



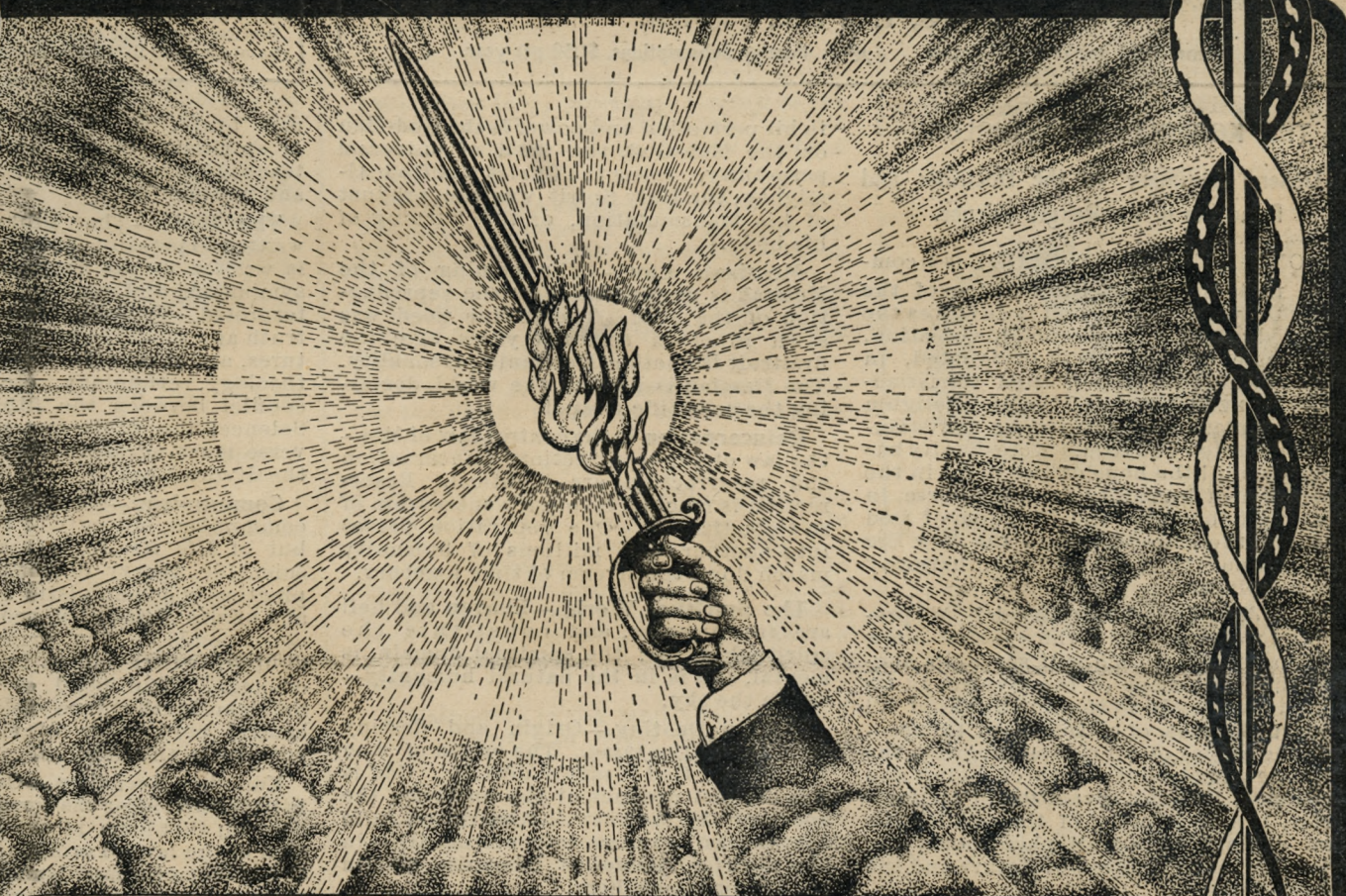
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THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

A General Summary of the Doctrines and Principles of the Religio-Science.

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

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

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

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

Theology.—God is personal and biune, with a triunity of specific attributes. God

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

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

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

The Spiritual World.—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity—not in the sky.

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

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

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

Psychology.—Koreshanity points to the basis of all psychic phenomena—the hu-

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

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

Communism.—Koreshanity advocates communism, not only of the goods of life, but of life itself. It has not only the scientific theory of communism, but is practically communistic in the relations and affairs of its own people. In this it corresponds to the primitive Christian church, where all things were held in common. The bond of the true communism is the true religion, and the central personality of the divine communism in the Messiah.

Koreshan Socialism.—Our Social System is patterned after the form of the natural cosmos; that form is the natural expression of the laws of order. We demonstrate the fallacy of competition; advocate the destruction of the money power; the control of the products of industry by the government, and the equitable distribution of the goods of life. Koreshanity will abolish wage slavery, and make it impossible for men to accumulate wealth and impoverish the people.

Church and State.—The true form of government is the divine Imperialism, the unity of church and state; such will be the Kingdom of God in earth. The Government of the New Age will be in the unity of the empire and the republic, involving the principles of all present forms of government, which are but fragments of the perfect system which existed in ancient times—in the Golden Age of the past. The government of the universe is imperialistic, and humanity will constitute a unit only when every class is emplaced at rest and liberty as are the strata, stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos.

The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Great Light of the New Orient.

The Revelations of Genuine Science in Contrast with the Doctrines of Effete Orientalism; the Literal Word and the Uncovering of all Mystery.

KORESH.

THERE CAN BE BUT ONE interpreter of the character and teachings of the "Oriental Christ," as some denominate him, and that one is the seed of the Christ himself. By some of the would-be improvements on the character of the Lord, his manhood is studied on the basis of the purely material estimate of human possibilities; by others, from the basis of what is believed to obtain with the mystical, and what we term the mythical, phase of Orientalism. If the West is to pass through modifications in its religious and ethical culture and progress, to what extent is this change to be wrought, and through what channel is it to be accomplished? The Lord declared that the coming of the Son of Man was like the shining of the east even unto the west. "As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." Let us study the character of that incomparable manhood upon the basis of a critical differentiation of the nature of the coming of the Christ as taught by Koreshan Universology, and that believed in by the "new lights" exercising their psychological spell and exerting their influence as anti-christ, and with a most subtle diabolism, attempting to vitiate the potency of genuine Christianity.

The Christ and Lord of nineteen hundred years ago was an Oriental Christ with an Occidental impulse, as may be seen when his character and purpose are understood from the true science of human progress and human destiny. We quote from an article by the Rev. Heber Newton, D. D., in the current issue of the *Mind*:

"The 'gate that looketh toward the East,' of which Ezekiel wrote, has been to many others than the prophet the observa-

tory whence is seen the oncoming glory of the Eternal. A very old and wide-spread instinct is that which leads man, on entering his chamber for communion with God, to throw open the window whose prospect is toward the East. Orientation has a deeper meaning than our ecclesiastics fancy. The noblest form of Nature worship was that whose traces we may find on many a hill of England, where our fathers gathered in the dawn of day to hail with sacred song the coming of the Sun. As needs must be in a cosmos—a beautiful order, the core and center of whose physical system is a moral order—the cosmical truth enshrines an ethical truth, and the symbolism of Nature becomes a sacrament of spirit. Of the light which is 'oncoming into the world,' as St. John says, it is true 'His goings forth are as the morning'—the pathway of divine progress in humanity, an ascension of the Sun of Righteousness toward the zenith. The history of man repeats the story of the natural order, and, 'Westward the Star of Empire takes its way;' civilization and religion arising in the East, and moving thence in successive effluences toward the West. Whither the Spirit of the Eternal led the soul of Ezekiel, thither the same divine Spirit has led other human souls in different lands and at different critical epochs, to watch for the signs of fresh light; and they who have come down to their fellows with the glow of a new day on their faces have, whether in Babylon, or Rome, or London, told the same story—'He brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the East; and behold the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the East.' Once more, if men cry to the Watchers, 'Watchman, what of the night?' the answer floats down—'The morning cometh;' and the wise, in a profounder ritual than that of men, face toward the East."

