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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.

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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 globe. The universe is eternal, a great battery, and perpetually renews itself through inherent functions, by virtue of which it involves and evolves itself.

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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 lifethe 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 appropriate the proschiltre. times to announce the possbility of over-coming death in the natural world, in the

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.

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 in-terpreted. 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.

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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 competism; advocate the destruction of the money power; the control of the products of industry by the government, and the equitable distribution of ment, 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 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. stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos

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"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 Everglades of Southern Florida.

A Plea for Prevention of Despoliation of the Great Garden of Magnificence by the Power of False Commercialism.

KORESH.

A SSOCIATED and identified with the name Niagara are the terms, magnificence and grandeur; with the Palisades, an idea of a work of Nature wrought into the ornate embellishment of a water and land-scape, world-renowned, through the channels of which there flows a mighty tributary to one of the world's finest harbors, thence onward to the broad Atlantic. Its cosmical ornamentality is one of the concomitant specifications of that variety which adds attraction to the environments of the Metropolis of America.

Upon both of these world-wonders the ruthless eye of pernicious avarice looks with the greed of the modern Shylock, to despoliate and absorb. The ambition to acquire fabulous wealth, engendered through the love of money, declared to be the root of all evil, threatens the destruction of these beauties and wonders of Nature; and while there are thousands whose right it is to perpetuate these ornate glories, the money power is so much greater than the multitude who love the ornate because of its refining and exalting influences, that it may divert the legitimate purpose of the legislative function to the annihilation of God's creative art, to the peculative cupidity of the money-grabber.

Niagara and the Palisades, whose wonders have furnished material for prose and poetry of classic virtue, and for the pencil of artist, themes which belonging to the great Book which God wrote for the delectation and beatification of the children of his love, contribute to the development of that kind of character which culminates in the virtues of Deific perfection. Copied into the arts of poesy and pictorial relief, their

memories may be perpetuated, where they remain only as the mausoleums of these wonderful exhibitions of the attribute of Deific cult. Will the populace of a free and progressive people permit the destruction of these great American contributions of pictorial, prosaic, and poetic inspiration? Watch and wait.

The foregoing is but the introduction, more correctly the preface of a subject cognately related to the themes, Niagara and the Palisades, the significance of the latter being wrought into the term "Everglades," for it is this that urges me to take my pen. The combination of the terms ever and glade, tells the story of the great lake which upon the mountain-top, rears its head from the great depths of the mighty ocean to the defined limit of a few feet above the water level. Resting, but never ceasing in its flowing currents of liquid purity, is the great lake of the Everglades. Its border on its western verge, is about fifty miles from the coming great City of Estero, whose location is on the border of the Gulf of Mexico. Ever, at all times, never ceasing; compounded with the term glade, concavity or basin, gives to us the meaning of the language employed to designate the character of this mighty lake.

It has been supposed by many that the Everglades constituted a great peninsular swamp, full of malaria and objectionable insect and reptile life, venomous and destructive to animal and human existence. These conceptions are built exclusively upon the general ignorance of the world, possibly fostered through the primary ignorance of the lexicographers upon whose diction depends much of our prevailing ignorance. The Ever-

glades is a great basin of undefiled and ever-flowing water. Within the limits of this concavity, with its chain of lakes constituting a flowing river tributary to the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, are islands, so far, innumerable, rich in fertility and abounding in the luxuriant growths of a tropical clime. These waters, while pure and clear, maintaining a thermal exaltation of a balmy temperature during the frosty period of this semi-tropical climate, temper the vegetative fields of the Florida Peninsula with the balmy protection provided by Nature, to the efforts of its denizens to civilize and build into gardens, villages, and cities which will spring into being when the world discovers the wonders of Southern Florida.

The greeding cupidity of an avaricious proclivity to convert the gifts of God to the perverted utilities of a false commercialism, found in the competitive system of diabolic activity would desecrate this gracious boon. There are millions of acres of soil held within the iron grasp of the land monopolist, against which the legislation of the country should be directed and the land restored to its proper ownership, before the avaricious eye should look upon this beautiful and partially explored wonder-land of this fair clime. It is proposed (and shall we confess it?) to pervert this possibility of future sublimity to purely commonplace mercantile and aggricultural uses. The destruction of the Everglades and the drainage of this basin of physical ornation of its salubrious waters, will reduce the temperature of this semi-tropical region to the frigidity of the untempered "northers" which sweep down upon us with their rigors, and which even now with the balm of our Everglades, prove destructive to much of our vegetation.

Rather, let us view with the eye of scientific perspective, the great dangers of such a contemplated drainage as is now being agitated throughout the state. I appeal to the Governor and legislators of Florida to prevent this despoliation. Shall I plead in vain? Let us stop and think before we commit ourselves to this desecration of God's great gift, and to such an incalculable injury to ourselves. The Everglades should never be subject to this drainage proposition, but let them remain for the glory of the ornate and the greater use of a water supply to the great aggregations of inhabitants, who are ultimately to make populous and refined this veritable Eden.

The term Everglades ought never to be deprived of its significance through the greed of an adulterated and malignant commercialism. Let it remain to direct the great artistic spirit of the world to the world's Edenic bower, the foundations of which were laid by the Almighty; and the ornate incrementations to be supplied by His last and final creative power.

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Man is the offspring of the universe.

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE BROTHERHOOD.

The Principle and Purpose of Communistic Groups; the Celibate State Essential to Attainment of Immortality.

KORESH.

THE COMING OF THE ORDER of Melchizedek, of which the Lord was declared "forever the High Priest," is the evolution of a new race of men. The only people who have the science of that manifestation is the Koreshan Unity.

The Lord Jesus constituted the High Priest of the new genus, because he was made the sacrifice of its development; and from him as the seed sown, the Sons of God will mature. The attainment of the Sonship is one of aspiration, sacrifice of the old conditions and its pleasures for the better life. The life of the divine Brotherhood is one of superior altitude, and is only for such as are willing to forego the common pleasures of the world and the competitive system, which in everything is in opposition to the communistic one instituted by the Lord himself.

