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## THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

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

**K**Oreshan 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.

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**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 Communistic. Celibacy obtains in the central nucleus, never in the world at large.

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

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

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**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 replaced 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 Semi-Annual Festival of The Koreshan Unity. •

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**I** WRITE a few days in advance of our Semi-annual Festival, which is due on the Tenth of April. For the new readers of THE FLAMING SWORD, it may be well to say that Koreshans celebrate the Tenth of April, the anniversary of the birth of the Pre-Eminent of the Koreshan Unity, VICTORIA GRATIA; and the Eighteenth of October, the anniversary of the birth of the Founder of the Koreshan System. I will leave the description of the day to others, which will be timely after the Festival.

These exercises are initiatory to the days which will follow in the generations when the world comes to recognize the Messianic law and apprehends the truth that the Lord God is raised up, the Son of Man, to sit upon the Throne of his inheritance, he being made strong to overcome. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." It is given to the Overcomer to appoint that Central Feminine Nucleus into which he shall flow when the process of incorruptible dissolution exalts him without death, into the seat of his Glory.

VICTORIA GRATIA is the appointed Head of the Koreshan Unity. All good Koreshans acknowledge her as the one chosen to receive the central baptism; and because of this appointment honor

her as they would respect every decision of the Founder of the Cult. The material and natural universe, designated by the title of the Cellular Cosmos, is the universal womb, because it is the universal cell of gestation and recreation; it is natural, and its highest central complement is the Woman in the microcosmic least form.

When the central Woman is baptized into the consciousness of her regeneration, she will constitute the perfect natural development of God the Lord, feminine in manifestation. She awaits her baptism to perfect her in her function of the Arch-natural Maternity. Whatsoever imperfections may seem to characterize her life are due to the fact that the central baptism from the Messianic influx is essential for the completion of her character. "She shall be called the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS," when the New Jerusalem shall have descended into the natural Womanhood of the Resurrection.

The new Arch-natural Genus is about to be projected into perfect manhood, the Sons of God, full grown, the Order of Melchizedek. They will mature through the function of the Motherhood through the baptism of CYRUS THE SHEPHERD. These Sons will not be born as little children, only as the innocence of the new-born Men constitute



them children in that Mazzarothic Cycle, which forms the career of the Sons of God from their inception as new-born Men to the time of their conjunctive oneness as the central Divinity.

There prevails a false idea of what shall be the character of the birth of the Sons of God, against which I desire to caution all students of our literature. There will be no babes born into the Arch-natural Order. When the birth comes it will be the transformation of the mortal men to the Immortal Men. This change includes both sexes.

The time is at hand. It will mark distinctively the end of the world, which means the old order of natural things; and will constitute the beginning of the New Dispensation.

#### THE BIUNITY OF THE NEW GENUS.

In Accordance With the Principles of Evolution We May Expect the Development of a New Race.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF KORESH.

JESUS WAS DECLARED to be the express image of the person of God. It is understood by those who profess to believe in him, that he was the first-fruits of the resurrection. If men would associate a little common sense with what they believe to be fact, or with what they pretend to so believe, cutting loose from the influence of ecclesiastical ignorance, they might soon arrive at a satisfactory basis of theological conclusion, in which reason, inspiration, and the laws governing the regular progress of evolution find a coincidental unison.

According to the common conception and hypothesis of evolution, there is no reason why some new genus may not spring from the present humanity. According to the most rigid, cold, and rational view of the theory of evolution put forth by its most materialistic advocates, we have every reason to believe that in the progress of development there should be manifest a new and higher genus of men. To insure the possibility of the unfoldment of a new race we would naturally expect the first-fruits of such a race. We would expect the infoldment of the germ or archetype before the genus could spring forth into outward or unfolded manifestation.

In Jesus the Christ (Anointed) of God there has been given to the world just what the thoughtful mind might expect, if the law of evolution be true. That the principle or law of virginal propagation does obtain in the lower animal kingdom, is a fact easily demonstrable. Therefore, from a purely scientific point of view, it is only reasonable to suppose that a virginal

principle of inception might enter as a factor into the law of progress from the purely sensual, animal man, to the race entering upon the arena of the world's advancement to its final degree of perfection.

When the lower animal kingdom attained to its highest condition—assuming for argument's sake that there was a time when man did not exist—what must have been the astonishment of the highest animal at the first appearance of a human being? "Why," he says to himself, "this is a strange and unaccountable phenomenon. Here is a new race. We supposed that in the production of the animal and bird kinds the law of evolution had exhausted its resources, and that there could be no higher development; but here comes forth a strange being, walking uprightly and putting his forelegs to a new and singular use." So when Jesus the Son of God comes, demonstrating the unrestricted advancement of the law, and confirming it by the involution of an archetype of the new genus, the pretended advocates of the hypothesis are the first ones to condemn the claim.

However, the Son of God came and planted himself in the race by the operation of the Holy Ghost (Spirit), and from those germs of the new creation there is about to spring forth another and superior genus. These new forms of creation will be the Sons of God, possessing powers incalculably beyond the powers and possibilities of the present imperfect humanity. In the attainment of their perfection they will combine the two principles and forms of the male and female, the two-in-one, and with other powers will involve the capacity to dematerialize and materialize at will, being enabled to pass from natural view into the spiritual world, and to return according to the desires of the personality. Not only is this to occur as a reality in the order of evolutionary progress, but the time is at hand when these sons of Levi (conjunction) are to appear upon the earth and by their presence usher in the Golden Age of the world. This will be the restoration of the Adamic man made in the image and likeness of God, male and female—that is, male and female in the united or two-in-one form.

The process of the manifestation of the Theo-anthropoi or God-men, is through the appearance and theocrasis of the Messenger of the Covenant (conjunction), by which the baptism of fire is effected. This baptism will dissolve as many as are made receptive to its influence. In other words, males and females will dematerialize similarly to the dissolving of the Lord's body at his translation. From this dissolution there will materialize the united manifestations, the two-in-one, the kings and priests of the order of Melchizedek. This is the resurrection of the dead, the reëmbodiment or reincarnation in a higher state, of those who have previously existed and who, in the beginning of the age, were the receptacles of the Holy Spirit, a Spirit containing the germs of the new creation, the germs or seeds of the Lord God, planted for the express purpose of developing the coming Genus.



