



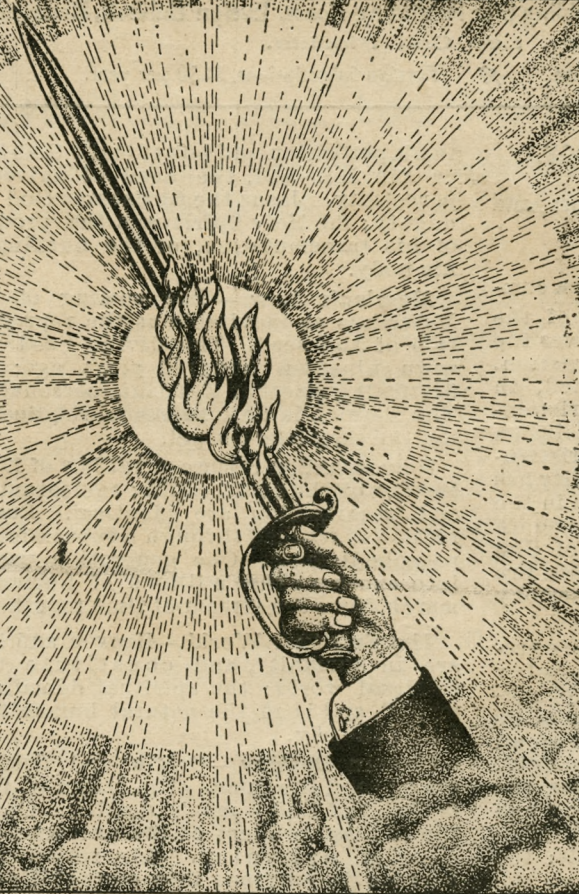
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A General Summary of the Doctrines and Principles of the Religio-Science.

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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 battery, and perpetually renews itself through inherent functions, by virtue of which it involves and evolves itself.

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

Theology.—God is personal and biune, with a trinity 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 Communitistic. Celibacy obtains in the central nucleus, never in the world at large.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Immortality in the Flesh a Possible Attainment; Phases of Antichristian Doctrines; the Futility of Numerous Dietetic Fads and Fallacies; the Bread of Life and the Messianic Personality.

KORESH.

IN THE FALL OF 1886 the writer was called from New York City to Chicago to attend a Mental Science convention, over which he was elected presiding officer. So far as we know, it was the first mental science convention ever convened. The writer advanced the doctrine of immortality as an attainment possible through the application of certain definite laws, involving a knowledge of the principles of higher physiology, inclusive of the control and utilization of the two sex potencies. It was the first time the subject had ever been broached in a convention, and it was strenuously combatted; particularly so by one Helen Wilmans, who was very bitter in her denunciation. The enunciation of the doctrine of immortality was not forgotten by the objector, for not long afterward Helen Wilmans, in no way comprehending the subject, but seeing an opportunity of speculating, took up the matter and announced the possibility of attaining "immortality in the body." Other so called mental scientists advanced the same false doctrine about the same time, with apparently the same purpose. Mental science has since come to be distinguished from christian science, in so far as immortal life is concerned, by this differentiation: christian science says we are immortal; while mental science says we may attain immortality. Christian science, which we have declared to be neither Christian nor science, holds that there is no death, no need of a Redeemer, no mortality. Mental science, so called of course, admits mortality, but says we may or can will ourselves into immortality of the body.

About the time the writer began the enunciation of

the laws of immortal attainment (which was in the year 1870), there appeared in this country the tendency to develop the offshoot of the Buddhistic philosophy (which is a very poor counterfeit of Buddhism), together with various other fads. Among the fads akin to the various phases of fragmentary specializations was that of the food question, which resolved itself into either vegetarianism or fruitarianism, having at the foundation, in some of its phases, the attainment of immortality through the regulation of the diet. These fads have grown out of the fact that the bread question, after all, is the very foundation of immortal life. Said Jesus: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." It is thus seen that immortality is dependent upon the question of dietetics; but it will also be seen that there is something deeper than the superficial view taken by many who have not the mental capacity to analyze the doctrine of Messianic polarization and of the recognition of the Messianic law as the prime essential to the attainment of immortal life.