What does it all mean in the estimation of the Rev. Heber? It means merely that we are to look for our light to the effete civilizations of the Oriental wastebaskets; to the debris of the recidivating eras of the mythical past for that wisdom which is to mark the introduction of the things that are to be new when all of

that which is old shall have passed away. We would recall to the eloquent D. D., the fact that the charm and glamour of the mystical vagary of the far Eastern supernaturalism have been dissipated, and the delusion forever banished from the mind of the hitherto deluded, by the very material efforts of the power of the commercial England, who has so recently and conspicuously opened the gate-way to the East, which proves to be not so formidable a supernatural power as many had been led to believe.

The Christ of nineteen hundred years ago certainly came from the East—that is, from the rising. He arose from the Jewish race with his Oriental origin, and with an equally determinate Occidental impulse, whence he will determine the civilization of the Western world. We would distinguish between the forces which now proceed from the East as worn out and disintegrated with an attempt which is being made to alienate humanity from the real Christ, who was more than the greatest of the great men of earth, and not to be regarded in the same class with those who are but the imaginary creations of men determined to destroy what little remains of the true worship of the Messiah, predicated upon the conscious fact of the Messianic law—and the light which illumined the East when the Greater Light of the world shone in darkness, and which the darkness could not comprehend; the light with its penetrating rays which pierced the gloom of an adulterous Judaism, and sent its germs of progress and regenerating influences on their circuits westward in that militant career which will, after the battle of the great day, mature in the fruit of the Tree of Life in the new East as a new product and force of the higher civilization.

The "oncoming into the world," whose "goings forth are as the morning," are not the oncomings of the effete Orientalism of a dilapidated system of occultism. His "oncoming" is not in delusive mysticism, but in the scientific revelation of man's origin and destiny, as proceeding from the implanting of Deity himself in the race and the regeneration of the Sons of the Almighty. His "oncoming" will not be in the transplanting of a diluted and dissipated Oriental cult into the debris of a falsified Christianity; but it will be in the development of a new Orient, in the coming up of the Christ in the thousands of the Sons who will adorn the Tree of the new Life as the product of the living Word made manifest in the old West, which has become the new, rejuvenated, and resurrected East in the manifold Sonship.

Nothing can be more absolutely false than an interpretation of the character and mission of the Lord Christ, on the lines of an old mysticism and in the consolation derived from the comparison of the Son of God with the mystics of the East. If we may go to the monasteries and nunneries of the present for the true in-

terpretation of God's open revelation and the exploitations of the divine purpose, then we may go to the modern mystic for an understanding of the origin of a fading occultism. The effete Orientalism may be transplanted into the sterile precipitations of an adulterated Christian system, but it cannot take root in the invigorated fruits of the forces of regeneration.

The progress of Christianity has been along the lines of the militant forces of regenerative development, so far as those forces have been in the literal aspect of the Word. It has been along the lines of the literal manifestation of the power of Christ, whose office was to kill before the Word could be made alive. The letter killeth in a double aspect, and there can be no rejuvenation until the killing power of the Word has performed its mission. The letter killeth because in the letter resides its power in its fulness. It is destructive during the age because in the power of destruction the foundations are laid for the erection of the superstructure of the immortal humanity. The final killing power in the function of the literal Word, the Word in its letter, is in its force to destroy the evils in the old man—in the absolute destruction of the man of sin, that the new man may possess the life which resurrects from his destruction.

In Koreshan exploitations, the man of sin is revealed through the letter of the Word. He is found to be nearer home than has been generally supposed; and when found there is no possible power of his annihilation but through the function of the letter. It is the scientific exposition of the laws of life, but not on the lines of that which is falsely called science at the present time by the scholasticism which, like that of old, has deprived the world of the keys of knowledge.

The press has recently announced the fact that in Koreshanity are held the keys of universal science and the possibilities of the attainment of immortal life. These keys are not in the bags of occultism. Occult things are not revelations. We have the revelations of immortality; they are no longer hidden mysteries, but they are declared upon the housetops, and are for the multitudes if they will but receive them. We have no secrets, but can plainly declare that in the science of the Decalogue are found the springs of the ten natural and scientific categories of immortality. In the first declaration of the immortal resource, is found the secret of the initial step toward the immortality of the body, which is not yet taken by any but those accepting the revelation of what was once a mystery. "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me," means that the one fundamental law of Messianism shall be understood, and that the Lord shall be found among men and with men, arising from the planting in the race of the Seed of God, that Seed being the Son of God.

The Orient comes to the world, not as the Rev.

Heber Newton predicts, from the crumbling effacement of the recidivating gloom of mystic obscuration, but in the resurrection of the Sun of the morning from the receding West. We want not the spooks of the disintegrating carcass of Oriental mysticism, but the open revelation of the science of life initiated by the new and living Messianic presence. If the course of civilization is Westward in its flight, let not the wings of the vulture which follows the decaying carcass deceive us into the belief that the cormorant, rather than the Eagle, shall be the bird to guide us in the world's progress toward the new civilization.

The genuine Orient is with the coming of the Sons of God. The projection of an older East is but the sweepings of the carrion bird following in the wake of the corruptible dissolution of a Christian system, which has fulfilled its mission and is ready to be eliminated from the earth. "I have brought you up on Eagle's wings," is a truth which applies today to the power from which the new Messiah and the Sons of God shall have their Orientation.

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THE INTERIOR OF THE EARTH.

Will It Pay to Sink a Shaft Twelve Miles into the Earth's Crust?
Surprises in Store for Scientists.

A NEW PROJECT has been put before the British Association for the Advancement of Science. An English engineer proposes to sink a shaft twelve miles deep into the crust of the earth. This is no light task, as the work would cost twenty-five millions and could not be completed in less than eighty-five years. The object is to find out what is hid in the bowels of the earth. The deepest boring yet known is said to be in the Calumet and Hecla mines in Michigan where a shaft has been sunk to the depth of about five thousand feet—not quite one mile. The enormous difficulties of the proposed enterprise would not be comparable with the knowledge to be gained, in the opinion of its progenitor; and yet, the distance covered would be very short in comparison with the earth's diameter. The engineer thinks that it might decide many of the vexed questions of science.

It is estimated that according to the ratio of increase in temperature in the borings already made in various parts of the earth, the heat at the depth of twelve miles would prevent the use of tools, even were it not insupportable to human beings. In some places the increase is as rapid as one degree for fifty-six feet. In other localities it is only about one degree in seventy-five feet. The new enterprise would not be comparable with the work already done by the Koreshan Geodetic Survey. Even suppose such a shaft could be

sunk, it would in no way determine the depth of the earth's crust nor the contour of its surface, whereas the geodetic operation was the means of deciding that man is not living upon the outer surface of a solid ball. Such a shaft would not be comparable in importance with the knowledge to be derived from a repetition of the Koreshan experiment.

Having once determined that the earth is a cell, it is possible to estimate the thickness of its crust. The relative thickness of the shell of an egg in connection with its dimensions, would furnish a criterion for analogous computation. This computation makes the earth's crust about one hundred miles in thickness. The whole subject of volcanoes has received comprehensive treatment in the Cellular Cosmogony. Accumulations of gas in the geologic strata break out and have led to the supposition on the part of those who hold to the Copernican hypothesis, that the earth's interior is filled with liquid fire.