## New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

### THE STANDARD OIL SCANDAL.

The Commendable Action of New England Ministers in Rejecting Rockefeller's Proposed Gift of \$100,000 For Missions.

THE ACTION of the Congregational ministers in rejecting a gift of \$100,000, which the head of the Standard Oil corporation proposed to put into the hands of the American Board of Foreign Missions, is one that commends itself to the righteous judgment of the nation. This money is not rejected on account of the personal character of the donor; neither is it discussed in any spirit of unfairness. The Standard Oil Company has been legally chartered by the Government for the sake of qualifying it to carry on business according to legitimate methods. By legitimate methods, it is understood that business shall be conducted according to the principles of commerce authorized by the several states. These laws must be inadequate, or it would be impossible for any legally chartered company to be so iniquitous in its proceedings and yet keep within bounds of state restrictions.

The revelations of the past two or three years have morally indicted the Standard Oil Company. The fearless disclosures of Miss Ida M. Tarbell have shown what can be done in the line of fraud and rascality within legal bounds. The reasons given by the New England ministers for eschewing Mr. Rockefeller's gift are these: "The Standard Oil Company stands before the public under repeated and recent formidable indictments in specific terms for methods which are morally iniquitous and socially destructive. The church is the moral educator and leader of the people, and in order to fulfil this calling with freedom and effect, it must stand entirely clear of any complication in the evil it is set to condemn."

The church is desirous of clearing its skirts; but before it is able to go free and establish its own integrity of method, it must reject the whole unrighteous system of charities and fraud of which Mr. Rockefeller's proceedings form a part. The methods endorsed by him are but those in vogue in other places where the spirit of Christian Communism is denied by the church which Christ founded in those principles. His doctrines speak of love to the neighbor. Is it love to the neighbor if you snatch away his purse and then tender him a meal out of his own money as an act of mercy on your own part? Yet this is just what is going on day by day; and the estate of the Christian church has waxed worse until it is willing to receive stolen goods.

The church is right in dividing the spoils if it is honestly in favor of the competitive industrial methods, because those methods prevail and no one does business on any other plan. If it is in favor of such methods, then let it take the money which Mr. Rockefeller says

God gave him. He says, "God gave me my money, and I gave it to the University." This puts the Supreme Being in direct complicity with the Standard Oil Company. It makes Him a patron of the competition which produces millions of wrecks, poor flotsam and jetsam on the sea of humanity. It shows Him multiplying his favorites in the shape of moneyed men who stand in the places of trust and influence in the Christian church. Surely God made man in his image and likeness in Scriptural times, but today it is man who makes God in his image and after his likeness, when Mr. Rockefeller can describe himself as the favorite of heaven in those terms.

If the Christian church is consistent it will renounce the whole frame work of a system founded in the right to destroy the neighbor financially and ruin his interests. If the law-makers of a nominally Christian nation are honest, they will render it impossible for any such scandal as that of the Standard Oil Company to remain in a Christian land. The ministers of New England should be classed with the Pilgrim Fathers, who sprang into prominence by protesting against the greatest monopoly of those days, the Church of England.

### The Russian Episode.

THE NORTH SEA episode has not generated any love between England and Russia. Those who believe that it has may revise their opinions at a later time. Coming events cast their shadows before, and the language used in the *Nineteenth Century* by a British writer, is a premonitory symptom. He says:

"What we—England and France in particular—have to realize is that, in spite of smooth externals, we are, in fact, face to face with a great barbarous power drawing its strength from slavery and superstition, and that it is nothing less than treason to civilization to stand by and allow the painfully acquired results of centuries of struggle to be overwhelmed in the avalanche of Russian retrogression. This is what Napoleon meant. \* \* The real and only Yellow Peril is that Tartar peril which has always been with us—like the east wind; the national, the European, the imperial duty of England was to resist it with all our might."

These are signs of coming tempests. The Russian Empire seems to be standing in slippery places, for dissensions at home and hatred abroad mark the culmination of despotic influences which have stained the pages of history.

The North Sea difficulty has been amicably settled, but the feelings engendered are not to be stifled. No love is lost between any of the great "friendly" powers because at heart each one wishes to dominate the rest in a truly Christian spirit, by force of arms.

Sound is the anthem which rings out in the heavenly spheres when the announcement of the Messiah's birth is made in earth.

The love of the Lord is perfect, converting the simplicity of the child into the wisdom of the sage.



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### READING OF THE VICTORIAN HOROSCOPE.

The Nativity of The Pre-Eminent in Relation to the Lunar Festival and the Progress of Koreshanity.

THERE ARE TIMES when the heart, pulsating with the emotions that rise in the human breast, when great and stirring occurrences present themselves,—desires to express in a single volume of dramatic language, the feelings which well up from its inmost recesses; and the head failing to respond to the exacting demands made upon it, sends back the chill blast that inhibits the joy that finding no outlet, wastes its waters on the burning deserts of the interior self.

We live in times when hard and unromantic facts outweigh mere sentiment, when the apparently real rudely dispels the momentary vision that we obtain of the ideal; and when all expressions of emotion are checked by the chill reflex of the unresponsive environment of our prison walls. Joy and tears are closely allied, for the latter are but the external expression of the struggles of the former to emerge from the maternal womb, that the Greeks termed *hysterikos*. Such are the feelings that we experience today, as we approach the subject of the Lunar Festival, that this year stands out in bold relief from all others that have preceded it, and which awakes in the infantile breast longings and desires for birth which the leaden hand of time still denies.

This Festival, falling near the time of the vernal equinox, has been inaugurated in order that the minds of the people may be drawn to the contemplation of the Motherhood of Deity—that divine Tree of Life whom our well beloved Pre-Eminent, VICTORIA GRATIA, so nobly and royally represents; and the time selected for its celebration is the annual recurrence of her natal day. In order that the significance of this Festival may be more fully appreciated and the especial importance of the celebration this year be realized, we will make a few brief references and explanations in respect to the nativity of the Pre-Eminent.