It must not be inferred that in the application of communistic principles with people gathered to carry out the laws of peace for which the Prince of Peace made the sacrifice of his personality, we claim to have attained the conditions of the new life. The gathering of groups into communistic fellowship is but the gathering of the tares into bundles to be burned. This is the first act of the Reapers in the end of the dispensation, that the tares may be burned for the preparation of the wheat. It is the gathering together of the mortals that the change may be wrought, in which the mortality of man shall be transformed to immortality. The mortal state is the sinful state; hence the gathering of the mortals is the gathering of the wicked. The object of this aggregation is that the wicked shall be burned in the predicted conflagration which is to burn the wicked at the end of the world-that is, the end of the Christian dispensation. If we may depend upon the predictions of the Bible, the wicked are to be burned at the end of the age. The Reapers are to gather the tares to be burned; the tares and the wicked are the same. All men are in the mortal state until the corruptible puts on incorruptibility, and until this mortal puts on immortality.

The first gathering, then, is the gathering of the tares, the wicked. This is the first work of the Koreshan function. The time is at hand when the groups will be gathered for the purpose of the process of dematerialization, through which the transformation is to be accomplished. Inasmuch as everything attempted by the Messenger of truth is counterfeited with deceptive counterfeits, it is reasonable to suppose that the process of reaping the tares will also be attempted by the devil and his emissaries. There will be, however, some distinctive signs of differentiation, one of these

being the credentials which the genuine Sign only can carry. The true Shepherd will have a "white stone" that no one can know but the overcomer. This white stone is in the hand of the Shepherd of the dispensation about to be inaugurated. "And I will give him a white stone, * * which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." This is in the hand and in the possession of Koresh. It will be given, however, to all who through him can overcome.

The attainment of immortal life is that for which the world has suffered and struggled. Its attainment is the veritable *acme* of glorification. It is not for any but those who supremely desire it. It cannot be forced upon those who are not in love with its possibilities. It would be a waste of time to attempt to reap a crop of grain where the seed had not been sown.

We desire to disabuse the mind of the conviction that the order of celibacy is the acme of attainment. The celibate life applied for the purpose of attaining immortality, and applied according to scientific principles, is the legitimate first step. The purpose of the initiation of the celibate state is to attain to the true marital state, this state being the unition of the male and female into one integral form. This state is the one in which the original Adam was created; for the male and female were in the one form until the separation came, in which the fall of man had its origin.

Conjugal love cannot obtain in any state outside the combined unity of the male and female elements and principles united into one. In this state the condition is like the fire of the sun, where the light which corresponds to wisdom, and the heat which corresponds to love, are as one. Wisdom is that by which the truth is known, and love is that by which it is applied. The two conjoin legitimately in the bridal pair of the immortal unities. This unition of love and wisdom cannot be even approximated in the separate male and female in mortal bodies. Therefore, the fires of God which shall burn the wicked after the bundles are matured, will consume and then unite in the blending of the true counterparts a condition that cannot be known until the union is effected through the office of the Motherhood, baptized by the function of the Messenger of the New Covenant.

The preparation for the manifestation of the Sons of God will be through the scientific application of the principles of sacrifice and discipline. The order of the Immortal Brotherhood is one of divine Kings. A celibate communism is the preparatory state merely, but one of essential and practial necessity for the manifestation of the divine Order, the Order of Melchizedek, Sons of the universe.

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Every quality of form found in the universe as a whole, is duplicated in its least form in the nucleus.

Sunset at Rome.

DOUGLAS ARTHUR TEED.

BLAZE-Behold! Funeral pyre of day! A Like spirits bright the flashing ethers play Around Saint Peter's and the Vatican! In creation thy bright career began, O Sun! bold prophet of Eternal day-And thou dost shine thine Occidental ray On you tall stone that knew the Pharaoh; On Tiber's fortress, grim Saint Angelo, Famed mausoleum of the mighty dead, That through the haze lifts up a haughty head, And frowns upon the waters as they roll; The countless evening bells that madly toll. So, pass to rest, bright orb of world-wide light-But leave thy band of crimson o'er the night Lest, leaving all too suddenly and dark, Thou frightest song within the morrow's lark, And fright the day forever from the world -That spirits false, deep in perdition hurled, Arise, and taunt thy gentle fame, O Sun! (Thou that wast made before the world was done) Or, coursing through the light of other spheres, Call thee a legend dreamed by olden seers.

—From the Roman World.

Rome, Italy, 1893. Written in the Gardens of Pincio.

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The Renunciation of Private Fortunes and the Institution of the Relations of Communism.

JESUS SAID to the young ruler, "One thing thou lackest: Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." Now, the Lord Jesus was not speaking for charitable work among the poor in the streets of the city. When he spoke in this manner he did not mean the indigent as a class, nor are his words to be taken as a sanction for the kind of generosity displayed by Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Carnegie.

Jesus spoke of himself. He was the poor man who had not where to lay his head. By "the poor" he meant the One altogether worthy to engross the affections of his Disciples. The young ruler did not suspect that in giving his possessions to the Christ, he would have been ministering to the Son of Man, and that his own happiness would have been increased a thousandfold. The poor man, is it not he who institutes communital relations, and in so doing renounces his private fortune? Mr. Dowie is a rich man. He has founded a community, but he does not set the example of communital fellowship in any respect. He lives with his own family in a fine residence, and by a reversionary clause in the deeds, it is said that he holds on to every foot of land in Zion City.

The poor in this age means those who have returned to the principles of primitive Christianity as it was instituted by its Founder among His Disciples. The distribution of goods among the poorer classes in our great cities means nothing but the support of the system of life in vogue at present. This system is in exact opposition to the principles of the Founder of Christianity. It is competism, and it has culminated in the amassing of great fortunes by a few persons, with a corresponding suffering on the part of the many who are crowded into the tenement houses.