One of the vagaries of the Copernican hypothetists puts the thickness of the convex earth's crust at about twenty-five hundred miles. Inside this is supposed to be a sea of molten metals. It is said that the earth never could withstand the strain put upon it by the sun were it not encased in so thick a layer. This difficulty, like all those which cluster about the Copernican theory, has no terrors for the Koreshan astronomer. The cellular universe is not in danger of extinction from the bursting forth of subterranean fires.

This proposal from Great Britain is made just when an experiment looking toward the same end—that of determining the mystery of the earth's interior—is projected in America. The interior of the earth is not the spot to attack first, because the whole question of the direction of the earth's curvature can be settled from the surface. The work has already been done, and given the fact of its concavity, the earth's crust may be approximately estimated. The United States Geological Survey will make the Washington Monument the basis of an experiment. Within this shaft, five hundred and fifty feet in height, weights will be suspended from a wire five hundred feet long. It is hoped in this manner to learn the force of gravity at an equal distance toward the center of the earth.

As this experiment is projected upon the assumption that the earth is convex, all the results will be interpreted if possible, so as to come into line with this theory. There may be a great surprise in store for the experts. The suspension of the plumb lines in the Tamarack mines was an evidence in favor of the Cellular Cosmogony.

The Aims and Purposes of the Koreshan Unity.

KOREA IS CALLED the Hermit Kingdom. This is not a good name. A hermit is usually one in whom the milk of human kindness has dried up or curdled. The hermit crab is not a crustacean whose qualities inspire respect. The zoölogists say that he is an example of physiological backsliding. He is not a

good citizen, since he steals his neighbor's house and lives in it without a qualm. But Nature, who is on the track of sinners, does not let him escape. She pays him back for his laziness by sending the sacculina to prey upon him. The sacculina is a perfect type of parasite. It feeds upon the juices of the hermit crab's body.

Those who shut themselves up in a mollusk's shell in an effort to withdraw from the world, have internal troubles and do not thereby escape the struggle for existence. The Koreans have found plenty of parasites. They have not escaped trouble by building walls around their cities and shutting out the foreigner. Now they are finding that any nation not stirring and progressive enough to keep abreast of the world must expect to be treated as a ward and a minor, not as a full-grown man capable of administering his own affairs. This is evident from Japan's latest *coup*, whereby she obtains virtual control of home and foreign affairs in Korea. The history of the world shows that no nation nor body of individuals can become great by refusing to enter into full territorial relations with its neighbors.

The Koreshan Unity is not trying to found a "hermit kingdom" in the United States. It does intend to protect its interests and to keep ahead of the world so that it may be known as the advance guard of a new and more enlightened type of civilization. It has no desire to encroach upon its neighbors nor to steal their homes. It has no intention of giving up the amenities of social life, but rather to constitute itself the guardian of all that lends charm and beauty to society. Neither has the Koreshan Unity any desire to condemn those innocent amusements which are a delight to all. It is not trying to introduce into the world a religion that puts a ban upon enjoyment. It believes that man is framed for happiness, but that he can only find true and lasting happiness along the line of his best capabilities, not by indulging his wayward tastes and hereditary instincts.

The most necessary part of the work of advancement from lower to higher types of societal fellowship consists in restraining the habits fostered by years of license. It is not an abnormal thing to found a society designed to exclude the vices that prey upon the individual and render him nothing but a disgrace to the state and nation.

The Koreshan Unity is designed to impart to the individual a fuller understanding of the manner in which the early Disciples lived together without friction, so long as they were under the influence of the baptismal energy which they received by the dissolution of the personal Lord. At the present time, the members of the Unity do not claim to have received such a baptism, but they believe that by devoting themselves to love and good works in obedience to the Lord's commands, they may receive an outpouring of a similar nature when the time is ripe for a fuller conjunction between the Lord and His church.

Art is the expression of the soul's thirst for beauty.

Will the Sun Grow Cold?

THERE IS A TENDENCY among modern astronomers toward prophecy. They are beginning to collect evidence in favor of the extinction of the sun's heat. Some of them go so far as to predict that in the course of time the earth will become uninhabitable unless someone discovers a method of generating artificial heat as a substitute for the solar beams. This dire catastrophe is going to happen without any interference on the part of Deity to preserve his people. Of course the Divinity that shapes our ends must have known when he created man and set him in the midst of this terrestrial garden, that sometime it would be totally unfit for human abode. Nevertheless, this Deity whom man is commanded to love and worship, chose in his inscrutable providence to create such a world with an extinguishable sun, though he might just as well have formed it to last forever with no diminished lustre in its rays.

The sun's temperature has been made the subject of an article by another writer who feels perfectly sure that not only the earth, but the entire system of which it is supposed to be an inconsiderable portion, is destined to become as cold and frozen as the polar regions. It is asserted that the sun's diameter is decreasing at the rate of fifty-six yards per year. There is no possible way of exciting so much anxiety in the minds of the majority of readers as by putting these predictions, vouched for by the men whose names carry weight, under the eyes of the public. Blazing headlines and carefully constructed illustrations enhance the vivid portrayal of future disasters. And then in the face of these pictorial horrors, men are admonished to worship the good God who could just as well have averted them by making the universe on another plan! It is an insult to the intelligence of the people to ask them to endorse such a Deity. What a relief it is to turn from this picture of coming extinction when

"—the sun grows cold,
And the stars are old,
And the leaves of the judgment book unfold,"

to the delightful prospect which Koreshan prophecy now puts before our vision.

The change in the angle of the ecliptic is accountable for the fact that tropical animals are found in the ice of polar latitudes. The ecliptic, which is the path of the visible sun, now forms an angle of $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ with the terrestrial equator. This angle is subject to change—at one time in the past it was 45° . Sometime the two circles will become coincident. There will be a great deal of wonder and consternation among scientists when the change comes; but it will not be necessary to provide artificial heat, since the magnetic zone of light around the equator will be perpetual, night and day, while at the poles there will be a sun for each hemisphere. This condition of affairs will preclude the use of electricity in that favored portion of the earth which borders upon the equator.

Stupendous changes in the physical earth mark the culmination of a certain portion of humanity. These

changes make the earth more beautiful and more suitable to contain the Arch-natural genus. The new relations between man and God are destined to reveal the Creator in another light. When he sees the end from the beginning and can realize the depth of meaning in the words, "redemption of the body," man will say, "It is good."

It is not an ideal prospect to look forward to the extermination of the race. It is not a pleasant picture which this article puts before us, in the shape of a dark and frozen earth swinging around in its orbit, though no human being lives upon its cheerless wastes. The incomplete adjustment of man to his exterior surroundings will never cease until his mind has been disabused of the ideas conjured up by these "scientific" necromancers.

People ask what difference it makes whether one believes in the Copernican hypothesis or not. It makes a great deal of difference whether the creation justifies its Creator—and this it can never do so long as the spectre of annihilation stands and beckons across the vista of the ages.

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♉ TAURUS AND SCORPIO. ♏

The Significance of the Second and Eighth Divisions of the Zodiac in Man and Cosmos.

TAURUS AND SCORPIO are the second and eighth divisions of the Zodiac, and therefore, owing to their correspondence with even numbers, are of a negative nature. There is something to be learned from an analysis of their symbols. In that representing Taurus (♉) we find the arc united with the circle, but lacking the cross or third partner in the trinity of symbology. In the circle we have light and the impregnating power of the spirit; in the arc, darkness, the alimentary canal, and the power to digest and ruminate. There is life here in embryo, or rather, the possibilities of life which, *per se*, only amount to existence or a mere state of being, as the symbol does not portray those activities so essential to life and which are indicated by the cross.