VICTORIA GRATIA was born in Boston, Mass., on the 10th of April, 1844, at high noon; and both place and time have a significance of their own in relation to the high office that she holds as Pre-Eminent of this Unity. The name Boston is derived from the Latin *bos*, a bullock; to which has been added the old English suffix *ton*, a town. The bullock (Taurus) is the symbol of free and untrammelled commerce, and corresponds in the human anatomy, to the cerebellum which contains the *arbor vite*, the source of all reproduction. Boston is known as the "hub of the universe;" and the Motherhood, the Zodiacal Tree of Life, is the hub of the universal wheel from which are projected the seven spokes (uttered words or doctrines) that at definite periods

and through specific channels, are projected into the natural world of human circumferences, reuniting thereby the wandering children of earth with the central Source from which they originally sprang; and which in the timic cycle, is the spring denoted by the Zodiacal constellation Aries, the head, through which the sun expresses itself at that time when Nature, after the silence entailed by an iron-bound winter, springs forth anew from the maternal womb of the sheltering earth.

It is necessary to consider both the time at which, and the process through which an event is brought about, if its significance in even so small a degree is to be understood. We shall therefore endeavor to give a brief explanation of the significance of the current Lunar Festival, based on a consideration of both these factors. For this purpose all that we need to consider in the horoscope of the Pre-Eminent, is the rising, setting, and culminating constellation, and the position of the sun and moon.

The early degrees of Leo were rising, and the same degrees of Aquarius which held the moon, were setting; while the twentieth degree of Aries which held the sun, culminated at the zenith. We have here a divine triangle, the base of which is composed of the Sonship and Motherhood, and the apex, of the Fatherhood of Deity. Leo rising is specifically Horos the first-born, heir to the throne, future director of commercial activities, yet the inexperienced infant in arms. It is the supreme and inmost love, the heart's desire for physical life and existence. Aquarius its coördinate, being the seventh from the first, is the simultaneous and outermost expression of the six preceding divisions, counting from Leo. It is the infant grown to manhood and therefore the multiplied Sonship, and the fulfilment of hope.

The sun in Aries is the interior good, unmanifested light, the potencies of impregnation, spiritual headship, and intellectual power. This is the Fatherhood, Osiris the central and hidden Deity, or the head. The moon in the western angle is good in the concrete and therefore truth, the personification of Osiris, the central individuality; Isis, the Queen and Bride, signifying justice, and more specifically, the face. The nadir or northern angle, which constitutes the apex of an inverted and basic triangle, is the simultaneous expression of all these qualities. It is realization in the fullest and highest degree.

In the present segregate condition of humanity, these distinct qualities and conditions of Deity have their own specific pediments or representatives. The manifest Osiris is the Sonship, when viewed from the standpoint of interior Deity—yet the Fatherhood when viewed from that of the segregate daughters and sons, who today represent Horos. Isis is the Motherhood not yet conjoined to the Fatherhood, and who awaits the awaking into birth of Horos, who is to become the Mercurial amalgam that will unite them everlastingly.

As we are considering the Lunar horoscope, it is to the directions of the moon that we desire to draw special attention. Her cycle is twenty eight days,



which in the life of man is equal to a like number of years—four weeks of years, each one of which has a special quality which is denoted by her phases. The first is related to the Fatherhood; the second to the Motherhood; and the third to the Sonship which, being the reproduction of the two former includes the fourth, which is really that of service. That on which we desire to focalize the minds of our readers, is the fact that the moon in the nativity of the Pre-Eminent, is today by direction in conjunction with the radical sun at the zenith, which denotes a primal union of good with truth, and therefore of the Fatherhood with the Motherhood, the Bride with the Lamb; the significance of which in the order of time, can best be comprehended by a retrospective glance through the past history of the Koreshan Movement; and a prospective one into its future. For this purpose we must refer to the movement of Uranus which has previously been denominated the prime Koreshan significator.

Uranus was known among the ancients as the Lord of heaven, and sometimes as the Son, and by others as the husband of Gæa, the Earth. He is the electric planet, and therefore represents lightning, or biologically the light of the mind. During his progress through the Zodiac, he lights up, through a process of mental illumination, the intellects or group of intellects, which are related to the particular constellation through which he is passing, and at the same time distributes the potencies of revolution which accompany all expressions of originality and true mental genius.

Mercury was the illuminated Messenger of the Gods, who by reason of the message entrusted to him for deliverance to men, constituted the channel of communication or the amalgam that united mortal with immortal. KORESH, the Messenger of Conjunction, like the Mercury of old, fulfils this office, and is thrice great by reason of his Sonship, his Motherhood, and his Fatherhood; the former and the latter being interchangeable accordingly as the point of view be discrete or excrete. He is the channel through which these three qualities descend from heaven to earth, each one of which in its descent is subject to a threefold subdivision in time, corresponding to the division of the whole and which are related to space and hence to the lunar cycle of three times seven years. The first is that of Fatherhood which involves the seven-year terms of Fatherhood, of Motherhood, and of Sonship; the second that of Motherhood including the terms of Motherhood, of Fatherhood and of Sonship; the third that of Sonship which belongs to the simultaneous order.

Thus there are two periods of a successive order which include three seven-year terms each, making in all forty-two years, and a third and final one of the simultaneous order which includes the quality of twenty-one years, but the duration of which is unknown. This brings the total to sixty-three years—that is, nine terms of seven years, which covers the work of the Messenger; the number nine being specifically male, indicative of the prophetic faculty and of the time of

gestative preparation. The time-marker for these seven-year terms is Uranus, and his culmination in every Zodiacal division denotes the completion of a certain phase of the work and the inception of another.

The actual work of the Messenger dates from the time of the entrance of Uranus into Leo, and concludes with his transit of Aquarius, during which he distributes the seven potencies of revolution which attain their simultaneous climax at the close of the journey. Leo, Virgo, and Libra denote the time of the Fatherhood or Sonship; Scorpio, Sagittary, and Capricorn that of Motherhood; and Aquarius, the seventh division, that of Sonship. This forms the complete and divine arc of direction, whereby the light of the center is distributed throughout the central body of humanity, until it arrives at the pediment of simultaneous and ultimate expression; it is the great bow whereby light or pure whiteness corresponding to good, descending through and penetrating the waters of mankind (human channels through which doctrines can be disseminated), is split up into the primary colors which corresponds to the uttered Word or truth, the physical and human expression of the Logos.