The Cause of the Fall of Man.

It was the food question which involved the primitive man in the difficulty into which he plunged himself immediately after he was created and pronounced good, because made in the image and likeness of God, after having the life of God breathed into him, becoming thereby a living, not a dying soul. By living soul is here meant the same kind of life which God had, who

was inbreathed into the man that God created. To comprehend this question, it is necessary to first understand that the man made in the image and likeness of God had an ascending and a descending life. The one was the life of the beast or animal, the other was the life of the man. "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward?" Well, who does? Let us accept the fact that the man was made in the likeness of God, that is, like him, and that he was made in the image of God, that is, in his personality. He must be like his Creator in every particular, even in that particular in which there is a spirit which goeth downward, or that descendeth. If the man which God created like himself in every particular had an animal life capable of descending and passing into the mortal state, it follows that the Creator has an animal life which involves the possibility of a descent into the lower conditions, and that through this possibility God can die as to his animal life.

We have only to consult Revelation and Ezekiel to comprehend the fact that God has an animal life. We refer to the four living creatures spoken of in Ezekiel, which constitute the analysis of the divine character, and in which he is described as being animal in his four distinctive phases. Let us here declare and emphasize the fact that God has an animal life; that in this life he is capable of dying; that in it he does die, and that the death of God is one of the divine attributes, which should never be doubted by any professing Christian who regards the Lord Jesus as God manifest in the flesh, and as the Lamb (animal) of God. Christians will say that Jesus was God; that Jesus died; and at the same time they will contend that God cannot die. "Consistency, thou art a jewel!"

What Was the Forbidden Fruit?

To return to the proposition of the cause of the fall of the human race, which God had made and pronounced good. The fruit was the fruit of the tree that was in the middle of the Garden of Eden. "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." It was intended that it should be partaken of; it was placed there for that purpose, and the declaration was also made, "Thou shalt not eat of it." It is a fact that Adam did eat thereof, and it is also a fact that he did not eat thereof. In his animal life he ate thereof, but in his ascending or man life he discarded it. He did all that the Creator designed he should do; nothing more, nothing less. What was this fruit? This question settled, much of the mystery of dietetics as concerning immortality will also be settled. What did the "first parents" eat, gathered from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? To settle this question is to settle the great humbug, "christian science." Did Adam and Eve eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good

and evil? Was there evil as well as good on that tree? If there was a knowledge of evil on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, then there is evil, or there could be no knowledge of it. A denial of this fact by one who pretends to believe the Bible and to predicate upon it a religious theory, is nothing more nor less than antichrist. This we declare "christian science" to be, with all of the necessary and unmistakable credentials. Nothing is more conspicuous than the marks of antichrist on the counterfeit christian science.

But about the diet question. Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. How did it affect them? They became as Gods, knowing good and evil, which Mrs. Eddy declares to be a lie for she says there is no evil. God was mistaken, then, for he put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the midst of the Garden, and declared that if they ate of it they should surely die. But there is no death, says Mrs. Eddy, notwithstanding the fact that what she says is in direct contradiction to what God declares. Their eating the fruit was the partaking of the knowledge of good and evil, which gave them an understanding of these two distinctive phases of being, and enabled them to discriminate between the two. Consequently their partaking of this fruit was an essential thing, and was intended by the Creator when he placed the knowledge of good and evil before them, and taught them how to become as Gods, knowing good and evil. The command not to eat was to the ascending man; the injunction to eat was to the descending man who, through the hells, was to come into knowledge through experience. Now, what will the vegetarians and fruitarians do, who think that they are to resuscitate the race by means of the diet? Will they eat of the same fruit and attain the same conditions? Or will they eat ordinary fruit, and vainly imagine that they are eating of the same thing which our first parents appropriated?