The symbol of Taurus really indicates the "winged sun," or Helios just before the first rays of morning light manifest themselves on the eastern horizon, for the cusp of Aries marks the second hour before sunrise; and in the symbol ♈ (Aries) we see the bursting forth of the light from the solar orb as it descends from the nocturnal cuticulum. In the symbol of Scorpio (♏) we observe the three-fold principle indicated by the three strokes, and those activities are punctuated by the head of the dart or sting; therefore, in the coördinate of Taurus we obtain the extreme opposite, for here is either life in the very fullest sense, or its inversion—death and destruction.

These two divisions can be more fully understood through a knowledge of their anatomical relationships. Taurus signifies the cerebellum—the little brain that involves the involuntary centers of the human mind, and more especially the faculty of amateness, the love center and the seat of the generative powers. Scorpio, on the other hand, involves the organs and channels through which generation is effected. In this way Taurus comes to signify a mere love of life, which will either be under the control of the voluntary and scientific intellect of Aries-Libra, in which case it becomes *will*; or left to its unchecked and instinctive tendencies, it will exhaust itself in unchecked license.

Taurus constitutes the reservoir of life, Scorpio the scientific direction of its potencies. Both divisions possess their active and passive functions; and in the active Scorpio we perceive the science of life and reproduction, in which sexual commerce comes under the control of the intellect, the life potencies are weighed in the balance, in which the sign of the virgin forms the counterbalancing scale—its perpetuation being thus ensured through its assimilation and appropriation by the brain thus rendered productive and fruitful, as the superimposed sign of the fishes indicates. To extract the sting of the scorpion, or rather, to turn it inwards, is to cause its destruction, and therefore, that of the power of death which it symbolizes, and to ensure the triumph of the Eagle of Liberty, the true symbol of the eighth division of the Zodiac.

In the male form, Scorpio corresponds to the spermal reservoirs, stones required for the building of the divine Temple, and which constitute the white keystone to the arch of triumphant manhood, and also to the *os sacrum*, which forms the keystone of the pelvic arch and termination of the spinal column. In addition to the cerebellum, Taurus is related to the throat, neck, and pharynx, and may be said to indicate the root of a thing, but only in the sense that the neck forms the root, or rather base, on which the head rests. Thus Taurus is specially related to the *atlas* and *axis*, the first two bones of the vertebræ, and which therefore coördinate with the *sacrum*, the terminal bone of the series—the spinal column itself being the principal channel of communication between the cerebellum and the organs of generation. Therefore, as Aries and Libra involve the beginning and end of scientific knowledge, so do Taurus and Scorpio involve the beginning and end of the powers of generation and which, as negative signs, should be subjective to the former.

Taurus may be said to correspond to the neck of the tooth, constituting therefore, that part which unites the fang or root with the crown; and so, as analogous to the vegetable kingdom, it represents that central portion of the plant lying near the surface of the earth from which the root descends into the depths which, Zodiacally speaking, is the nadir; and also from whence springs forth into the light of day, the stem which finds its culmination at the zenith in the full-blown blossom which droops, then dies, and sheds its seed in the virgin soil of the western horizon; thence descends and

hides itself in the unseen depths of the nadir, to finally complete its cycle on the eastern horizon as the seed bursting once more with life and throwing upward and downward the potencies that it involves.

The two divisions that are under consideration express in humanity two entirely opposite views of life, the descending and the ascending—the former possessing the power to perpetuate its existence only by opening and passing through the portal of death and descending into the grave, and relinquishing the hold on the memory of the past; the latter, by closing the gate that leads down to the nether regions, anatomically opens the portal of the mind and enters into possession of the memory of all past experiences, that inexhaustible storehouse of life and wealth.

Now, as Taurus, the cerebellum and the seat of the involuntary life potency, is indicative of spiritual yet uninvested wealth, so is the second house, its mundane correspondent, the signifier of heaped-up worldly possessions—money and mammon generally; while the eighth house, its coördinate, stands for legacies and those possessions which the iron hand of death demands as toll from those who are compelled to pass through its portal. The sensual-spiritual reproductions of Taurus are the children who are the natural creations of animal desire, and who inherit the accumulations of material wealth which the creator of both is compelled to relinquish. Thus Taurus may be the root of a tree whose fruits are bitter and poisonous, constituting as it does, that love of money and of selfish accumulation which brings into being that generation of vipers and scorpions whose stings are fatal and death-dealing. The conversion of the bull into the bullock involves the sacrifice of the sensual desire, that the neck may bend to the yoke (—) of virginal union, and that the will may become subject to the scientific mind, which is itself the fruit of the tree that involves the life germ.

The student will at once perceive what very opposite characters are produced by these two Zodiacal divisions, and how the obstinate, self-willed, and stiff-necked tendencies of Taurus, with their accompanying self-love and jealousy, must in time give way to a complete self-abnegation and sacrifice of the golden calf on the high altar of the will. He will realize that Scorpio may indicate the very lowest and most degraded, or the most progressed and enlightened character; either devils whose depths of iniquity are well-nigh unfathomable, or angels whose mental wings enable them to soar in the most exalted and refined atmosphere of life-giving truth and wisdom.

The Messianic Mission and the Curse.

KORESH.

IF the world had a Messiah in the Lord Jesus, then that Messiah came for the sole purpose of restoring man from the condition brought upon himself through violation of God's law, attended by the application of a penalty as specific at least as the violation. The curse pronounced was coincident with the disobedience, and the mission of the Lord Christ must be coincident with the curse.

General Contributions

THE CHARACTER OF TRUE EDUCATION.

Learning Truth in Its Application to Life; the World's Times of Ignorance; the Light of the New Age.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

THE BEST SCHOOL in the world is unquestionably that in which the student learns the most truth in its application to the uses of life. Who can locate it? Whose judgment of schools is entitled to the most discriminating respect? Unquestionably that of the man who can prove that he knows more of practical value about this world and the next than any other man in it. How is his knowledge to be estimated and accredited? We answer, "with a plumb-line" and level in use to determine the chord of the arc of that circle which outlines the confines of the universe.

The whole of anything is the sum total of its parts. The universe is a unique thing, of which the student is a distinct and essential part, supposedly desirous of acting well his part in the light of a knowledge of what is to be enacted, and where. In the order of law whatever is, is necessary, but not necessarily righteous in the eye of One who must be central if all others can be proved to be circumferential and in established relations to himself as the center. Time and space are essentials of the natural kingdom, the continent of the spiritual and celestial kingdoms interior to it. There is a fixed time in the order of law for man to know the mind of God concerning time and space. The science of all truth concerning all things celestial, spiritual, and natural, is the *lumen* of the mind of God. He knows good and he knows evil, and there is a time in which he reveals to man the exceeding sinfulness of sin, in consequence of which revelation man readily undertakes works mete for repentance, the works of righteousness, which effect his deliverance from sin and all its concomitants.

A good education is for the purpose of drawing out and utilizing for the common weal, whatever resources of the commonwealth of which a man is a component part, there are involved in him. Such an education makes the most and the best of a man. Man in ignorance of the laws of divine economy wastes the resources of the commonwealth in competition with his fellows; and the law of compensation works to restore and maintain the balanced condition of things essential to the eternal being of God and his natural environment, the universal expression of himself, best infolded in the all-potent Word of life, the perfect Man. Righteousness is voluntary obedience to a scientific understanding of the law of divine being, for the resurrection or reproduction of this all-potent Word of life. "With all thy getting" "get wisdom, get understanding;" for "the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it."