The private fortune of Mr. Dowie was said to be very large. He has had reverses. The Koreshan Community is instituted in obedience to the precepts of the Lord Jesus Christ. Its Founder does not hold any reversionary clauses. He does not own a foot of land himself. He is not instituting anything for his own aggrandizement. His grandeur is intellectual; for by advancing in science beyond all others, he has earned the title of the foremost living Scientist. The Koreshan Unity is an incorporated body, and the land belongs to the Community, not to its Founder. He does not present himself in the guise of a distinguished foreigner, but a plain American citizen who served in the civil war for the benefit of his country. He is not living in his own house, but in the society of his followers. Zion City is not conducted on the same lines as Estero.

Those who profess to institute communital relations in this age, differentiate themselves from the various forms of socialism. They do not observe any formalities that are not indispensable to the progress of a work which is destined to overspread the world. The professions of equality put forward by the advocates of socialism are unfounded, because there is no equality seen in the constitution and habits of their own members. A common treasury does not imply equality, but the renunciation of a private fortune for the sake of building up a more progressive stage of life.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord." The outflow of affection and of material wealth toward the Messenger of the kingdom is not a gift, but a loan that returns a thousandfold to bless and enrich the sender. "The heart is deceifful above all things, and desperately wicked." The best that can be done before the heart of man is essentially changed, is to begin a work that is destined to supersede competitive life. Those who are willing to breathe in the air of social advancement, and renounce the hope of building up their own fortunes for a new stage of effort, will be abundantly compensated.

WHO CAN STAND in the presence of the Masters? Those whose feet have been washed in the blood of the heart. The understanding must be purified by the same processes by means of which the affections are purged. To stand in the presence of the Masters typifies the transformation of man to the status of Gods. He stands in their presence when he enters the charmed circle of their own knowledges.

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THE SEVEN URANIAN PERIODS.

Foreshortening of Time and Reasons Why Uranus is the Koreshan Significator.

E HAVE RECEIVED a rather lengthy communication from a correspondent who desires a more explicit statement relative to the seven Uranian periods and their relation to the Koreshan work, than that furnished in our article that appeared in issue of April 11. He wishes to know firstly, why we regard the coming entrance of Uranus into Aquarius as inaugurating a period of simultaneity; secondly, whether this interval covers the period of foreshortening of time; thirdly, whether the shortening of the days is caused by an acceleration in the motion of the heavenly lights; and fourthly, why we regard Uranus as the Koreshan significator, seeing that in the horoscope of Koresh this planet occupies a comparatively obscure position.

Taking these questions in inverse order, we desire to make it clearly understood that it has never been our intention to convey the idea that any one planet can be regarded as the sole significator of the Koreshan movement. The seven planets represent seven prime mental qualities, all of which are focalized in and expressed by the central mind of the universe. These mental forces are interdependent and so correlated as to form one single united mentality elaborated in and projected from a single brain, and with one object in view, viz.: that of revolutionizing the world. In view of this we are disposed to consider Uranus, whose action is specifically revolutionary, as the primary significator of the great work of regeneration that has been incepted by the Founder of the Koreshan system. If our correspondent will take the trouble to calculate the prenatal epoch arising out of the solar horoscope. he will find that Uranus holds a more prominent position and exercises a more important function than he appears to imagine.

In respect to the foreshortening of time, any question that relates to the determination of a definite limit to the probationary period that is necessarily antecedent to the final culmination, does not come within the scope of legitimate inquiry, for reasons previously stated; and any effort put forth at present in order to find a solution to this problem must obviously prove futile in view of the fact that a knowledge of the factors involved, are known only to one man.

The application of the term "simultaneous" in the sense in which we employed it, is purely arbitrary, and was intended to denote a time of acceleration in the progress of human events and not of increased celerity in the movements of the celestial lights. Primarily, our sense of time is a subjective one, for our first impressions on viewing an object is that of endurance, a mere

state of continuity without beginning and end; secondarily, it is objective, because change imparts to us a sense of limitation by which the duration of existence is separated into divisions that we term time. If there were no modification in the external semblance of things there could be no time. Change is wrought through the operation of two primary forces that operate from within and through organic nature; these are the powers of destruction and of construction which work together in harmonious relationship or else in direct antagonism.

The planetary significators of these are Mars and Saturn; and their synthetic or simultaneous action is denoted by Uranus, whose function on the one hand is denoted by a healthful accord between these two factors, and on the other hand by a powerful opposition. War, in which the powers of man are taxed to the utmost in their endeavor to create on the one hand vast protective structures, and on the other, explosives destined to annihilate life, presents a fair example of the latter's potency; and peace, with its arts and crafts that direct natural forces into channels that give scope for the creation of those kaleidoscopic changes in Nature that are pleasant to the eye and endowed with life-preserving properties, denotes the legitimate function of the electric planet.

It is evident, therefore, that the more closely we approach the period during which this quality of energy becomes predominant, the more rapidly will events which create the great changes in the objective world, and that denote the lapse of time, succeed each other. For this reason great revolutions in the affairs of man may take place simultaneously and within short intervals without disturbing the momentum of the solar orb whose revolutions describe those periods of time that in the ignorant phraseology of the present era are termed days.

The fact that time in the biological world, does often appear to outstrip the corresponding measurement in the physical heavens, is demonstrated by the fact that a rapid succession of untoward events often causes the signs of so called premature age to permanently leave their impress on the personality, and which is caused directly by the disturbance of those planes of spiritual energy that we denominate mind, and whose activities can be predetermined by the movements of the seven planets in the physical heavens. The apparent discrepancy is due to the almost universal ignorance that prevails relative to the correlation of time and energy, and which has caused modern man to disregard the coordinated movements of the planets in their relation to time measurement, as well as their value as indicative of universal function, and to rely solely on the solar revolution as a criterion of cyclic demarkation.

The legitimate day is a septile arc of a circle, the size of which depends on the length of time that must transpire before its describer returns to its point of departure. In the biological world certain human minds may form the points of demarkation between the arcs, and thus become the gates to the seven man-

sions that we denominate days. Thus the gate to the seventh day or mansion of the grand cycle is the Messiah of the new dispensation, who forms the end of the sixth mansion; and as in order of rapidity of motion, Uranus is sixth planet, his quality of energy will naturally become of paramount importance in forcing open the door that leads to the seventh house that is specifically the property of Neptune who, as the seventh, involves the qualities of all other planets, yet expresses as the most positive factor the quality that is most interior.