Appropriation of the Living Bread.

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever." "Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." "My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." The resurrection that will come at the end of the dispensation, the last day, is the result of the eating (appropriation) of the Christ. If the price given was the same as the original appropriation, it follows that the food that was eaten was the same as the food given at the beginning of the dispensation. The tree was one that produced bread; and that bread was the bread of life, the personality of God in Christ. This was the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and also the fruit of the Tree of Life. If the reader will critically notice the fact, it will be acknowledged that when the flesh and blood of the Lord were

eaten by the church, the process of regeneration began to operate in the death of the seed planted; for it is a distinctively known law that when seed is sown it begins to disintegrate, and therefore it dies before it can possibly reproduce. Hence the church began to fall, for it is written: "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die."

In the new-fangled attempt to gain immortality there are a number of fallacies involved, the most notable of which is, that immortality can be acquired by a mere mental effort. We most emphatically declare the truth that there can be no attainment of eternal life (or immortal life) except through the recognition of the Messianic law and its application. There can be no immortality except through the restraints of the sex life on the mortal plane, and the utilization of the sex potencies on the higher plane of life. The substance from which the immortal flesh is produced is nothing less than the potencies of the sex sperm and germ. One of the first efforts toward the immortal state is the restraint of the passions; this is represented by the first beast, which said "Come and see." This was the face of the lion; and the voice that went forth was the white horse. The lion is the power of commerce, which has many domains, one of which is the power of commerce in sex, the greatest force which resides in those restraints that provide for the conservation of the sex energy and its utilization on the higher plane of life. The white horse means the power of chastity as applied to the restraints of the commercial act, as a means to the conservation of the sex potency for the purpose of immortal life.

Conservation of the Sex Forces.

The two sex potencies unite in the production of mortal beings. So long as the uses of the sex function are prostituted, and the sex potencies wasted or devoted to the propagation of mortal beings, so long will the people so brought forth be subject to the various conditions of the mortal and corruptible state. But to as many as believe in his name gives he power to become the Sons of God, which is the state of incorruptibility. "This mortal shall put on immortality," means that this mortal shall become immortal. This will not be accomplished through the will merely, but by doing something directly opposite from that which produces the conditions of mortality. Hence we declare that as mortality is the result of the planting of mortal seed, so immortality must be the result of appropriating the substance of mortal life to higher uses.

Mental effort will not bring the world into immortality, nor will attention to the common dietetic principles. The overcoming of the tendencies of the flesh will be the result of the recognition of the Messianic center, because there must be a focal point into which the mental essences can flow, after the restraints of the

flesh and the conservation of the sex essences are effected. One of the first essential knowledges of immortal life is a conception of the truth that mental force is as substantial as any material thing. Mentality is substantial though not material; this distinction should be well differentiated. Spiritual essence is substantial though not material. Spiritual substance is convertible to material substance, and *vice versa*. The retention of the material substances of the two sex organisms held in suspension, creates in the mind the psyche and the pneuma of the new life. The psyche is that which is retained in the female mind, and the pneuma is that which is retained in the male mind. These forces flow into the prophetic or Messianic center, who becomes the High Priest of the Covenant. There must be a visible and tangible nucleus into which the conserved mental forces may flow, because directed through a knowledge and confession of the Messiah, who is the central and important factor of the transformation.

The secret of immortality lies at the root of the tree at which the axe will be laid. When the laws of life are understood and the conservation made, the tendency of the appetite will be more spiritual; the desire for animal food will be less materially inclined, and the amount of food partaken of will also be diminished, for there will be a source of supply which hitherto has not been understood nor known. In the conservation of the sex potencies there will not be a direct appropriation; and the belief that because the potency is conserved there is an inherent means of life, is a mistake. There will be a universal conservation; this will be retained in the mentality. The direction of the mental forces toward the Messianic center will project the conserved potency to that center, whence it is returned to as many as have sent their tithes to the storehouse of regeneration. It is like the ascent of the impure blood of the body flowing up to the heart and thence into the lungs for its transformation, whence it is carried back to the heart, purified for general distribution to the body.