The so called civilized world, in which the nations so largely spend their forces in learning the arts of commercial competism and of war for commercial supremacy, prides itself in the fact that its masses are being liberally educated in the schools of its establishment. "If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" said "the Light of the world to come" to an existent world falsely claiming enlightenment while despising and rejecting him as a power of darkness, a besom of destruction. The Almighty One had "to stoop to conquer" this world's unconquered territory. He had to "condescend to men of low estate"—so low that their spirits were imprisoned in dungeons of darkness into which they had been lured by men who made void the law—men who are false lights along the shore of time. The Lord descended into the very bowels of the earth, into the mire of human iniquity, that he might enter into communion with the imprisoned spirits and serve out with them the time of their life sentence in the valley and shadow of death, and bring them again to the knowledge of the truth concerning himself and themselves in relation to him.

The teacher had to teach through being "made to be sin" in His conjunction of crucifixion with his Disciples, the exceeding sinfulness of sin and the scientific value of its only remedy—conjunctive unity through obedience to law with himself the Word of life. As the Messenger of the new covenant for the redemption of the body of the Lord, and the resumption of divine specie payment according to the true gold standard, the Lord is prepared to resume in the natural, the work which he began nineteen hundred years ago, and to square accounts, according as their works shall be, with all who believe in his name.

Churchmen of all classes have been on a long "strike," and their souls look like lean and hungry devils seeking whom they may devour. The greatest labor leader the world has ever seen is prepared as a "high priest touched with the feelings of their infirmities" to make "terms" for them with the Almighty. He is ready to enter into the Holiest for them, as the anointed representative of the "labor of Egypt," and to establish their covenant relation with the Almighty on terms of absolute equity. He will give to every man according as his works shall stand revealed in its finished product, their chosen Leader, Shepherd, and Guide. Who are to be found on the Lord's side as the men of his education? Who are ready to enter his school of discipleship, the College of Life, in which the laws of life are being learned in application to the uses of life for the attainment of that life which is life indeed?

The times of ignorance the Almighty is said to ignore; but there comes a period called the "fulness of times," in which he calls a halt in the march of degeneracy and commands men everywhere to repent and do works mete for repentance. He calls it by the "Sign of the Son of Man in heaven." He calls it by the voice of the brother's blood crying everywhere from the ground of earth's gory battlefields. He calls it by the awful forms of plagues, pestilence, and famine stalking


through the highways and by-ways. He calls it from the inhuman faces of men so marred by fleshly lusts they have but to glance at the mirror of the law to believe in a personal devil. Men need only to seek the Lord in this world and find out what an unknown quantity he is, to know that they are in the shades of hell. Take your stand at the doors of modern schools and colleges and note the percentage of defectives passing from them to light cigars and cigarettes, and to seek nerve stimulants or sedatives—and you will be convinced that the prevailing system of education is morally rotten and scientifically fallacious.

The world's need of education by the science of righteousness is at its maximum, and a power of moral integrity that can throttle its imbecile passions and acts of lawlessness, needs to take humanity in hand. By the science of the moral law comes the knowledge of sin, and the world is going to get this science by a fiat of the will of God Almighty being flung into its teeth. The time has come for the Gods to feed the people with the fruit of their own doings, both good and evil.

The time is come for the education of the world's commonwealth of humanity in scientific communism to be undertaken by one made as apt to teach as he has been to learn. Scientific communism is divinely orderly, patterned after the one God-given plan exhibited in the anatomy of Jehovah, the holy Seed of manhood perfected, and in the universe evolved from his incubation. An education on this plan is the only one which can draw out and down the kingdom of heaven in earth, and make men in God's image and likeness, out of the shady semblances of men called mortals.

This universe is to become the great commonwealth of Israel, Abraham's promised inheritance. Abraham provided for the education of his son and heir when he placed him under the tutelage of the law to learn obedience to it through the suffering of sin and all its concomitants. It made him the God that he is today, the friend of Abraham his father, from whom nothing is hid that the Almighty doeth. The New Jerusalem, the divine wisdom of the Ancient of Days, who is also the beginning of years, honors the law of her divine being before all else. The obedience to it displayed in the Son of Man who came under it to be brought by it into receptivity to that divine anointing which makes him one with the Lord her God, is obedience unto life—the covenant relation of the law by which came sin that man might above all things else, know the God of his salvation.

The New Jerusalem begins her earth-life as a new school of thought, the most ancient thought in the world, expressed in the newest language of life—life in obedience to law ever new and renewing. Her education is flawless, and presents her in ultimates ripe for judgment, spotless and blameless in the eye of that Schoolmaster whose bride, pride, and glory she becomes. In the day of her virginity she serves as a handmaid, but is rewarded as a wife with the glory of the husband-man and father. The son "differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father." "Joseph is a fruitful son, a fruitful son upon the eye," or "by a fountain." He is fruitful or educated by virtue of becoming the fount, "the pure river of the water of life"—the science of life and immortality learned only in the Abrahamic covenant or college of life, in which the first principle of the law of divine communism is recognized and scientifically expounded in application to life.



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE COMMUNISM OF THE COSMOS should constitute the basis or pattern for the scientific economics of the human race. There is no better evidence that the principles of communism are both true and practical, than the fact that Nature herself, throughout the ages of eternity, employs and applies them in the maintenance and government of the physical universe. Nature makes no mistakes in her economy; she wastes no energy, and nothing has ever thwarted her purposes. Her methods are the tried and proved methods of eternal Wisdom, a knowledge of which is the knowledge of the secrets of creation and its Creator. If we copy Nature, accepting her language as the expression of the true doctrines of the great Architect of the cosmos, and apply the principles and laws of her great household to the plane of human interests, we harmonize our own endeavors with the very elements of all true progress. The universe exists for some great purpose; that purpose is necessarily eternal, and it is the truest purpose possible to conceive. The principles of use are manifest everywhere. That service may be rendered at every point and time of need, and that supply may be made to every legitimate demand, for the perpetuity of the whole cosmos, with its beneficent Creator and all his circumferential subjects and kingdoms in the enjoyment of life, the laws of relation of man and cosmos are ever operative. All of the progressive elements of the great universe conspire in their complex activities, to produce the apex and climax of all life. The principles of common interest are eternally fixed in the very foundations of all activity; all things are made subservient to one great end of every cycle—the production of the Seed of universal perpetuity. Among all the atoms of the cosmos, there is a constant communism of related effort; and then, when the Seed appears He is the highest of all and the Servant of all, because it is his mission to impart vital impulse to all in their order. The Almighty exists for use; and humanity likewise exists for the purpose of use. God and man are related on the basis of mutual service and use, for they are mutually interdependent, and periodically enter into conjunction in the formation of a new religion and its far-reaching fellowship. While the Almighty says that the “cattle on a thousand hills are mine,” he also says to the prospective heirs of his kingdom, “All things are yours,” because they are destined to inherit all he owns and enjoys. God gives his things away, and yet he always owns all he imparts and produces, because he owns the universe in common with every constituent part and structure of life. The government of Deity, as expressed through cosmic form and function, is but the regulation of the cosmos in accordance with the principles of the most natural economy. Communism is the most natural relation existing between those whose purposes are the same. The relations of the cells of the human system are natural; man himself constitutes a vital commonwealth of corpuscles and cells, with their co-ordinate spiritual entities, aggregated and active on the basis of mutual interest and mutual service. The human

system is a university in which corpuscles learn the lessons of life through experience and contact with the substances of the intellect; it is a government where all the essences, entities, and cells are controlled in harmony with definite laws of character and principles of life; it is a society where cells are grouped according to their stages and planes of progress; it is an industrial system where the workers perform necessary uses for the upbuilding and maintenance of the whole body; and the human body is a system of commerce where equitable exchange of substances is made between the several departments of the system. Man is a miniature cosmos, a miniature government, but withal, a complex organism, perfectly natural in its construction and order, and maintained in accordance with those principles which constitute the very basis of divine operations in the construction and maintenance of the cosmos. The very essentials of scientific knowledge and eternal Wisdom are manifest in the founding of the Koreshan System upon the natural basis of cosmic economy.