It is impossible, therefore, to acquire any adequate knowledge of what constitutes foreshortening of time until the mind can grasp the full significance of all the planetary periods in their relation to the activity of those mental spheres that operate in the biological world and create those great revolutions and rapid successions of events that afford the only reliable criterion of the lapse of time.

We were under the impression that we had already given adequate reason for regarding the transit of Uranus into Aquarius as the inauguration of a period of simultaneity. The seventh division from the first is its coördinate and the impregnative center of the six preceding and circumferential divisions; that is to say, it involves all the qualities comprised in the six divisions of the successive order in the same way that the seed involves the spirit of the entire tree. We presume that we are at liberty to apply this principle to any one point in the Zodiac, which for this purpose we may regard as the beginning or horoscope of an event on which it falls. We postulated the entrance of Uranus into Leo as signifying light in an interior and central domain; and by applying the septile principle evolved the inevitable conclusion.

These divisions, however, are of a secondary and subsidiary order; for while it is true that the transit of the electric planet over the cusps or gates of the twelve Zodiacal divisions denote the beginning of specific changes, the septile arc of Uranus involves a division of the entire Zodiac into seven equal segments, commencing from \(\gamma \) 0°. Uranus in Aries denotes enlightened mentality, or the twelve qualities of spirit previous to their descent into the body. His cycle is eighty-four years, which includes seven periods of twelve years each; and his transit through these seven divisions marks the graduated diffusion of his light throughout the entire body. The septile arc of the circle of 360° is 51 3-7°, and the seven points arising out of the septenary division of the Zodiac, and which constitute the gates of the seven mansions are Υ 0°, \forall 21 3 7°, \odot 12 6-7°, m 4 2-7°, \(\text{25} \) 5-7°, \(\pi \) 17 1-7°, and \(\infty \) 8 4-7°. These are the specifically critical or sensitive degrees of Uranus; and the student will observe that at the present time this planet is traveling through the sixth division, and that the ninth degree of Aquarius demarks the beginning of the seventh division which brings the point of acceleration to nearly the same degree as that arrived at when the reckoning was made from a different start-

It will also be observed that the septenary divisions

correspond to the seven primary divisions of the body, viz: the head, neck, chest, belly, thighs, legs, and feet. Uranus arrives at the ninth degree of Aquarius in 1914, and on this same degree effects conjunction with Jupiter, thereby denoting a time when many innovations in social conditions will be introduced, a great revolution in religious thought be inaugurated; and when the forces of construction and destruction will become most actively engaged, which is a condition of affairs that must endure until the electric forces have completed their work in the culmination of Uranus in Pisces and its entrance for the second time since its discovery, into Aries—an event which occurs in the year 1928. During his passage through this division the world may reasonably expect to reap some enduring benefit from the electric energies that have been liberated during the great Uranian cycle that commenced in the year 1844.

All planetary cycles denote a period of work and advancement, and their termination marks a definite and measurable degree of progression in the trend of human affairs that adds its quota of credit to the funds already accumulated in the mental treasury of man. Thus when we cast a retrospective glance down that long vista of by-gone times, the record of which we denominate history, we find an endless recurrence of the same phenomena occuring at more or less regular intervals, yet modified withal by the customs and usages that are in vogue at the time at which they take place. These modifications may cloak, but they do not hide the frame which remains substantially the same although vestured in a garb that is consonant with the times.

The activities of Uranus were not incepted at the time of his discovery in 1781; they only became more exoterically manifest, for history is rich with the record of certain prophetic minds whose illumined visions were far in advance of the age they adorned, and which strung out at intervals throughout the past ages of mental obscuration, formed rungs of a ladder by which the light of truth has descended to men, the ultimate step of which was firmly implanted in earth in 1844, the year that witnessed the birth of our Pre-Eminent, and the first application of the then recently discovered electric telegraph, to commercial purposes. "Behold what God hath wrought!" was the historic message first transmitted through this medium, and which marked the time when Uranus, for the first time since his discovery, stood at the gate of his cerebral mansion. His transit through six of the septile mansions has been attended by inventive effort that has revolutionized the world's commercial activities and placed in the hand of man an instrument whose potencies for good or evil are not yet realized, but the evidences of which are everywhere apparent in the enormous acceleration given to the development of human affairs; and as his cycle nears its close, and a second time he raps for admittance at the gate of the human mind, once again will a repetition of the famous message be called forth by the working of a miracle that in

power and grandeur, will be to the phenomenon from which it originated, what the stately oak tree is to the humble acorn.

~ General Contributions ~

FLORIDA'S FUTURE AND THE EVERGLADES.

Preservation of the Wonderful Everglades Vital to the Interests and Development of the Peninsular State.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

TT IS FOR KORESHANITY to foretell to the people of Florida the future greatness of their State in the language of a God-derived science. We are of this Florida people, and we counsel our fellow-citizens to be forewarned with us, and on the alert in the recognition of enemies, seen and unseen, to the hastening of the State's commercial preëminence among the states of this nation. Let, therefore, the public-spirited people of Florida arouse themselves at once to the full value of their rights to exercise their legislative powers to protect themselves against the tyranny of the corporate powers of competism. One and all of them are animated by the greed of private gain, so ably estimated as a destructive force to the commonwealth of states, by Mr. Thomas W. Lawson and other forceful revelators of the true inwardness of that moral rottenness called "frenzied finance." The greedy spirit of land-grabbing competism contemplates the drainage of that wondrous reserve of God Almighty for Florida's future greatness, known as the Everglades.

