrick has been given her freedom on a ticket of leave by the English government and quits the convent where she has been since her release from prison in January last. It is said she will come to America to reside permanently. She is now with her mother in France.

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Ancient city has been discovered and unearthed by University of Chicago's excavating expedition in Babylonia, with all evidences of advanced civilization. Most important archaeological discovery in recent years.

Paul Kruger, exiled from Transvaal, died at Claren, Switzerland, July 14, aged 78 years of age. Direct cause, pneumonia; broken heart believed to be remote cause.

Gen. Toral, who capitulated Santiago, Cuba, dies in a Spanish insane asylum.

Happenings in America.

40,000 employes of packing concerns in nine cities struck on July 12. Central seat of strike was Chicago; the difficulty being over standard of wages for unskilled workmen. Settlement was reached through arbitration, after nine days' strike and loss of time and wages.

Bryan announces radical views on reform; stands for public ownership of utilities and imposition of income tax. He proposes to organize the progressive elements of the democratic party.

Parker is said to be backed by immense wealth; reported that the democrats plan to buy or bully their way to success. Unqualified endorsement by Wall Street.

Extraordinary warm wave prevailed last week throughout the North; thermometer in some places reached over 100 degrees in the shade. Numerous deaths reported.

Catholic educators in convention at St. Louis discuss plans for establishing a uniform system of parochial and training schools.

"Golden Rule Jones," mayor of Toledo, died at his home last week, from a complication of diseases.

President Diaz, of Mexico, re-elected. Has held the office for six terms and is now supported for the seventh.

Iowa politicians harmonize on the tariff question; "stand-patters" win over "Iowa idea."

30,000 textile workers vote to strike at Fall River, Mass. Reduction in wages cause of discontent.

The Chicago Chronicle, formerly democratic, announces itself in favor of election of Roosevelt.

Jos. W. Folk nominated for Governor of Missouri by convention at Jefferson City.

Some Items from Florida.

Preparations are being made for the South Florida Fair, to be held in Tampa in November. The area of representation includes sixteen counties, of which Lee County is one. The fair should be a success and do Florida industries much good.

A jew fish, weighing 610 lbs. and measuring 6 feet nine inches in length, and over 6 feet in circumference, reported caught at Punta Gorda.

Large boat-house is being constructed by the Koreshan Unity, at Estero, and preparations made for more extensive business in boat-building.

The launch Victoria was damaged by fire the past week, through explosion of gasoline tank, at Estero. The tinner, at work on the tank, was badly burned.

Building boom in Myers said to be on; numerous residences under construction on east side.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, in pursuance of the Statutes of the State of Florida, requiring all persons who are registered voters, residing within the following limits, to-wit: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Township forty-six (46) South of Range twenty-five (25) East, in the County of Lee, and State of Florida, and run from thence West to the Northwest corner of Township forty-six (46) South of Range twenty-four (24) East, then run South to the Southwest corner of Section nineteen (19) of Township forty-six (46) South of Range twenty-four (24) East, from thence run in a direct line to the Southeast corner of Section thirty-six (36) of Township forty-seven (47) South of Range twenty-four (24) East, then run East to the Southeast corner of Section thirty-one (31) of Township forty-seven (47) South of Range twenty-five (25) East, then run North to the Southeast corner of Section nineteen (19) of Township forty-seven (47) South of Range twenty-five (25) East, then run East to the Southeast corner of Section twenty-four (24) of Township forty-seven (47) South of Range twenty-five (25) East, then run North to the Northeast corner of Township forty-six (46) South of Range twenty-five (25) East, the point of beginning, and lying and being in the County of Lee, and State of Florida; to meet at the store on the premises of the Koreshan Unity, in the Town of Estero, County of Lee, and State of Florida, on the first (1st) day of September, A. D. 1904, at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of selecting officers and organizing a municipal government for the Town of Estero, Lee County, Florida.

Estero, Florida, July 25, 1904.

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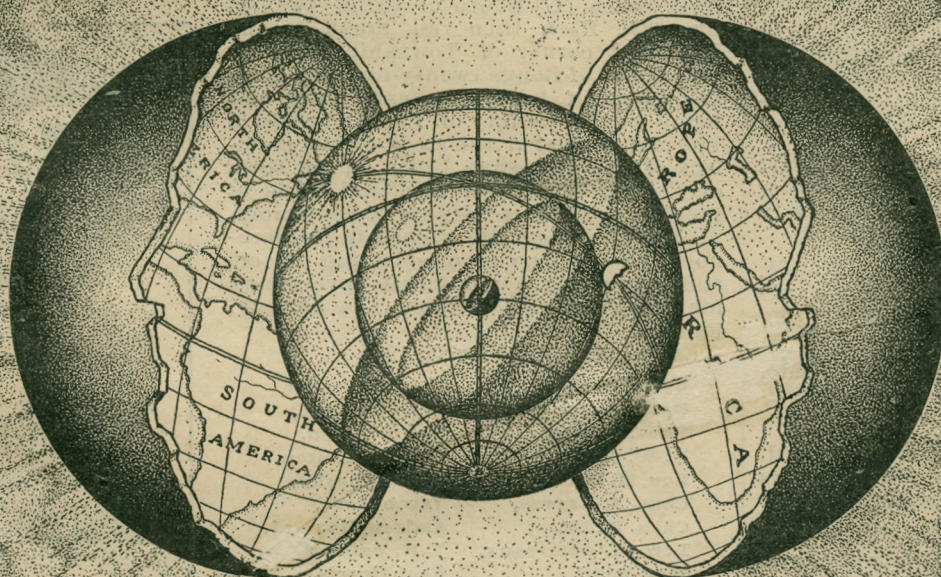
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