The universal use of the word commonwealth is a tribute to the true communism. Its truths are unconsciously admitted by men of all stations of life in all nations of the world. Communism obtains, in some phase, wherever mutual service is rendered. The word communism means, literally, a serving together, and is therefore, a system of common service. The etymology of the word reveals the testimony of natural language as to the true uses of communism. The people of a community constitute a *neighborhood*, a society or body politic or body social, where common interest to some extent obtains. The word common is from *com*, together, and *munis*, ready to be of service, from *munus*, service, work. The true neighborhood is the fellowship of the true community; it is a brotherhood. Humanity, if related at all, must be related on the basis of some kind of service, physical, mental, moral, or spiritual. The Government of the United States is called a commonwealth; it is a commonwealth in name; phases of common interest certainly obtain, but in a limited degree and not at all on the basis of equity. The nation is a bee-hive of industry, a great nation of industrial activity; but the bee-hive is not orderly, and bears little resemblance to its prototype, the commonwealth of the bee-hive, which is but the manifestation, in the insect kingdom, of the vital principles of relation operative in the life and industry of the human system and the analogous industry of the cosmos itself. It is an indisputable fact that common interest is absolutely essential in many lines of human activity through mutual recognition of vital and corporate rights, without which progress would be impossible. We do not believe that we have reached the limit of the application of the principles of common interest; it may cover all human relations. Today men serve themselves and those to whom they are most closely related. The primary motive, the chief incentive, of the modern man is the service of self. So long as men are selfish they will admit of no very ex-

tensive relations of common interest, except those of present necessity; but selfishness, while characteristic of the modern man, is *not natural*, because not in harmony with the natural order of the cosmos. A revolution of the human will through the impulses of the volitional center of human progress, will fit man for the uses of scientific communism of the twentieth century.

In the manifestation of genius some of the fundamental principles of communism are demonstrated. The public acknowledges great debts of gratitude to men who have unselfishly served the common interest of the masses. Men are honored for their deeds and power for the common good. The statesman rises above moral planes of sordid selfishness and serves the multitude; the inventor bequeaths to the world the fruits of his genius; the writer contributes a wealth of mental energy to be enjoyed in common by the millions of people for generations to come; and the artist produces masterpieces to be admired by the appreciative mentalities of the world. What would the world be today without the achievements of those who have sought through their labors to benefit mankind? Where would the millions be in their orbits if left unimpulsed by the powers of genius? Art is demonstrating the fundamentals of communism. Art copies Nature and expresses the images of the mind. The products of art are admired by the thousands, and the masterpieces constitute an effective form of education and a constant source of enjoyment, not on the part of the few, but of the many. The true artist labors to produce his masterpieces because he loves his art. They are the greatest masters who pursue their work unselfishly. It is the highest spirit of true art that manifests itself in true communism. If the products of art are for the use and enjoyment of the people, the products of Nature, which is the art of God and a source of inspiration of the art of man, should be for the use and enjoyment of all the members of the human race. All true service is communistic; and the relations of true communism are such that a man may best serve himself by unselfishly serving the society to which he is related and of which he is a part. Without the high type of service the statesman could never win the honor of the people. No people rejoice in the effort of a man to honor himself and serve himself alone; but they do willingly render him homage who renders them unstinted service in the love of righteousness.

One of the most striking features of the life of the primitive Christians was that of communism. When Jesus the Christ established the Apostleship of the Twelve, he began his order of communistic relations. The intimately related thirteen—the one Master and twelve Apostles—had *one purse* which contained a common fund, into which each contributed his income and from which their necessary current expenses were paid. There was nothing compulsory about all this—it was all voluntary. As they passed through the country teaching the new doctrines, they were entertained by the heads of many homes. Funds were contributed to the common treasury by followers and friends. New relations sprang up, new ties of fellowship; they were the strong ties of the new religion. When, on the day of

Pentecost, the divine Spirit descended upon the Apostles and finally upon the thousands, a more extensive phase of common interest was established; the entire band of the new Christian converts held their possessions in common. The basis of their secular relations was that of common interest. They had one hope; they thought alike and recognized in each other the same power, the same spirit. They lived together in communities. Every church was a center of communistic relations; and as the religion spread the new relations were adopted and were continued, according to church history, until the beginning of the apostasy, when the leaders and members gave up their communistic relations in their endeavor to adapt themselves to the customs of the pagans. The seeds of communism sown in the soil of humanity, were destined to die that at the end of the dispensation, in the harvest of the age, the great system of organic communism, founded on the principles and laws of scientific economy as revealed in the natural form and functions of the cosmos, might become manifest.

In Koreshanity the restoration of communism obtains. The Koreshan church is a communistic nucleus, bound together by the ties of a new fellowship. Its members constitute a *family*, whose relations are higher than the relations of the common family. But even in the common family certain phases of communism and socialism obtain. The head of the household assumes responsibility for the care and maintenance of the family; he is the recognized treasurer of the family, and the manager of its affairs, and the ruler of the household. The members of the common family are associated on the basis of a recognized bond of common life. The closest ties of the mortal family require adoption of natural economic relations. In the institution of communism and socialism among its members, the Head of the greater family, disregarding the ties of the families from which Koreshan members are gathered, applies the most natural, rational and economic relations possible. They are the relations of brother and sister in the new Paternal household; and these relations will extend to the thousands, involving all the elements and principles of the true and scientific society, in the unity of all religious and secular affairs in one system of management and control.

Air and water are constantly essential to the maintenance of all forms of life—and these elements are universal and free; they are partaken of alike by all living organisms under the sun. The Author of the universe in which these elements obtain is a great Communist. He made the earth for man's habitation; he made its beauty for man's admiration and enjoyment; and its products are for man's use. He who gives life ties together the hearts and minds of those to whom he gives it, looking to the formation of a great Immortal family, the members of which shall constitute the heirs of his universe. He reveals his communism in the forms and functions of the natural world. In the scientific regulation of the affairs of man, the goods of life, as well as life itself, should be enjoyed in common. True communism must begin with a nucleus, the sphere of influence of which may extend throughout the world and harmonize all the elements and energies of human activity.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

Wonders of the Mental World.

"In an article by KORESH in a recent number of THE FLAMING SWORD, the Holy Spirit is said to be an ultra-penetrable ray that vibrated in unison with those in harmony. The question arises in my mind whether this ray passes through space. If it does then intelligence may be outside of brains. Now, perhaps I can bring out what I want to know by asking this question: Suppose I understood enough of truth to almost enable me to attain to immortality; were I placed in a dungeon, away from the sound of the human voice, and be deprived of all external means of communication—could the Almighty or his Messiah convey the necessary knowledge to me? There is a well-known Doctor here who claims that there is an ethereal substance that passes through the air and feeds the human brain, and that this substance is intellect. If you will kindly answer these questions I will be much obliged."