Do the people of Florida realize that one of the first and most disastrous effects of such drainage would be the extension of the frost line to the southern limit of the state, thus depriving all Florida of one of its most precious natural resources and unsurpassed equable climate of dewy virginal freshness and semi-tropical quality, making it possible for this state to take precedence of all others in the culture of every kindly fruit of the earth, every charm of vegetable growth and restful triumph of life? Has Everybody's Magazine told in vain the story of California land-grabbing and graft villainies? Shall Florida permit speculators and competitive cormorants to destroy her richest commercial resources? Woe be unto her should her penny wisdom and pound foolishness from the sins of ignorance and indifference, permit her so to do! Rather, let Florida at once identify herself with the race of rational, magnanimous, intelligent people, and see to it that she does vigorously exercise her rights as a state, to protect her precious resources for the world's good and her own glory in America's future commercial greatness and supremacy.

From the statesmanship of Florida should issue a legal injunction against all drainage of the Everglades, and an enactment of laws for their permanent preserva-

tion as they are, till such time as the commonwealth of its resident population shall be equal to utilizing their vast area and magnificent combination of land and water privileges as the site of a modern Venice. A veritable queen of the world's commercial highways should sit at this meeting place of the waters, in a tryst of harmony with the fairest lands and sunniest of skies that ever made glad the heart of man. Think, God-favored Floridian, of this vast region of the Everglades as a God-protected garden that one day shall realize within its confines the world's dream of a city by the sea, holding in its heart of commercial integrity the fountain of perpetual youth. It shall be an imperial city, with gates to the north, the east, the south, and the west of it, to all the high and holy ways of the world's free trade in every good of life. Venice, queen of the Adriatic, in her palmiest days, was but a shabby miniature of what Florida may possess on the site of the Everglades.

It offers the most unique organization of land and water privileges naturally and healthfully combined, to be found in the whole world. It was surely made to God's order for a city of parks and cleansing streams, where every form of cunningly devised motor may be used to facilitate rapid and delightful transit; a city whose parks will never be marred by blighting frost nor scorching drought. All essential elements of the finest of earth, air, and water are so divinely naturally united in the Everglades, that the Gods themselves could not locate a more advantageous cite for a city to be honored by their presence and habitation.

We should let it suffice for Russia and Japan and the effete and falling powers of a decaying old worldcivilization, to exhibit the ravages and horrors of the culmination of competism, for commercial power as it now exists, in the fruitage of the unpardonable sin of rejecting the Holy Spirit of commonweal or wealth. Let Florida be the new "Land of the Rising Sun" and of the Samurai of scientific commercial integrity. Let Florida welcome to her shores and extend the hand of fellowship to every man and woman who believes the resources of the land, and the brain and brawn of those who will work for the common wealth of the state, the nation, and the world, constitute the only legitimate and needed capital for the creation of an untold wealth of production, by the equitable distribution of which every man, woman, and child may be set free to attain genuine life and the liberty of which happiness is an essential concomitant.

Southern Florida is unquestionably the most noble point of vantage for every conceivable line of essential value in the world today. It is God-called and God-ordained to be the commercial, educational, and art center of the new world's civilization; and woe be to him who mars one of its fundamental natural advantages for his self-seeking ends. The doom's-day book is open for the man who enriches himself by the destruction of the welfare of his fellows. The man whose name is "John" and all his fellow-graftsmen who commune with the golden calf on the basis of competism through

the priesthood of usury, are ripe to learn the meaning of the Apostolic warning: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you."

Florida is the rallying camp of the new world's commercial powers, the site of the new world's temple of wisdom, and its mint for the coinage of the gold of science and art, having a face value that never lies. The equable atmosphere of peace and plenty shall be the breath of Florida's life as surely as she guards well the communal and cooperative rights of it citizens, to the end that the heavens may descend to bless the new earth. To win God's good will man must act well his part as a statesman and citizen. He must be long and level-headed, and broad and high in all his views. Florida does not lack men equal to this. So let them show themselves awake to the stealthy tread of invading and approaching enemies who would despoil the land. Convert if possible, all enemies to friends by wisdom's ways, and welcome their union with the toiling pioneer for the welfare of the state.

By all available means, check the advance of the frost line by the preservation of the waterways of the Everglades. Organize, friends and residents of the state, into a corporate coöperative monopoly of state power to preserve the Everglades from every form of defilement and plunder! May the same monopoly of divine state rights fill Florida with good roads, for which it is so rich in material; manufacture its own fertilizer from the debris of sea and land; plant every valued tree; and nourish every wholesome green and living thing; protect its fisheries; establish its aviaries and deer parks; and make ready all things with faith and hope in the scientific certainty of Florida's hastening greatness. Industrial education should be available to every child born in its favored clime. Let music thrill the vital atmosphere of the whole state, and awaken it to praise that its Everglades are destined, if they are laid on the altar of God's humanity, to become the ever glad heart of the world's commercial power, when the knowledge of God shall recreate the Brotherhood of Man!

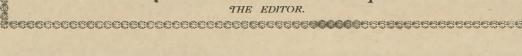
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The Eternity of the Cosmos.

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The Cellular Cosmogony determines the fact that the cosmos itself is eternal. This is determined from the relation of the center and the circumference as sustaining a reciprocal and coördinate function in such coöperation as to make of the cosmos a self-perpetuating organic structure. It at once dissipates that hallucination of the modern mind, in which obtains the conviction that the universe had a beginning in time. The progress of the universe is marked by periods of time in which there are recurrences of events, and which define the beginnings and endings of cycles.

In The Editorial Perspective.