The Necessity of Messianic Polarization.

There must be a Messianic presence before there can be immortal attainment. There must not only be a Messianic personality, but through the conservation of the two sex potencies there must flow to the Messianic center the substances of restraint which have been conserved for their influx into the Messianic storehouse. Without this ascent to the storehouse there can be no blessing poured out. This contribution to the storehouse of the High Priesthood, the Messianic center, is not sufficient to effect the one essential thing for the baptism, because it is necessary to burn the High Priest in the fire of theocrasis or translation before there can obtain the results of immortality. There will also flow

into the Messianic center the substance of hatred which, though spiritual or mental, is as substantial as the two distinctive principles of love; namely, the pneuma and the psyche, which are derived into the High Priest. The two principles, love and hate, will begin the burning which theocrasises the Messiah. When this fire is kindled and the Messianic center is dematerialized, there will be a return flow into as many as have looked for and believed in the Messenger of the Covenant; and this return flow will extirpate the pineal gland or cornarium of the brains of both males and females, when they also will dematerialize. This is the great conflagration in which the world will burn up; this means the dissolving of all who are to be resurrected as the Sons of God. This is the supper of the great God, which is mentioned in the Revelation of St. John. It is the burning up of the world, which is as surely coming to pass, as that it is written in the Book. This conflagration is effected through the knowledge of the Messenger of the Covenant, who is also the promised Messiah. It can only be consummated through the gathering of the tares into bundles, which is promised at the end of the Christian era, now at hand.

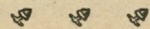
The gathering of the tares is one of the first accomplishments of the Messenger, and is the aggregation into communities, in different parts of the world, of the tens of thousands to be saved, for the purpose of being burned in the electro-magnetic fire which is to consume the wicked; that is, as many as confess their wickedness and aggregate for the purpose of its elimination through the fire of purification. After the burning there will be a concentration of the spirit of the combustion which has dematerialized the groups, into the Womanhood chosen for the purpose; and through her there will be a projection into full grown life of the Sons of God, who are the biunities, two-in-one, made one in this marriage of the two who, in the old state, the state of mortality, were two dualities, male and female in two personalities.

The Materialization of the Sons of God.

Immortality is the product of the union of the two in the one biunity; mortality is the product of the separation of the two sexes in two forms. Immortal life is an impossibility in any one form that is not the union of the two. The principles of life are not in any one form alone, nor has the one personality the inherent possibility of becoming immortal; neither is it possible to attain immortality without the presence and function of the Messenger of the Covenant, which means the Messenger of Conjunction. There is an absurd hallucination prevailing, which is of the devil, and which is deceiving some who profess to be believers in the doctrines of Koreshanity, in direct opposition to this fundamental and central doctrine of the science of life. The doctrine referred to is that some woman will pro-

duce children immaculately conceived, which will be the beginning of the new creation. Such doctrine, if true, would preclude the salvation of the race now to be redeemed. This false doctrine is claimed as Koreshan, as if KORESH were not able to define and interpret his own science. We hope none will be deluded through any promulgation not authorized through our own literature. We are publishing and promulgating Koreshan doctrines, and are not authorizing any one to promulgate literature purporting to be Koreshan.

The raising up of the Messenger of the Covenant and his recognition constitute one of the first necessities of the new order of things; and this will be fulfilled, as well as every other enunciation of the Scriptures. "I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." This is being fulfilled in the presence of the Messenger, who is the promulgator of the science of immortality, and the only one authorized to declare the science except such as he may choose to send forth as the angels who are to gather the tares to be burned. This will also be the gathering of the wheat, for the wheat is in the tare, and will be disclosed when the tares are consumed. This will also settle the food question, for the wheat will be for the consumption of those who want the staff of immortal life. What does it all mean? Merely that there must and shall be a purification of the sex life, and such restraint of the passions as shall enable the seekers after immortality to enter into life, which is the resurrection, in which is the redemption of the world.