The substances of the human mind are above all the conditions of time and space. A thought in itself does not occupy space; neither does a thought possess in itself the qualities of time, for time and space belong to the external, material world. Inasmuch as a thought occupies neither time nor space, these conditions are not required for the transmission of thought from brain to brain. All mental states, comprising all spiritual conditions, are in man continually, without exception. The substances of the mind have the material humanity as their pediment of activity in all states and qualities, and are never outside of their basis of expression for the millionth part of a second, because there is no other basis, outside of the human world, to which mentality in transmission could be attracted.

Now, physical energy, or the energies of the physical cosmos, and all energies generated by physical or artificial means, are transmissible through the atmosphere, and occupy space in the subtleties of their extension and transmission; but even then the substances are always in conjunction with the material substances which constitute the basis of their transmission. "Free electricity" means electricity which generally prevades the atmosphere, and does not mean that electricity exists in space independently of the atmospheric gases.

The modern mind has become so accustomed to thinking along materialistic lines that it seems almost impossible, at the present time, for minds generally to form any true conception of the processes of transmission of mental substances from personality to personality without going through intervening space. The substances of mentality do pass through an atmosphere; there is a transmission from mind to mind, from brain to brain; but the atmosphere through which the transmission is made is the mental, *not* the physical atmosphere; and inasmuch as the mental atmosphere is *interior* to the external world of humanity, it follows that the transmission of mental substances is through the *atmosphere of the mind*, never for a moment being outside of the human world.

When the Apostle Paul was on board the vessel in the violent storm, a Voice comforted him. When Peter was in prison in Jerusalem, an angel appeared and unlocked the doors of the prison and released him. These angels came to the Apostles through materialization, *not from without*, but from within; and if they said to the one, "Be of good cheer;" and to the other, "Cast thy garment about thee and follow me," they could have delivered any other message of truth or advice within their power.

In the endeavor to perceive how such things could be, the mind must get above the materialistic conceptions of this materialistic age. The natural world is a circumference to the spiritual world. In passing from brain to brain, spiritual substances do not get outside of their coördinate material environment, but pass through the *interior* and enter into conjunction with the mentality in and through whom they become manifest. The spirits of the spiritual world see all minds of a given sphere as a whole; and their scope of vision broadens in proportion to their altitude; but the mentalities comprising a spiritual sphere are not mentally or spiritually separate.

The mind that conceives of mentality floating around in the physical atmosphere ready to feed brains with its

substance, is grossly materialistic, utterly unable to comprehend or conceive even the first principles of the relations of mentality and its physical environment and sphere of activity and expression.

THE PROGRESS OF KORESHANITY.

The System and Its City are Subjects of Presentation by the Daily Press.

We anticipate that during the coming year more than ever will be accomplished in the line of active propaganda of the Koreshan System. The Founder of Koreshanity is planning extensive lecture tours through the nation. He may leave Estero at an early date for the North and East, to be absent for several weeks; and doubtless a great deal may be done in that time in the interests of the System and its work. We hope from time to time, to publish information concerning the progress of these lectures.

Since the incorporation of Estero, a number of daily newspapers and reportorial bureaus have applied to us for particulars of the Koreshan System, and its objects and progress, and the plans of the new city. Our Reportorial Staff has supplied a number of articles which are now being published in different parts of the country—one appearing in the Tampa Sunday Tribune, September 18, and the same matter is to appear illustrated in the New York Sunday Herald. A Philadelphia news syndicate is disposing of an illustrated article prepared by our Staff, to various Sunday papers, weeklies and magazines. The Jacksonville Times-Union published a half-page illustrated article September 22—the same matter to appear in a New York Sunday paper.

One of the most favorable and the fairest articles ever written on Koreshan subjects by anyone outside of the Koreshan Unity, appeared in the New York Press, September 11, aptly illustrated. The article, with its illustrations, occupy about one page, and shows the portrait of the Founder of Koreshanity in a representation of the hollow globe. The reporter who wrote the article was at Estero several weeks ago, and looked over the grounds. There are some inaccuracies, but in the main it is an excellent article:

Location of the Koreshan Community.

Hidden away on a palm-rimmed creek not far from the west coast of Florida, is the home of a new sect whose adherents believe they hold the keys to the secrets of

universal existence and immortality. Believing themselves possessed of powers hitherto considered superhuman, they say the time will soon come when they will dominate the world. Their Messiah is already among them, and Koreshanity, as the faith of the members of the Koreshan Unity is called, is only waiting to complete the organization of its church as a body politic to claim its place above, yet among, all the peoples of the world.

The settlement is still young—so young that enough houses have not yet been built to hold all who wish to come and join the Community. It is at Estero, in Lee County, Fla. Punta Rassa, one of the famous tarpon fishing grounds of the west coast, is only about fifteen miles away, but Estero lies outside the track even of the fishermen. Through the tricky channel of Carlos Pass you must go, and pick a way among the scores of islands that dot the inner bay; and around a point on the farther shore you may find the entrance to Estero creek. Follow its windings for a mile or more—smooth and cool and silent under the hot southern sun—and you reach Estero itself.

The place is a veritable Eden. Already whole acres of the sandy stretches of "hummock" land, which the colonists have acquired, have been brought under cultivation, and long plantations of orange trees alternate with denser rows of pineapple slips. There are vegetables in abundance, and these, with the fruit, form one of the principal industries of the little Community, so far as the outside world is concerned. Twenty thousand acres is the extent of the grant they hold from the Government, and inside that wide estate they live, a people almost wholly apart. They have no near neighbors, and if a man wanders outside of the neatly laid walks and pathways of the settlement he at once finds himself alone with the pines and the wind and the sky.

The Founder of the sect is DR. CYRUS R. TEED, formerly of Chicago. It is from him that the sect takes its name. KORESH is Persian for Cyrus, and certain prophecies in the Old Testament name Cyrus as a coming Messiah, who is to bring about a new dispensation. The Koreshans are taught to believe they are the nucleus of the 144,000 saints who will be caught up living to heaven at the beginning of the millennium. Their creed acknowledges a personal God, and asserts it is more strictly in accord with the Bible than any or all of the rival schools of Christianity. Immortality in the flesh is the promise it holds out; celibacy is a condition on which it insists as an essential to that end. Communism is the fundamental principle which makes their religious and social life so nearly akin that church and state are one.

It is not only in these fields of thought however, that the Koreshan Unity expects to revolutionize the world. KORESH, to use the title by which DR. TEED is known,

says he has established an astronomical system which at once demands and furnishes an entirely new explanation of the universe. By direct and scientific demonstration, he says, he has proved that the Copernican system is the exact opposite of the truth. Instead of living on the surface of a globe, whirling through unlimited space with unnumberable bodies, we are on the inside of a hollow shell, 8,000 miles in diameter, with the sun at its center, and the moon, planets, and stars contained within it. The mathematical calculations which place the sun, a body with the diameter of 886,000 miles, at a distance of 92,000,000 from our earth, is pronounced a fallacy. The sun we see is a projection of the central sun, and is about 900 miles away, with a diameter of about twenty-five miles. The central sun is an enormous battery, from which all energy radiates and in which it is again received. God, while personal, is the essence of all the vital forces contained in Nature. By the proper knowledge of the operation of such energy and forces revealed in the natural world, man can place himself in true harmony with them and share thereby in their eternal existence.

Beliefs and Customs of the Koreshans.