HE PERFECTION OF DEITY is a subject of almost universal belief. · In Christendom great emphasis is laid upon the statement that God is perfect in all that is great and good. Yet, if a representative of the Christian system be questioned as to the character of His perfection in what his perfection consists, only a vague answer will be given. God is said to be infinite, his powers and capacities being illimitable; and yet he is said to be perfect. The word perfect means thoroughly done, completed, brought or carried to an end. The word infinite means simply, unfinished. God's perfection must therefore pertain to his own consummation or completeness; and hence, to his finitude. A writer has recently undertaken to show that God is not perfect. The ground taken is that God is progressive, delighting to experience new sensations and joys, and from his experience obtaining more knowledge and wisdom. Incidentally it is said that there is no end to his progress, because he is in an infinite universe. The result of attempting to harmonize a vague conception of a truth with a palpable fallacy is apparent. For if the progress of Deity is without end, and he is ever learning and ever to learn along infinite lines of experience, it necessarily follows that there could be no such a thing as perfection, for the reason that the ultimate object of divine existence could never be attained. Destiny would be impossible because the goal would therefore be at an infinite distance, and would be wholly inaccessible. A few schools of thought teach that God is perfect and incapable of progress; at the same time, it is held that there is no end to the progress of man in the spiritual states. If man's progress were eternally upward, and Deity's state fixed and unchangeable, man would not only finally reach the plane of divine knowledge and life, but progress beyond his degree of attainment. The field of modern theology is certainly one of chaos; there is conflict of opinion at every point, and God is wholly unknown, and is even held to be unknowable. The Koreshan System presents the only basis of harmony of all logical conclusion from the basis of the facts and principles, and laws of life. Both the perfection and progress of Deity are affirmed in Koreshanity. Jesus the Christ was the Almighty, the perfect Man. He was made perfect through suffering, not merely in contact with his enemies in Palestine nineteen hundred years ago, but through the suffering of generations and dispensations of embodiment in the human race. It follows that God was not in perfection when he was in the planes of suffering. He is in the mortal and imperfect state when his soul is in hades. The "higher critics," accepting the dictum of the church that God is perfect, hold that "Jehovah," the God of the ancient Hebrews, was not a good nor a true God, because the perfect God could never be so cruel as he is thought to be pictured in the Biblical history of the Jews. The truth is that the very same God that declared himself in Jerusalem, was in the Jews commanding armies in their onslaught against their enemies, and issuing orders for the slaying of the thousands. God in his imperfection was fighting for his life, a legiti-

mate and necessary object; and from the Hebrew soil, which he protected through strenuous and apparently cruel measures, he perfected himself as the seed of the universe for the perpetuity of all life. God is thus seen to be progressive; but his progression is not eternally upward; for he reaches the state of the Most High, and there is nothing higher in state nor possibility of attainment. But the universe provides for divine progress. The fall and death of Deity is unthought and unknown to the world; the law of antithets is ignored. But in its application in the field of theology, all that is true in the schools of theology, both ancient and modern, is beautifully harmonized, because the divine character is revealed, the laws of his progress and perpetuity demonstrated in the progress, perfection, and fall and death of the seed of the plant or tree. The eternity of the cosmos demands repetition, and provides for the attainment of the divine goal by members of the human race.

The character and value of a tree is known by its fruit. The tree of learning yields its fruit of life. All true reform bears good results. Its influence is refining, exalting. No one is lowered in the moral scale who accepts, comprehends, and applies principles of truth. But evil results attend the deceptions of new fads and fallacies. The world has been under the influence of superstition. Men are discovering that there may be such a thing as freedom from superstition; but they have not discovered what is to take its place. It is not sufficient to break away from bondage, or the moral and other restrictions which old customs impose. If something is not substituted, license is mistaken for liberty and ruin results. So long as the Catholic church ruled the world, the devil was chained by the restraints imposed upon the human will. He began to be loosed little by little through the Reformation, until now he is free The liberty of the devil is one thing; the liberty of God is another. The true liberty never leads to wrong; true love never abuses. But waves of the devil's liberty constitute the breakers in which is threatened the safety of the ship of state and the ship of society. Remove restraint from the masses, and the devil breaks loose in the form of dogs of war in every domain of activity. Superstition is a good thing, so long as there is nothing better. A writer on radical lines deplores the fact that the inculcation of radical ideas in sex relations is attended by numerous disastrous results. "I have seen a great deal of this crude, foolish indulgence, and it makes me weep. I would almost rather the people knew nothing of freedom if they cannot attain some wisdom as they inculcate the ideas of liberty." What is the trouble? Why, simply that the conceptions which lead to disastrous results to the moral well-being of many people who undertake to adopt them, are in themselves degrading, destitute of truth and its wisdom. Anarchy in any of its present forms, whether in the social, religious, or mental domain, is unwholesome and productive of evil. With the light of true Liberty comes wisdom, just as light

and heat are in unison in the pure solar ray. Fallacy is in the cold and lifeless phosphorescence of mental and moral decay, or it may be in the heat of the false loves of mortals.

The struggle for existence imposes upon the formative functions of certain animal species, the necessity of replacing members of the body lost by accident or otherwise. The process of the development of the new portions, is called "regeneration;" and some remarkable instances are on record. Experiments seem to prove that the regenerative power depends upon the general degree of development of the species. The question might arise whether there be such a thing as regeneration in the human kingdom—not a spiritual process merely, but a process belonging to the biological phase of man's existence. It is noticeable that the energies of "regeneration" in the lower species of life, are generated in their own specific planes of existence; and doubtless it will be admitted by all that the restoration of the lost parts take place from the realm of conserved life of the organisms. A long while ago man was perfect; in the image and likeness of Deity stood he among his fellows. He was divided; he lost half of himself. Woman was taken from his side, and he was no longer biune, but vidual. Is there to be a restoration to man of the perfect form, male and female in one personality? And if so, is the regenerating power to come from the sky, or from the conserved life of humanity, so that the new form may develop from the human race? From every rational point of view, the answer to the question is obviously that the perfect Man develops from the soil of the present human kingdom. The principles of evolution would demand just that.

The words day and Deity have a common origin, each being derived from a root meaning to shine. The word day is traceable through the old Indo-Germanic root dhegho, I burn; and from the root came the word daisy (day's-eye), and the words for day in Gothic, German, Sanskrit, and others. According to an ancient and poetical conception the day is "kindled" every morning; thus the day is born through the bright shining of the sun. Every great civilination is a day in the world of progress. The days of creation were Deities, as well as periods of light they brought to the world. The sun is a burning center, radiating light and thousands of other qualities of energy essential to the life of the natural world. When the Apostle Paul said "our God is a consuming fire," he indicated the process by which the Lord Jesus disappeared from the world to create another period of the world's illumination; for he was burned in the presence of his Disciples, and after that

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and enthused in the line of heroic sacrifice.