TRUE DOCTRINE ESSENTIAL TO LIFE.

The Pernicious Doctrine of Man's Present Immortality; the Sleep of Mortals Until the Resurrection.

KORESH.

THE MOST dangerous and pernicious doctrine is that which teaches that man is immortal. It is the most pernicious because it confirms man in a false security which precludes all effort to extricate himself from the meshes of satan. Let a person once fully be confirmed in the belief that, while yet subject to corruption, he has an immortal soul that unfolds from one stage of evolution to another, ever onward, upward, and progressive, and the hope of reclaiming that man is gone until he completes the cycle of retrogression through successive reëmbodiments, in which none of his former consciousness remains.

The most pernicious evil and coördinate of this doctrine is its confirmation, by a spurious resurrection through what are called materializations. Many who are awaking into the desire for the Lord's coming believe they already possess the life, and that an acknowledgment and a comprehension of the truth, as the way to attain it, are not essential. Some of those who are desirous for the Lord's coming are deceived

by this false appearance of a resurrected life. Others who do not believe in God, being infidel and atheistic, see in these signs and wonders that the beast has power to perform satisfactory indications (to them) of immortal life, and, becoming confirmed in the idea that man never dies, press onward into the great maelstrom of destruction, the seething cauldron of decomposing flesh, and are ultimately swallowed up in death.

There are two acknowledgments essential as prerequisites to life: One is that man in his selfhood is evil, and his end is death; the other is that the Lord alone is life, and that it is possible for man, in coöperation with God, to destroy his selfhood and take on the divine will by absolute conjunction. Man's interior will may be impregnated with divine desire, but so long as he retains a mortal body he is in the hells and associated by his exterior with satans. To die and pass into the spiritual world does not save him; being dead (not awake to life and the light of immortality) before leaving the body, he is still dead, though to himself and others like him in sensualism he appears to be alive. Man out of God is dead, whether in the body or out of it. If out of God, he sleeps, and naught but an acknowledgment of the possibility of the conjunction or unity of God and man can awaken him to immortality. Whether in the body or out of it, man sleeps until the resurrection; but he is no more asleep after his departure from the body than before its dissolution.

of this masterpiece; and although he is so rich he was not averse to selling it at the price offered by Mr. Morgan through his agent, and it was sold to the American for the immense sum of \$200,000, quite an advance on the modest price of \$444, which it brought in the first place.

The traffic in pictures which have once become famous from their cheapness, is illustrated many times a month in the art stores of Europe and America, where experienced dealers who skirmish on the outposts of civilization show the most attractive wares to cater to the very wealthy. The history of this painting shows what a genuine work by an old master may command in the future. It pays to treasure up the art works of a competent painter, one who has a knowledge of form and color surpassing that of the men of his day.

An amusing incident of Mr. Morgan's gruffness is related apropos of his art collection. His Majesty, the King of England, expressed the wish that he might view the American millionaire's treasures, some of which are stored at Prince's Gate. Mr. Morgan, whose money gives him the power to dictate to princes and kings, has stood aloof from his British Majesty's advances in some respects. When told of this desire on the part of the ablest financier in England, he said brusquely: "His Majesty is welcome any day before luncheon." It is not customary to fix the hour of a sovereign's visit; but, alas, for British pride! in this case the sovereign condescended to time his visit to suit American dollars and cents. The man who has the most money stands at the head of the van, and he schools the rest of the world to endure his gruffness, especially when a slight stringency in the money markets of the world arises. He is astute enough to see that if he wants to buy any office in America he can, for the politicians cannot compete with himself; but he chooses to put his money into art works of all kinds because they gratify the most refined tastes.

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A FAMOUS PAINTING.

Enormous Price Paid for it by J. Pierpont Morgan; the Increasing Value of Masterpieces; the Estero Art Gallery.