In the year 1870, Uranus stood at the cusp of Leo culminating with Virgo, and marked the first manifestation in the human world, of intellectual light in its virgin purity, through the medium of one man, and therefore in a central and discrete degree; but imparting to its recipient an intense desire to outwardly shed and diffuse the light he involved. This was the Son or Sun, Horos emitting the light of the Father in an unresponsive world of darkness. Passing without further comment, over the transit through Leo, Virgo, and Libra, which denoted the first twenty-one years in the work of KORESH, we come to the entrance of Uranus into Scorpio culminating with Sagittary, which incepted the second series of three times seven years, related to the Motherhood. This was punctuated by the Proclamation of the Arch-Emperor at Campus of Sagittary, whereby the sword of judgment was drawn from its sheath and the proximate emancipation of woman from the thralldom of man's dominance, was enunciated; this being the fruit of the transit through Libra culminating with Scorpio, signifying the purification and sanctification of the organs of reproduction, due to the sacrifice of the sensual desire, and arming thereby the Overcomer with the full power of judgment.

This important declaration was later in the year followed by a more concrete expression, in the first crowning of VICTORIA GRATIA, as Mother, Queen, and Empress, the outward and visible sign of the Motherhood who will finally execute the will of the divine Father. This occurrence marked the first marriage of the Bride and the Lamb. At this period in the Victorian horoscope, the moon lay on the cusp of the nadir; the northern angle, which constitutes the beginning of the northwestern quarter, known as the maternal, and which we have already denominated the angle of realization; the moon here being in direct opposition to the sun at the zenith. Truth in the north and good in the



south were *vis-a-vis*, but lacking the amalgam which only a united Sonship can impart and which the slow and ponderous steps of time have for so long withheld.

During a space of some fourteen years, which has witnessed the severest struggles against adversity, the greatest vicissitudes of fortune and the most trying hardships, our Empress has, step by step, as indicated by the upward march of the moon, mounted to the zenith of her popularity, where today she stands enshrined in the hearts of her people, united in their attachment to her cause in a manner that no previous year has ever witnessed and whereby, by reason of their unanimity of desire, Fatherhood, Motherhood and Sonship have been drawn together by conjunctive bonds that prefigure the realization of the oneness of consciousness that all so ardently desire. This marks a second union of the Bride and the Lamb.

The occurrence that punctuated the transit of Uranus into Sagittary culminating with Capricorn, referred to in a previous article, when the appearance of one "with a plumb-line in his hand" was followed by the mensuration of the physical earth; the envioning pediment of the descending Motherhood. This consummation was the fruit of the first seven-year term of the maternal period and ushered in the second term related to the Fatherhood which, through the entrance of Uranus in December last into Capricorn, culminating with Aquarius, gave birth to the third term of the maternal period that is related to the Sonship, and which six years hence concludes the sixth term in the work of KORESH. The opening of this sixth period was marked by the flight of the Woman (north) into the wilderness of the south (Fatherhood) whereby the twain became united in one embrace, which today finds its consummation in the manifestation of a united progeny; that is, a Sisterhood and Brotherhood conjoined by the bonds of love, which on the mortal plane is the highest and only expression of true Sonship, that amalgam which constitutes the bond of union between the Fatherhood and Motherhood that we as Koreshans have sworn to serve.

The length of duration in solar years of the final and simultaneous period of twenty one years, indicated by the entrance of Uranus into Aquarius, which must usher in the new era, is unknown to us; and in order to fulfil the divine requirements, speculation on this subject is out of order and contrary to the will of the Messenger; therefore, in introducing the subject of succeeding terms and periods, our desire has been to throw some light on the important signification of the solar and lunar conjunction in the nativity of our Pre-Eminent, that marks so interesting an epoch in the progress of this work, and not to invite harmful and useless speculation on matters that are specifically the exclusive property of the Messenger.

Another factor that adds its quota of testimony to the signification of this conjunction, is the horoscope taken for noon on April 10. Here we find Jupiter, the Lamb, in conjunction with Venus, the Bride; and Mercury, the Son, in immediate attendance. This three-

fold conjunction taking place in Taurus, the house of the Tree, on the mid-heaven; and being specially remarkable from the fact that it will not recur on this day in any future year. Uranus and Neptune spread their wings from the sixth to the twelfth house and from the paternal and maternal constellations; while the moon, lady of the horoscope, applies to the conjunction of Neptune, the unseen Motherhood. The present term being the sixth of the series, and therefore that of Sonship and Daughterhood, is specifically one of service to the Motherhood, that interior Zodiacal Tree of Life, whose manifestation we as sons of KORESH, so ardently desire and pray for. It is one that will require unswerving devotion, unselfish loyalty, and complete sacrifice of the personal desire; and it will culminate with the first-fruits of this surrender, in the establishment of a nucleal system of order and all its accompanying blessings.

It is therefore with heartfelt joy that no words of ours can express, that in the name of the daughterhood and sonship of KORESH we herald the joyful and auspicious union which takes place at this season, with the cry that will be echoed and reëchoed in the vaults of heaven as well as in the hearts and by the throats of the dwellers in earth: Hail! to VICTORIA, Queen of newest England and Empress of Occidental India, Hail!

## General Contributions

### THE REVELATION OF THE DIVINE MOTHERHOOD.

The Manifestation of the Representative Woman of the Age; the Celebration of Her Natal Day.

BERTHAIDINE, MATRONA.

A TREE IS KNOWN by its highest product, its perfect fruit. The fruit of the Tree of Life is man become a living soul by virtue of the indwelling spirit of its living origin, the express image and likeness of itself. The Spirit of God arises from regenerated Man become a living soul, to the end that by the incorruptible dissolution of his body, he may implant a seed reproductive of the Tree of Life and of its fruit his own kind.

Man is a living soul when the soul or psysic force of the perfect woman, the divine Psyche, is within him to exalt him to his highest calling of Arch-natural Fatherhood. This innate femininity of masculine Deity constitutes in the fulness of time, the clothing of power and great glory in which as the ultimate fruit of the Tree of Life, the unique Man manifests himself as the Father-Mother Deity of its being, and of the great multitude of its fruitage which no man can number. This fruit is the veritable exegesis of all creative power. Hair is a symbol of the ultimates of natural life, its fruition. The fruition of the Tree of Life, the harvest of Jehovah's implanted seed, is called the Elohim, or the



God-race. These Gods, Sons of the Most High, were seen by St. John the Seer in symbolic vision, as the hair of Eloah likened to "white wool."