He was in them and they were inspired to reveal mysteries

A Chicago alderman attacks "race suicide" from a new point of view. The trouble is not so much in the non-productiveness of aristocracy, nor in the poverty-stricken condition of the common herd, but in the fact that Chicago landlords will not rent flats to families having children; and he introduces an ordinance which he entitles, "An act

to prevent unjust discrimination by landlords against parents." He does not believe in refusing to house children, "thereby discouraging and militating against the probable increase of population in Chicago, contrary to the injunction imposed upon our first parents upon their expulsion from the garden of Eden." Why not propose to do away with the landlords and money gods? Perhaps if that were done, the people would have time and opportunity to learn what "race suicide" really is, and thus prevent it. But Chicago is ambitious; it wants to print as many names in the city directory as possible; it is competing with New York and London.

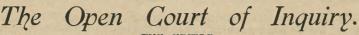
The sun is supposed to be very generous; it is constantly sending out substance for the benefit of the earth; but according to the modern astronomical conceptions, he wastes enormously more in the abyss of infinite space than we receive. The principle of compensation is operative throughout the universe. It should occur to modern scientists that the sun should receive something in return for his enormous expenditures. The question is brought up sometimes, but from the basis of the outside theory there is no answer to the question, no solution to the problem. In the Cellular Cosmogony the principle of universal reciprocity is not only illustrated but demonstrated. The shell of the concave earth sends to the sun just as much energy as the sun emits from its renewing fires.

A Tennessee man was run over by a saw-log and badly crushed. After the log had passed over his body, he raised himself up and said, "That log never hurt me nor broke a bone." Then he fell back, and in five minutes was dead. His affirmation was strong enough, doubtless; and had he been a christian scientist in a christian science saw-mill, and was run over by a christian science saw-log—that is, man, mill, and log existing only in the imagination, we think it would not have hurt the man in the least. But the man was hurt badly, from the effects of which he died—and there's the rub for those who imagine that there is nothing real in the realm of the external.

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Modern optimism has gone to seed in christian science. The ordinary optimist believes that the world is growing better all the while; but the christian scientist holds that the world has never been one notch below its best. We believe in optimism. The Almighty is the greatest optimist, because he says, "Behold, I make all things new!" and his words are full of hope and promise. And yet he is the greatest pessimist at times, because he abandons things beyond hope of redemption. It was the Almighty who said nineteen hundred years ago to Jerusalem, after he wept because of her hopelessness and stubbornness, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate!"

The novelty of fallacy is half its charm; it intoxicates for a time, and soon the charm is gone; hence, a new form of fallacy is in demand. Fads are the fashions of opinion and conduct; they are necessary for modern diversion, for the world lacks knowledge of the true uses of life.







Day and Night in Humanity.

"If the universe and man always were, and evolution and involution are confined to cycles of time, repeating themselves—then has not the Cellular Cosmogony been known in an infinite number of periods before? And why should the true astronomy continually be lost to man, and regained only at such tremendous and tragical sacrifice?"

One of the fundamental principles of the existence of the universe is that of antithesis. Everything has its opposite; and it does so by virtue of the fact that the axis of progression and retrogression extends between extremes. The factor of universal limitation imposes the absolute necessity for the existence of the lowest and the highest things of life; and progress on the universal scale, involving the perpetuity of the cosmos, can only take place by the continual ascent and descent of all related substances, the activities of which make up the sum total of multifarious life and motion.

Transmutation is one of the great fundamental laws of being and existence; it is the law of metamorphosis, the law of change. Stagnation and stillness would result if once the highest universal perfection in humanity were reached and eternally maintained. All of the activities of the plant are to the end that the seed may be borne; but once the seed is developed and ripened, its mission is to go down again whence it came, because only through such a course is it possible for it to perpetuate its kind. The seed is the pole of ascending desire; it is the point of rebound, the point of impulse of descent, because if active at all, not being able to move higher than the highest of its own plane without appropriation by a higher domain, must descend, because impulse from the highest point can only be in the downward direction.

So it is in the realm of divine activity. The very necessities of existence impose upon Deity absolute obedience to the laws and principles of his being, which are illustrated and demonstrated through the phenomena of the perpetuity of planes of life as we know them. As the life of Deity ascends and descends in the scale of human progress; as he goes up and down when

running the gamut of the music of the spheres—so must the mentality of Deity correspondingly reach its climaxes in the altitudes from which he views the universe. It must be borne in mind always, however, that this ascent and descent of Deity refers to the animal life of God in man.

Knowledge is derived through the operation of the laws of experience, and of the principles of contrast and comparison. The Almighty would tire of knowing all things all the time. It would be impossible for him to create anything from himself, impossible for him to express himself in the cosmos, if his external or animal life and mentality were not subject to alternations of night and day, death and resurrection. The law of the resurrection is manifest in all the processes of reproduction; and the resurrection is always attended by recurrence of manifestations of knowledge and wisdom.

The making of all things new necessitates the passing away of old things. God both forgets and remembers. The time comes when he remembers the world's iniquities no more; and then he remembers himself when he gathers the members of his body into the unity of his perfection. The truth he is revealing through Koreshanity, has come to the world myriads of times before. The Almighty takes pleasure in exploring the great universe of his works. It is one of his necessary diversions as he courses down the cycles. In his explorations he goes from field to field and from plane to plane through all the avenues of experience; and then he infolds himself and manifests his perfect life and knowledge in the world external.

It would be impossible for either God or man to continually enjoy the same state or plane of existence, for the simple reason that the activities of life and mind demand constant contrasts, else appreciation of good would not obtain. Day and night succeed each other in both the physical universe and the human cosmos. In man, the alternations of light and darkness are absolutely essential to the maintenance of the life of the world;

from absolute necessity, the Almighty must periodically withdraw from the external and seek the most interior heart of humanity that, through his absorption, he may perpetuate the interior life of the world. When he withdraws to the central sphere and hides himself for generations, the external world lapses into mental darkness, preparatory to appreciation of the light when it dawns.