The colonists at Estero number at present about 300, but they are waiting only till they have built up their little city to receive a big influx of believers from all parts of the United States. From dawn to dark carpenters are at work on the new houses, but it is slow work, for they will accept no help from outside, and with nearly half their number women and children, there are few men to any one trade. Yet they have done much already, and before this winter comes the settlement will have been incorporated as a township. Already they are self-contained and self-sufficing in every way that lies within their power. They have their own store for such supplies as they cannot win from the earth, and the first steps have been taken toward the stocking of a stud farm on which they will rear their own horses, cattle, and sheep. They have a machine-shop equipped with the most modern tools, and here a ten-horse power engine has been made which is a complete success. They have their own lumber mill. It will not be long before they will have their own electric plant. They build their own boats as well as their own houses, and the Victoria, their forty-foot launch, is one of the stoutest on the coast. They have two printing presses of the latest make, and issue their own paper, THE FLAMING SWORD, every week, in addition to printing all the literature of their church. And everything is common property, to which all have contributed and in which all share. Though hard work is the portion of every one there, it would be difficult to find a more contented community, and in spite of the amazing account given of the universe, which is one

of the first articles of their faith, the visitor is more likely to be struck by the intelligence shown on every side than by anything that would suggest the crank. Some of the staunchest believers in KORESH and his extraordinary teachings are university and professional men who have turned their backs on the world to take their part in a movement which they are convinced will revolutionize not only the thoughts and creeds of men, but the kingdoms and nations of the world.

The life of the Community is simple, most of the members at present living in big dormitories. The sexes are separated, and it is a peculiar feature of the place that a husband and wife, as soon as they join the Estero band, abandon their family life entirely. The man is placed in one of the big "bunk houses," while quarters are found for the woman among the "sisters." Under the strict application of the communistic system, even their children are taken from them and handed over entirely to the care of the teachers. Universal celibacy at present is the rule, but when the Community is thoroughly organized it will be insisted on only in the highest and innermost circle of the church. A system for the propagation of the race will be recognized among the lower grades, but it, as well as the rearing of the children, will be strictly under the supervision of the heads of the Community. With such restrictions as they provide, small though entirely artificial, families of men and women will be permitted to live together in separate houses, and a line of villas already is being built to furnish these homes. Each "family" will be made up on the basis of similarity of tastes and pursuits, and not according to the ordinarily accepted ties of relationship.

Celibacy, however, is one of the most essential conditions to the attainment of immortality, and the aim will be to educate all the people up to it. In the "Fundamental Principles of the New Covenant," as drawn up by KORESH, he says: "If the descent of the passions contributes to the creation and perpetuity of the corruptible body, it follows, then, that by elevating the affections or desires, the body of death will be overcome and the body of immortality substituted; therefore, continency in the males and chastity in females are absolutely essential to the induction of the human race into everlasting life. Celibacy, incorporated as a living principle that both soul and body be holy and acceptable unto the Lord, is a most reasonable service, and demanded of all who desire immortality."

Religious services are held every Sunday, at which a prayer is said standing, Koreshan songs are sung, and DR. TEED delivers an address. This ritual is soon to be changed, and the drama will take the place of the pulpit. A stage 200 feet wide, with a spacious auditorium, is soon to be erected, and performances intended to illustrate the principles of Koreshanity, will be given by members of the Community.

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The Koreshan Geodetic Survey.

In view of the fact that the whole creed is based on what has been deduced from the alleged concavity of the earth's surface, it is only proper to give some account of the methods by which the Koreshans say this has been established. They maintain that theirs is the first attempt to determine the nature of the universe by direct and, as they believe, scientific demonstration. The long stretch of beach near Naples, on the west coast of Florida, about twenty miles south of Estero, was the place chosen by Professor U. G. Morrow, of the Geodetic Staff of the Koreshan Unity, to establish the nature of the contour of the earth by direct experiment.

By means of an instrument which he called the Rectilineator, which is little else than an instrument said to insure mathematically correct right-angles, he carried an absolutely straight line along the shore. The argument was simple. If the surface of the earth is convex, as is an axiom in the accepted systems, a mathematically straight line, if produced, must go farther and farther away from the surface of the earth, as the earth itself curves away from it. If, on the other hand, we are on the inside of the globe, a straight line would gradually approach and eventually touch the upward curve of the globe.

Professor Morrow started his straight line at a height of ten feet above mean tide level. At the end of four miles he had run it into the water. Stakes placed at intervals of an eighth of a mile along the route, marked the ratio in which the line approached the surface; and it is said that on no other kind of surface than the concave, could such relations and figures have been observed and obtained, the surface bending upward, as it were, toward the line in just the ratio of the calculated curvature.

"There is not another issue before the world today," says Professor Morrow, "in which the principles can be stated so specifically and pivoted on one point of test, nor one so susceptible to absolute decision, as this one concerning the concavity of the earth. We eliminated the elements of refraction of light and incurvation of visual lines, as well as the effect of perspective foreshortening, by mechanically forcing a straight line, and thus have settled the matter beyond dispute. Nothing can now impede the progress of the Koreshan System. It is invincible."—R. W. ST. HILL, in the *New York Press*, September 11, 1904.

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At Sasnovitch, province of Prisen, Germany, 50 Jews were killed and 100 wounded, by a mob on the Hebrew New Year.

King of Italy, in honor of birth of a son, makes important grants, and provides a fund for aged workmen.

Prince Herbert Bismarck, son of the late noted Chancellor of Germany, is dead.

King Peter, of Servia, peacefully crowned at Belgrade.

Happenings in America.

Parker makes effort to push the democratic side of the campaign, himself taking an active part in the direction of the affairs of the committee. Parker advises that no attack whatever be made on President Roosevelt's honor or integrity. The tariff and trust issues are put prominently to the front in the democratic campaign text-book.

John Alexander Dowie, in the presence of 8,000 of his followers, at Shiloh tabernacle, Zion City, proclaims himself as the "first apostle" of the Christian Catholic church, holding that he is now prophet and priest.

Wave of crime sweeps Chicago and baffles police. Churches unite to fight the vicious element; law and order leagues formed, and extra police force added.

The corn crop in the United State is estimated to be about 2,000,000,000 bushels this year.

Extensive preparations are being made for the Pacific Coast Fair at Portland, Oregon, next year.

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Florida orange harvest is beginning, shipments from various parts of the state having already been made.

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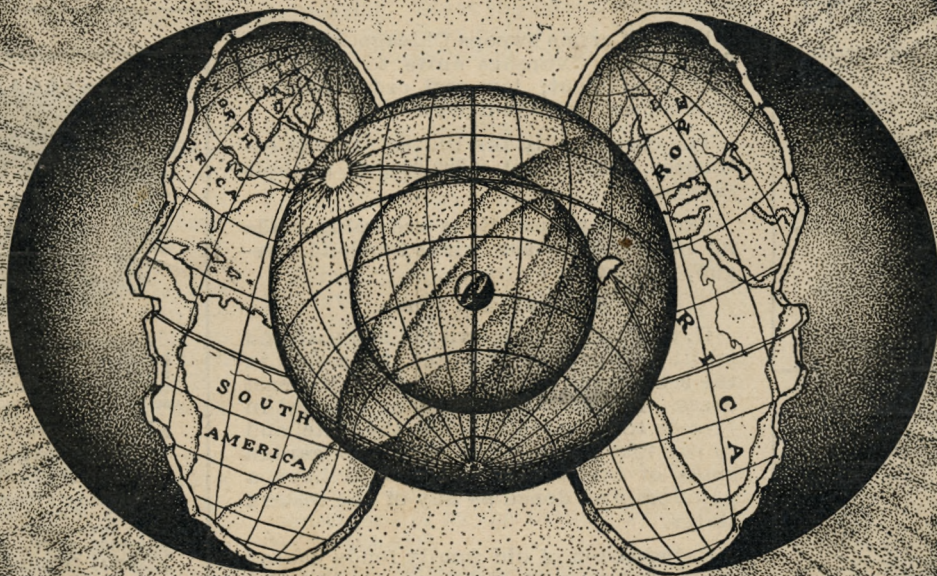
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