The Apostle to the Gentiles writing of woman, states that "the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God"—the biune individuality of the united two-in-one, making of a God-ordained masculine personality the Christ. The Apostle further states that "woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man." Man ultimates in woman as the most complex, comprehensive, and glorious expression and impression of himself to himself conceivable. The man in this expression of himself in ultimates, infolds within her as a personality, the unity of himself with his divine ideal realized, all that he desires to embrace by the functions of his creative power and possibilities. The man does not rest from his labors within his universal confines till "She is called the Lord our Righteousness" by his many Sons.

The Apostle declares the long and beautiful hair of woman, "a glory to her." Since hair represents the ultimates of life, the hair of the divine Woman, the Elect Ecclesia, is visible as the ultimates of her divine maternity, the Sons of the Most High, whose paternity she infolds and whose patrimony she is. As the reservoir of all her spiritual forces, the Anointed Herald of her manifestation declares the science of her becoming visible and invokes all the holy aspiration of humanity for unity with her materialization, of which a God-begotten but unborn race is capable. The Herald being no less a personage than the Father who espoused the seemingly lost cause of the degenerate Ecclesia of all Israel, known to the world as the Gentiles, is found among men—today personally identified with them as an involution of its powers and possibilities of reincarnation as the true Israel of God. He is one with the Father by virtue of the fact that through the psychological mediumship of the Apostle Paul, the "stick of Judah," Jesus the Son of God, was crossed and so united with the "stick of Joseph," which is in the hand of Ephraim.

The Messenger of God's final covenant with men for the redemption of their bodies, who stands as a Sign to the Gentiles today, is the product of this cross. As the final Overcomer of all fallacy and evil, constituting the veil separating mortality from immortality in the flesh of Christ, he is the unique product of the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil which involves the holy seed of the fruit of the Tree of Life in its invisible matrix—the veiled Motherhood, the New Jerusalem. It is for the Overcomer to "go out by the new and living way of theocrasis" and to fructify the waiting Earth. When the barren is made to rejoice, the Earth as the restored divine Motherhood, will yield her increase. The ascending spirit of the Overcomer, identified as it is with God Almighty, will manifest itself in its own "more excellent glory, the glory of a materialized Arch-natural Motherhood. To accomplish this by the right of his inheritance, which is the earth, he

has in the ordination of the law of his being, prepared an earthen vessel in form a Woman, for the demonstration of his divine Science of Alchemy, by which a vision of the glory of God will be given to men, and the curse of the law be forever removed from the woman.

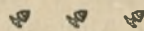
From the Jehovistic matrix of the universe God, in the glory of true Womanhood and divine Motherhood, will as the visible Haveh or Mother of all Living, put forth his living Words as her many Sons in the image and likeness of his Jehovistic personality. They will stand forth at his divine fiat by a new and living way, as men in Christ and Christ in men. The Father's name will be written in every lineament of the racial forehead which, as the expression of intellectual power, is the canopy of his throne established on the altar of his love.

There is naught in heaven which is not ultimately made manifest in earth. For this divine ultimatum does the earth exist. The earth in its most holy formation, is the body of woman perfected by the spirit of God—the spiritual *esse* of the perfected male and female potences generated by the divine-human brain. The Sun in its ultimate of power, is the God-illuminated intellect of Man become the divine Vivifier when consumed upon the altar of his love for humanity.

The dead body of Jehovah is represented by the lost psyche of woman, a woman shorn of her glory, the divine maternity. The restorator of woman and of the human race calls for a representative Woman to be born as earth ripe for use as the altar of God, on which he may establish his throne in earth, under the overshadowing wings of cherubim and seraphim,—the reproductive powers of Father-Mother Deity. The representative Woman of divine election has in the timic order of things, a Natal Day, the Tenth of April, which the new Church and State of which she is to be the Revelator, will rejoice to celebrate, as the Christ of their origin has named it the Lunar Festal Day.

She therefore by His grace, sits in earth the Queen of a new and divine order to serve as the crucible of the divine Alchemist, for the establishment in earth of his heavenly kingdom. It is for Him to change our vile bodies to the image and likeness of his glorious body, and for Her to serve as the medium of their transfiguration from glory unto glory and become the visible habitation of the Most High, and of such as are accounted worthy to abide in him, inasmuch as he abode in them to fill up the measure of his sufferings. "If we suffer with him we shall also reign."

It is for the divine Science of Alchemy to teach the world to come to the divine use of the *key of knowledge*,—the law of the cross, by the application of which in the crucible of Mother Earth, all that is lost is saved, and the glory of the Sun and the glory of the Moon become one glory—an *aureola* around the head of Him who sits upon the throne of Israel judging its twelve tribes out of the things written in the Books of their God-origin and destiny.



To love God is to love truth, for God is truth.





## In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE FEMININE PRINCIPLE universally coördinates the masculine. The male and the female are present and responsive to each other in every plane of life throughout the entire domain of existence. No one can rationally conceive of a unit of life without the unity of the essential elements of being. The principles are so universally active that it seems strange that the mind should ever fail to conceive of their being present in the great Cause of all existence. The laws of sex are eternal; and their manifestation in all vital forms with which man is acquainted must be accepted as evidence that masculinity and femininity are essentially inherent and operative in the great cosmos in which we live—that is, as to the cosmic organism constituting the physical universe. The conception of sex in astronomy is something new to the modern world; but the truth is so old that it has been discarded and forgotten, notwithstanding the fact that it is expressed plainly and unmistakably in the most fundamental roots of all languages. To speak of the functions of maternity, however, in relation to the Copernican conception of the universe, would be meaningless, for there is nothing in the system that is even remotely suggestive that the principles are specially active in the cosmos as such. If, however, we conceive that the universe is *cellular*, we at once have the ground for the conception of the generation and perpetuity of life through the functions of the male and female elements in the cosmos. Matter is the mother; the material world constitutes the great cell or womb. The word matter is from the Latin *mater*, which means mother. Functions of maternity must therefore inhere in the material universe. This is borne out in the common expression, "Mother Earth." It is obvious that the earth of the popular conception could not be in itself anything of a mother, according to the meaning of the term. To be the great universal mother, the earth must manifest in herself the principles of the *cellular cosmos*, containing the great "womb of Nature." If we conceive of the material universe as expressing the principles of perpetuity of life through the operation of the laws of the male and female elements, the conclusion is inevitable that the principles obtain in the great Cause of all things. Whatsoever is in the great world of effect must be in the Cause, for the reason that the Creator of the cosmos could not express in the world what he himself does not involve. Unless the principles of masculinity and femininity inhere in Deity, he could not possibly be their point of origin. The Hebrew and Christian Scriptures are full of the plainest references of the great factors of divine Paternity and Maternity. Even at the very beginning of the written Revelation, it is declared that the Gods made man in their image and likeness. Deity was perfectly expressed in the biune or two-in-one beings who constituted the divine Genus of twenty-four thousand years ago. Divine Fatherhood and Sonship necessitate the conclusion that there exists the divine Motherhood. Indeed, who is the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, but she who shall constitute the glory of the Almighty? And who the church of this age, but the matrix of regeneration, to ultimate in