THE PREDICTION that one man would soon be at the head of the world's resources in America, was made some time ago by the Founder of Koreshan Universology. At the time, he was speaking of J. Pierpont Morgan. All New York is agitated at the present time about the great banker's latest purchase. During the last three months he has spent more than three millions of dollars for works of art; and his largest single selection is the famous "Portrait of Miss Farren."

This is the work of Sir Thomas Lawrence, the English painter who was born at Bristol in 1769, and flourished in the early part of the last century. The gem of all his paintings is this portrait which has gone to Mr. Morgan, despite the fact that it was already in the possession of a millionaire who would not retain it in the face of Mr. Morgan's munificent offer. The picture was first sold for \$444, in 1863. It was owned at the time the New York capitalist set his desires upon it, by a gentleman who had parted with over \$11,000 in pursuit

The J. Pierpont Morgan collection of gems exhibited at the World's Fair is in the Natural History Museum in New York, and is called one of the finest in the world. These gems are beautifully cut and polished, while the specimens of aqua marine and tourmaline are unequaled.

The opportunity for American speculators to invest in art works has been very much increased by the cheapness of transportation to the cities of Europe, and the facilities furnished students for viewing all the best things in the old world at merely nominal prices. The steamship companies in thus aiding American tourists are advancing the standard of culture, for by comparison students make progress. The history of many works of art shows a remarkable advance in price, as in the case of the one by Sir Thomas Lawrence, now owned by Mr. Morgan. Sometimes the works of an artist sell for an extravagant sum because of real merit, not discernible until they have been compared with the productions of others in the same field of effort. Hence the advantage of exhibitions where the pictures of many painters are brought into view at the

same time. The best usually keep their prestige for centuries.

The sum paid by Mr. Morgan in the present instance has caused great excitement lest the market, temporarily inflated by himself, may suddenly collapse and prevent the other dealers in curios and paintings from realizing on their collections. Mr. Morgan is of course too patriotic to permit this; so he will go on buying to be the admiration of kings. To treasure up rare works of art is not only a means of culture, but a solid business investment for the future.

The people of Estero are to be congratulated on having a fine art gallery, and the progressive spirit that values the culture and inspiration to be derived from such sources. The choice collection of paintings gathered here comprises some of the best works of an artist whose pictures have been seen and admired in Italy. There are not many youthful cities where so much has been done to attract the eye, and where the Founder's influence is extended in so many directions for the comfort and support of his people on all lines of effort. The lectures which he gives are a superior wisdom to educate and uplift.

The Source of Attack.

IT IS ONLY fair to say that the attack upon Koreshan Science noticed in a recent number of THE FLAMING SWORD, was not made by any member of the cultured and highly interested audience that had the good fortune to listen to the annunciation of the truths of KORESH as given by himself in New York. No one present in that audience questioned his premise in any way, nor was there anything but the sincerest pleasure expressed in regard to his discourse by those who heard his own exposition. A relative of one in the audience did bring the charges in return for the sincere pleasure expressed.

The Newtonian Hypothesis.

THE NEWTONIAN HYPOTHESIS of universal attraction may be overthrown by the stroke of a pen. A pen is a plume, and a plume is a feather. Now the flight of a feather shows that levity is the coördinate of gravity, and that every substance in the universe seeks its static plane. As Lincoln freed the slaves by the stroke of a pen in signing the emancipation proclamation, so the slaves of the Newtonian hypothesis may be freed by the pen. This hypothesis is the very fortress of modern guesswork.

Excalibur.

THE SWORD Excalibur had on its hilt these words: "This is the way of the Lord." The way of the Lord is the way of a man with a maid—one who is made into his divinity. The lady of the lake had to draw the king back to her, but he passed on the sword to the next. Excalibur is out of the ordinary calibur, or out of Caleb, *cælebs*, the celibate life.

General Contributions

MUCK-RAKING IN UNIVERSAL ECONOMY.