The verdure of spring and the colors of summer are lost in the blasts of winter. It may seem a tragical sacrifice for the flowers to fade and fail and the foliage fall; but it is in the order of things and obtains because it is fundamental in being and existence, and is both unavoidable and inevitable. God is in humanity, and he is necessarily of it, the Almighty potency that impulses the ages. His mentality is higher than that of mortals; but the principles of his mental activity must be the same as those which operate in the fields of his expression. The Almighty has never made a universal law; he is powerful because he obeys laws which are eternal; and as the great Luminary of the world, he as necessarily rises and sets to measure the days of human progress, as the physical sun measures the days, the seasons, and the cycles in the physical domain. The why of it is simply that it could not be otherwise.

SYSTEMS OF ASTRONOMY.

A Brief Summary of the Four Principal "Outside" Theories.

This article is given in reply to several questions received, some of which have laid in the copy drawer for two or more years. It is evident that some have but very vague ideas as to the structure of the solar system, while others have but limited opportunities to acquire a knowledge of astronomy. Another class do not read up on the progress of astronomy, and several of these do not seem to dream that there are anti-Newtonian, anti-Copernican, or anti-Ptolemaic books published in these modern times. We shall not attempt to go into details in answer to these several correspondents, but give a statement of the four systems

of astronomy, and append some of the literature on these systems, and then each can satisfy his own desires as to obtaining the books, and inform him or herself.

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The Ptolemaic system claims the first place in consequence of its wide acceptance and the fame of the astronomer whose name it bears, rather on account, because he reduced it into a system than actually originated it. More accurate ideas were, however, current but found few supporters. Aristarchus of Samos, who lived about 200 years B. C., supposed, according to Archimedes and Plutarch, that the earth revolved around the sun, for which "heresy" he was accused of impiety. Cleanthus of Assos, who flourished about 20 years later, was, according to Plutarch, the first who sought to explain the great phenomena of the universe by supposing a motion of translation on the part of the earth around the sun, together with one of rotation around its own axis. The historians relate that this idea was so novel and so contrary to the received notions that it was proposed to arraign Cleanthus also for impiety.

THE PTOLEMAIC SYSTEM.

The Earth was regarded as the center, and around this the moon, Mercury, Venus, the sun, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, regarded as *planets*, were assumed to revolve in the order here given.

THE EGYPTIAN SYSTEM.

In this system, the earth is the center; Mercury and Venus were supposed to be satellite of the sun, and the sun with his satellites revolved around the earth as the center, and then outwardly Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn in the order named revolved around the earth. This system regarded the moon as a planet, the nearest to the earth.

A long time elapsed before any new theories of importance were proposed; but in the fifteenth century of the Christian era, Copernicus came forward and propounded his theory.

THE COPERNICAN SYSTEM.

This system ultimately superseded all before it, and is the system now generally accepted; yet this has it opponents. It places the sun in the center of his system as the cynosure, around which all the primary planets revolve. It must not be supposed, however, that all of the ideas of Copernicus were adopted, for some of them appeared defective in important particulars, one of which was his doctrine of epicycles, to account for the irregularity of the motions of the planets. He wrote his system out for publication in a work

"De Revolutionibus Orbium Celestium," but did not live to see it published.

THE TYCHONIC SYSTEM.

Tycho Brahe placed the earth as the immovable center, the moon revolving around the earth, the sun revolving around the earth exterior to the moon, and then Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn revolving around the sun in the order named. Tycho was the last who ventured on any original speculations in this field. He seems to have been influenced to have his system harmonize with the interpretation of Scriptures, as well perhaps as to perpetuate his name. Subsequently Kepler and Newton came and endeavored to perfect the Copernican system. This system is now the generally accepted solution the world over. Yet there are some phenomena and problems that it does not quite [!] satisfactorily account for [Italics ours.—ED.] and hence from its critics and opponents there has appeared some literature in opposition.—Notes and Queries, May, 1905.

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OUR HERITAGE FROM THE ANCIENTS.

Principles, Inventions, and Arts Which Have Come Down to Us From Ages Past.

The inventors of the Solonic period include Periander, Solon, Thales, Anaximander, Pisistratus, Anaximenes, Scylax, Conopides, Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Parmenides, Aphrodisius, Diogenes of Apollonia, Harpalus, Anaxagoras, Zeno of Elea, Empedocles, Leucippus, Euclid of Megara, Plato, and Xenophon; besides a host of other illustrious names in science; statesmanship, law, and the fine arts. They begin in the seventh and end with the fifth century [B. C.]. In the fourth they die out. Among the last of them is Eudoxus the astronomer, and Scopas the sculptor.

Between the Solonic and the Alexandrian ages there is an interval of almost a century when the genius of Greece was paralyzed, probably through the deplorable results of the Peloponnesian war. Then all at once it revived, as if by magic. Alexander arose, and by his conquest of the Oriental world he stimulated and left to our inheritance those numerous arts and inventions which distinguish the civilization of Greece and Rome from all others.

The Alexandrian era begins with Demosthenes and ends with Hipparchus, when Greece fell into the arms of Rome, and its glory was permanently eclipsed. No sooner did the soldiers of Alexander distribute into the West the treasures of

which they had plundered the Orient, than there arose in Asia Minor, Egypt, and the Greek states a generation of inventive talent such as the world had never yet beheld. Not only the shape, but the circumference of the earth was determined and measured, its geography extended, its various movements traced with accuracy, and the heavens explored for that larger information upon which rest the foundations of the mechanical arts.

While Pythreas explored the seas of the North, Megasthenes traversed the lands of the East, and Theophrastus searched the bowels of the earth for rare minerals. Aristarchus of Samos rose to the sublime height of asserting that heliocentric theory which Copernicus only rediscovered eighteen centuries later, and of computing the comparative dimensions of the heavenly bodies and the immense distances which separate them. [Neither the theory of Aristarchus nor that of Copernicus was true; but the fact that Aristarchus held the view long before the time of Copernicus, shows that no credit is really due to the latter for the conception, because the history of ancient astronomy was as well known in the fifteenth cen-

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