the visible expression in the central Womanhood, the final focus and reflection of all the planetary spheres? Hundreds of thousands of Christians have longed for some expression of the Mother side of God—the fact that in Deity is involved the *Mother of all Living*. It has been asked, "What is home without a mother?" We may ask, "What is heaven of the divine kingdom on earth without the expression of the Mother of the Gods?" More blessed than all women was the Virgin Mary because she brought forth the Only-begotten Son of God. But more blessed than she must be the Woman of Destiny, involving the very throne and altar of Deity, and constituting the Mother of the 144,000 Sons of God, the offspring of the Only-begotten. To rationally realize that not only is the time at hand, and the birth-place of the Sons of God located, but also the fact that the Motherhood is tangibly represented in a Woman known and loved by the Koreshan people, is to feel the power of the divine Fellowship that shall tie heart to heart in closer union than any mortal bond.

The prevalence of vice and increase of crime in large cities, the focal points of human activity, characterize the civilization of modern Christendom. Chicago, the second largest human aggregation in the western hemisphere, is one great cess-pool of moral and political corruption. A recent issue of the Chicago *Record-Herald* contains the following striking head-lines: "City Police Inert while Thug Gangs Plunder and Kill. Record of lawlessness is startling indictment of the system ruling patrolmen. Honors in Department awarded by favoritism." These words headed a remarkable *expose* of the condition of affairs in the city police department. In Chicago, since January first of this year, there have occurred 17 murders, 40 assaults, 73 burglaries, and 129 hold-ups. The city police force consists of 3,200 men, with 1,200 actual traveling beats. The department is run at an annual expense of \$3,500,000. One might say that the police force is certainly not thoroughly organized, if gangs of thugs are running at large and at will in the city, committing depredations at all hours of the day and night. Numerous efforts have been made to introduce reform in the department, but without good results. Perhaps some of the ablest police officers and detectives in the world are in the department. They are skilled in the management of men, and they manifest great executive ability. The police force of Chicago is thoroughly organized. There is a definite understanding between the chiefs, lieutenants, and the common policemen. But the thorough organization becomes at once their shield, their sphere of protection. They are organized for evil; they are skilled in shifting responsibility, so that it is difficult to locate blame for irregularities. The Chicago police officers are educated in the *school of graft*. They closely watch every den of vice, every public evil—"and thereby hangs a tale." Houses of ill-fame thrive because they pay the police liberally; gambling houses go unmolested because their sources of revenue are large; and likewise, thugs pay for the



privilege of extracting funds from the pockets and tills of the citizens. An honest man entering the department finds himself without favor or possibility of promotion; and he finds it impossible for him to exert any influence for reform. A man is promoted only as he manifests willingness to assist in the interests of the clique. The etiquette of the system has its origin and essence in low morals. The system constitutes a dangerous trust, a corrupt political bureaucracy, which is likely to remain fastened on the vitals of municipal government until the spirit and power of genuine reform sweep the world.

Education is not an end in itself; it is merely a means to an end. It should be but the beginning of a useful career; its acquirement should not be looked upon as an attainment in itself. Thousands of young men make the great mistake of supposing that education will gain for them success in life. They suppose education to be a sort of polish, and that their hard work is finished when they have superficially adorned their minds with forms of expressions of some of the latest meteors that flash from the modern university. They reach their climax when they are presented with a diploma; they are in the zenith of their glory; and then perhaps they vanish from view, while the nation's heroes make their mark in history without the so called advantages of modern education. The common conception of education would be bad enough if that which passes for education were really and truly such, and its light pure and its teachings true. How far then, one must be from the realization of true greatness when moving under the influence of the most prodigious forms of fallacy! The application of learning involves wisdom. The wise man will use what he learns by observation and experience, as a means of actual attainment of greater ends. In the processes of the development of his character, he profits by what he learns only when in him, wisdom coördinates his knowledge. Nearly all of modern education is turned to false uses. Is not modern genius in league with the forces of competition? Is not modern science accelerating the forces of greed, multiplying the factors of war, stirring up discontent, and creating instruments of death? The incentive to modern activity is competition. Everything possible is being done in the modern home, society, school, and government to encourage the old spirit and to perpetuate the character-marring elements and factors of greed and dissipation. Join anything that is popular today, no matter what it is, and one drifts with the current which is swiftly moving toward the cataract. Safety lies in turning aside, so that the new order may be established upon the basis of a new incentive to human activity.

There are numerous claimants to possession of the knowledge of the processes of attainment of immortality in the flesh. The majority of them have reached their conclusions within the past fifteen or twenty years—since the founding of the Koresban System. But how does it come that so many who claim the knowledge of the secret, have so little to say concerning the life and mission of Jesus the Christ? It would seem as if the character of the great Master in the art of living should be studied, if his

achievements are to be duplicated. If he taught the truth and actually overcame death, every one seeking to reach such a climax, should certainly expect to do so through the application of the same laws which the Christ obeyed. But a number of the would-be teachers of immortality in the flesh will have nothing to do with him; they ignore his existence and doctrines. All that he said concerning the great secret of the attainment of immortal life, they look upon as superstition. They have a false conception of immortality. They want to live continuously in the mortal state, with all the avenues of sensual enjoyment unchanged. They are imitations, having for the basis of their teachings mere claims, not discovered principles nor demonstrated facts. There is but one way provided in all the universe for the great transformation. It cannot be obtained through mere desire; definite functions must be performed. No man was ever ushered into mortal existence independently of the functions of maternity; and no man has ever or will ever reach the immortal state independently of definite functions of Motherhood on the divine plane. The new birth is not a mere change of mind, nor does it come through mere exercise of the will. It is the most *radical change* that is possible to occur to man; and when it occurs there will be no mistaking the character of the life manifest.