The Divine Utility of the Corrupt Mortal Soil; the Seed Planted and the Coming Harvest; the Gospel of Science.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

FOLLOWING THE EXPOSURE of the muck, muckers, and muck-rakers of modern competism, will be the activities of the Almighty's plowshares and pruning-hooks. The work of these agencies is already scientifically inaugurated by that ever watchful, alert, and enterprising servant of truth, the great American eagle. The eagle's wings are spread from sea to sea the world around, in support of a "little horn" of theocratic power to voice as a great trumpet the certain notes of truth. Truth has a voice, and this voice is destined to communicate to the world the divine science of the economy of government. Economy is "the righteous use" of anything. "Why this waste?" queries the Lord of the harvest. The voice of truth makes wisdom's answer.

Muck, muckers, and rakers are the inevitable product of the competitive system. Each factor had to be, for whatever is necessary, but not necessarily right, *per se*. For each of the three factors to call the others black is suggestive of the pot's remark to the kettle and the kettle's to the pot. Own up now! "We, us and company," conceived in the sin and shapen in the iniquity of the competitive system; namely, the love of money, *are* all pot-black together, all ring-streaked and speckled. A few of us, possibly the most of us, ache to be cleansed inside and out, and are ready to admit that all we like *sheep* have gone astray, and have turned every man to his own way.

The Adamic man being God's image and likeness, and once having all the marks of commercial integrity, is now so completely fallen that the "man of mark," like a senator or captain of industry, prides himself on having the mark of the beast in hand and forehead, and claims a monkey ancestry. This species of man shows the Adamic man to be so completely disintegrated by adultery and corruption that, instead of being identified with one social grand man of humankind which admits of our considering each a fair representative of the sublime collective unit, makes us weary of the confusion of many men of many minds, each with his hand against every man.

This present evil world was introduced to the unit of Adamic manhood, God's image and likeness, nineteen hundred years ago. He was appropriately named Jesus. The name declared his mission to this world now so rich in muck. The Lord was planted in our miry clay to grow. He made ample provision for muck, muckers, and spreaders, that the soil of his resurrection life might serve its purpose well. In other words, organo-vital Christianity, the "real thing,"

planted itself in degenerate, paganized Israelite competition, aspiring to come again as the original head of gold, the power of universal empire, a divine kingdom in earth.

The church militant is, up to date, the only visible product of this planting. This is a world of warring elements in the crucible of the Almighty, but the end is not yet. The harvest is the end the Almighty had in view when he planted himself in the field called the world. The church triumphant in the heavens, the life of all flesh, is the still invisible product, to be made visible in the earth by its transforming power. We, if we have the "blessed hope" of transmutation, are still in the muck, hidden by the tares about to be burned. The feet of the passing imperial image were to be of iron and miry clay. The age has incorporated the clay mire of sin, and the old world-empire is tottering on its last legs in the shambles of democracy. The last state of mortal degeneracy is foretold to be worse than the first.

The very abominations disclosed by the muck-rakers herald the kingdom of heaven in earth, the resurrection of the Jehovistic commonwealth. The resurrection of the Adamic race is an orderly procedure. Prior to it is the preparation by enrichment of the soil of the field where the seed was sown. The seed marked the ending and the beginning of the race. Its sowing was the vanishing-point of the Gods as human kind, and the beginning for them of a renewed glorious spiritual career of pure delights as the doers of God's will in the heavens. Spiritual things were spiritually discerned, and the keys to their natural correspondences applied. Hidden riches of secret places and treasures of darkness have been obtained and stored in the Anointed of the Gods.

With the resources of the Gods at command, the Messenger of their new Covenant with mortal man is born into this world of sin and sorrow, to be awakened as a man among men, to his mission. By the voice of truth within announcing the testimony of Nature and inspired Revelation, as the science of the laws of life and immortality brought to light by the Lord Jesus Christ, he is compelled as one called of God to preach science as the true gospel of the divine kingdom in earth. All knowledge or Universology is the climax of divine-human, spiritual attainment. To advance to Jehovistic honors and glories, the Gods as men in the flesh must apply the science of the law to natural life, and so create the kingdom of the Gods in earth, the Mother of all men. The Gods sow the seed, and she puts forth the blade, the ear, and finally the full corn in the ear.