The truths of life could not possibly spring from a mind having for the basis of its conceptions of Nature, the cosmogony of the Copernican system of astronomy, for the reason that the system reveals nothing of the origin of life, the purpose of existence, nor the destiny of man. Neither could life be maintained in such a universe as popularly supposed to exist, for the reason that it would be impossible for the universe to renew itself from itself if it had no center nor circumference. If the modern astronomy were true, it should have long ago led the minds of its advocates to the discovery of some vital principles of being and the solution of numerous problems confronting the world. They have not made these discoveries nor solved these problems, because the system to which they hold does not contain the key; nor can it ever give the slightest clue to the great arch-secret of creation. As long as it is conceived that the universe is a mere thing of chance without definite form, without limitation, without an organic body, there can be no true conceptions of the laws of universal functions. Not the slightest conception of the true relation of man and cosmos can be had from the fallacies of modern astronomy nor of modern chemistry. The most common phenomena of every day observation are profound mysteries to the occupants of the observatory and the laboratory. If they cannot account really and truly, certainly and absolutely, for the simplest motions of matter, how can they ever grasp the truths of the great cosmos in which we live? Teachers of science, yet blind, BLIND! Leaders in the world of thought, yet ignorant, IGNORANT! Professing to radiate intellectual light, yet in darkness they are groping, GROPING!

What socialism is really endeavoring to do, is to destroy the bitter fruits of democracy and start the old tree over again under a new name.



# The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

## Head and Body of the Grand Man.

"What is the Godhead? Is not the ultimate destiny of some viduals, that principle in Deity which creates evil?"

In the beginning of the Christian dispensation it was declared that Jesus the Christ was the fulness of the Godhead bodily. He was also declared to be the head of the church; and that church was called the *body* of Christ. Therefore, the church of the dispensation was in the form of a man, extending from the head to the extremities of the age. The Godhead, then, is the personality of him who, through the impartation of his life and mind to his following, related the different viduals and classes of viduals in the church as members and parts of the "body," so completely as to perform in that body functions analogous to the functions of the body of man. The Godhead is therefore analogous to the head of man.

In another sense, Jesus and his immediate following constituted the head of the Grand Man, whose life is in the aggregate body of divine activity for a period of 24,000 years. The Grand Man comprises the anthropostic macrocosm, the government and functions of which, as expressed in the progress of human life and history throughout the cycle, correspond completely to the functions of the body of man. The great body of humanity must have a head in order to exist; and that head is the Godhead. The head of the tree is the seed, because in and through the seed the functions of creation are performed.

Now, inasmuch as the vidual or individual man possesses both voluntary and involuntary powers, so must the Almighty perform voluntary and involuntary functions. In the performance of the functions of his own being, the Deity involuntarily produces by force of contrast and through the operation of the immutable laws of the wastes of activity, that which when expressed in the mortal world, is voluntary evil.

The principle of excretion in Deity is as essential to his existence as assimilation. There is a precipitate or

offal from the plane of divine activity; and this is not due to two kinds of destiny in Deity, but to inevitable and unavoidable principles and laws of elimination of substances used up in the performance of vital functions. Destiny in Deity is union with himself. But destiny in Deity is not principle, because principle as such, is represented in activity.

Ultimate destiny in Deity is not represented in those activities through which the Man of Sin becomes the final focus of the ages, through whom the final conjunction is made. He eliminates entities of fallacy through the processes of rational rejection; and the entities are bade to go hence until through manifold experiences and changes they seek ultimate destiny in the divine perfection.

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## RADIUM AND RADIANT ENERGY.

### The Present Views and Admissions of Scientists Concerning the Mysterious Element.

The discovery of radium is of universal interest. There is scarcely a science that has not been affected by it. But it can be of no greater interest to any one than to the physician, because of its therapeutic possibilities. The termination "um" indicates that radium has been added to the family of elements.

A substance to be admitted into the list of elements must have the following qualification: It must have a spark spectrum of its own. This spark spectrum must be measured and be different from all other forms of known matter. Radium fulfils this requirement. Demarcay has shown that radium has a spark spectrum of fifteen lines, with no lines belonging to any other element. The discovery of radium during the closing years of the nineteenth century was one of the most wonderful achievements of that century, from a scientific point of view. In some ways it amounts almost to a *revolution in our theory of matter* [Italics ours.—Ed.] The study of physics and chemistry has made the most rapid progress of any of the sciences in the past few years. The text-books which the youngest of us used are *out of date*, so rapid have been the changes and progress along this line of study.

So it may be well to note, in introducing this subject, some of the more essen-

tial changes, without understanding which we can not gain a clear idea of the subject before us. We were taught as school boys that that smallest particle of hydrogen, which was called an atom, was the least mass of matter known.

Since that time, however, Thomson has discovered that all space is filled with inconceivable, small corpuscles. These corpuscles, Professor Larkin tells us, are doubtless either electricity in its ultimate refinement or very closely allied to it. A Thomsonian corpuscle is only one thousandth the mass of an atom of hydrogen. They are so small that the wide spaces in a bar of steel or even in the diamond itself, permit these corpuscles to pass through them. They are positive or negative, electrically speaking. But the corpuscles flowing between all kinds of matter are negative.

Twenty-five hundred years ago Leucippus, the Greek philosopher, suggested atomic theory of matter. Dr. John Dalton, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, formulated it into the hypothesis which we find today. This theory assumed that all matter is composed of indivisible particles called atoms. The Italian philosopher, Avogadro, proposed the molecule as the smallest particle of matter which exists in a free state.

The discovery of radium practically establishes the Thomsonian corpuscle theory. We are now taught that small as is an atom, we must look for a particle of matter *thousands of times smaller*. This particle, so much smaller than the atom, is called an *ion*. The ion revolves around its fellows at a tremendous rate of speed. These ions of matter are now considered the smallest particles known, being 1,000 to 200,000 times smaller than an atom. Ions compose the atoms and enable them to act chemically.

Science at present holds that matter is made up of masses of ions revolving in their own orbits. That smallest atom of hydrogen is composed of 700 ions. An atom of oxygen contains 11,200 ions. Iron contains 187,000 ions to an atom. An atom of radium contains 120,000. In radium, these ions rotate so swiftly that a violet light is given off. All space is traversed by unknown radiations, and these are arrested in their passage through radio-active substances and transformed into radio-active energy. Radio-active is a recently coined word, but no treatise on physics can be written today without



it. \* \* Three centuries of study and research have discovered only two things apart from mind, in this universe, namely, matter and energy. Since the recent discoveries of the former, no one will venture to say that we have reached the ultimate analysis. Of the latter, energy, recent discoveries are apt to make us feel that *our whole conception of work, force, energy, will have to undergo some radical revision.* At least, that we are in the infancy of knowledge regarding what we call energy, and today a definition is wanted for the question: What is energy? \* \*

Just here it is interesting to note in passing that the discovery of radium, like all great scientific discoveries, was found along a well-paved way—something like the discovery of the planet Neptune. Recalling our lessons in astronomy, we remember that Neptune was found because, after the discovery of Uranus, astronomers felt that the erratic course of that planet could only be accounted for by the action of another body acting on it. Following out this line of reasoning led those who nightly watched the heavens through powerful telescopes to search for a new star which was exerting its influence on Uranus, and after a diligent search of space, Neptune was located, the planet which was known to exist before it was found. The peculiarities of uraninite led M. Curie to the belief that it contained some yet undiscovered mineral. The study of physics and chemistry by scholars during the past ten years ending in the discovery of the x ray, the Crookes tube, the ultra-violet ray, the discovery of Becquerel rays in pitchblende, led by a natural process of evolution to the finding of radium. \* \*

The most wonderful property of this new substance is its energy, but, as has been said, the source of this energy is unknown. It seems to possess almost the power of perpetual motion. Two hypotheses have been suggested to account for this energy. One is that the atoms of radium evolve and transform into another simple body, although this transformation cannot be located during a year's time. This is the hypothesis suggested by Madame Curie. The other is that radium is capable of utilizing some radiations of unknown nature which cross the space. Experimenters find great difficulty in keeping their instruments free from the effects of this radiant energy. Professor Curie says he would not trust himself in a room containing a kilo of pure radium for fear it would burn the skin off his body, de-

stroy his eyesight and probably kill him. \* \*

Radium makes all substances brought in contact with it more or less radioactive. There is this difference between the radiant energy and the energy of the x-ray: Radium induces an activity which persists, while the activity of the x-ray ceases on the removal of the rays. Lord Kelvin is quoted as saying that the discovery of the Becquerel rays from radium and other such substances has placed the first question mark against the principle of the conservation of energy, which has hitherto been supposed to be an incontrovertible fact in science. \* \* But no new substance has been discovered during the history of the human race around which so much mystery clings as to this new element—radium. The principles of the conservation of energy, and the law of gravitation itself may need some changes in our statements of them, as a result of the properties found to reside in this particle of matter. It occupies almost the same place in physics that a *biologic discovery* would occupy in biology if it should apparently offer some serious objections to the generally accepted theory of the origin of species.—Extracts from Article by PROF. JOHN INGLIS in the *Hesperian*.

## THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

### The Destiny of Joseph Reflected in the Prevalence of the English Tongue.

Conquest determines language. When the Greeks were the ruling power on the globe, the Greek tongue came to be the leading language of the earth; when Rome swayed the scepter of empire, the Latin language dominated over all others; when France was in her glory under Napoleon, French was the leading language of Europe, and a knowledge of it was of the utmost importance. The president of a ladies' college in New York remarked to the writer that during the palmiest days of Napoleon III., French was very largely studied in the public schools of New York; but when Germany appeared in the ascendancy, after the Franco-Prussian war, there was an almost immediate change, and a very much larger proportion of the pupils studied German rather than French.

To-day, the foremost language upon the globe is the English. Father Dilligentski, a Russian priest, having journeyed round the world, says of the English language: "It is bound to become the universal language of science, trades, and industry. There have been three great epochs, in which all the edu-

cated men talked Greek, Latin, and French respectively. Now we are under the epoch of English. The Greek was too limited, both in area and age. The Latin world was larger than the Greek, but its field—politics—was too narrow. The French era was diplomatic. Now the English or Anglo-American epoch will embrace the world. The English-speaking nations lead the world in the higher politics, and in industry and trade; and they are unsurpassed by any nation in scientific, religious, and philosophic thought."

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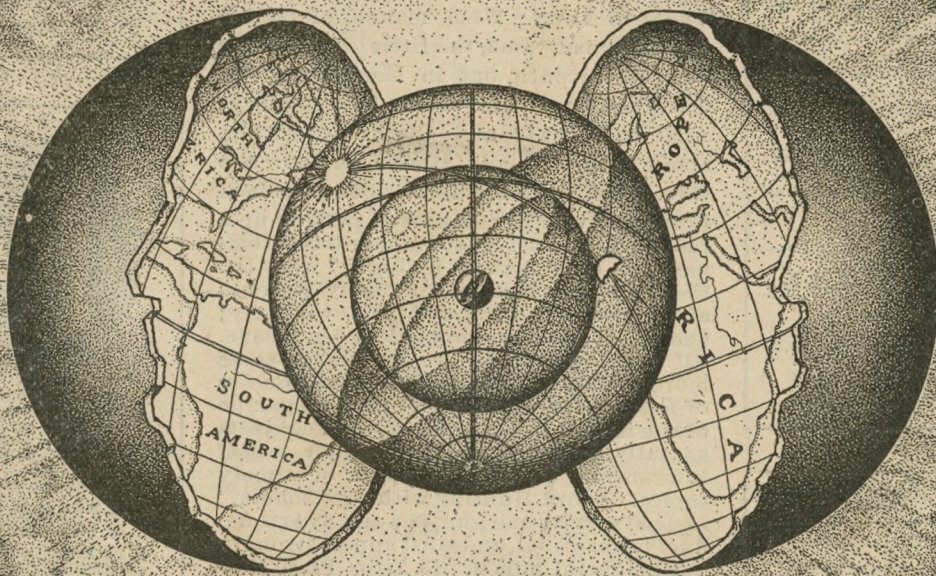
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