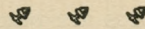
The signs of the standing again of the full corn are many, and are daily, hourly, multiplying. One of the blessed signs of the coming dove with the olive branch, is the warlike attitude of the newly-launched Progressive Liberty Party, of which *The American Eagle* is chief servant. The weapon of this prime minister or chief servant is the sword of truth, which serves as both plowshare and pruning-hook, as well as

a battery of human life keeping the faith by works, making void neither the law nor the Lord.

The Lord hath provided, himself with a place and a people, and a man of war as the creator of peace. The peace which the Lord Jesus came to bring was to be made manifest as the price of a war conducted with the sword of truth, the science of the law. The law in application to life for life, required the sword turned into a plowshare and a pruning-hook. The filth of life had to be turned over to divine economic governmental uses, to be indicated by a platform of righteousness consistent with the science of the law. The daily use of the pruning-hook is needed to cut off fruitless branches of public and private life, to furnish brands for the burning that cumber the ground, or as parasites undermine the well-being of society.

Fire has its part to play in the great consummation of peace so devoutly longed for. God's fires are all-cleansing, barrier-burning, blessed fires. They destroy the tares, rend the vail, and destroy the wicked, and leave the men of the Gods' habitation, reproduced in the image and likeness of the one God-Man, all who believed in the name of the Lord Jesus and have known and loved him. From the muck-enriched, muck-raked, watered, plowed, and burned-over soil new pastures green will spring, and a new family tree of God's animal life will grow from the holy seed of the first ripe fruit.

The eagles, the powers of genuine sciences of truth, are gathered where the first-fruits of the resurrection are to be found. The wings of a great Eagle, the greatest America has ever known, will shape the destinies of the Progressive Liberty Party by or in accord with the science of the will of God concerning all men. God would have all men repent of their evil ways and live the life which is the life indeed, in obedience to the laws of commonwealth, making of every man a soldier of the common good, an heir of all things, of thrones and dominions, and the regal insignia of everyone the great American Eagle of progressive liberty, secured to men by the restraints and adjustments of the law of the Lord.



The Communism of Primitive Christianity.

KORESH.

LABOR organizations should cease to clamor for, not higher wages merely, but for any wages. The wage system is the absolutely dangerous one; but we do not hope for any change along the lines of social or industrial evolution, which have not in them the spirit of communism such as was inaugurated with the institution of the Christian dispensation. Primitive Christianity was communistic, because communism is the only basis upon which the law of love to the neighbor can be applied. It is for this reason that the Lord, the greatest of communists, ordained his communistic church. It is for this reason that when the Holy Spirit operated on the hearts of the people receiving it, they went and sold their possessions and brought the price of the things they sold and laid it at the Apostles' feet, that they should possess all things in common.



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE CZAR OF RUSSIA met a golden opportunity, and passed it by. It kindly confronted him with the plea that it was laden with greatness for him and happiness for his people. The plea he utterly ignored, and bade the golden opportunity to go hence, because it was, in his ignorance, an insult and offence unto him. The Czar is blind to his own best interests and the interests of Russia. He was on the verge of great things. He was about to liberate the millions and introduce numerous reforms. He went so far as to grant the demands of the people for representative legislative bodies. He established a constitutional government, and the nation was on a fair way to a measure of liberty, of political and civic freedom. The world rejoiced that a step forward had been taken. To many it seemed as if peace were at hand in the domain of the Czar. Surely he would be gracious; he would not stand against the cry of all the Russians, against the demands of the times. Large sums of money were borrowed on the strength of the appearance of a more liberal form of government. The old seemed to be passing, merging into the new. The douma was elected, organized, and entered upon its deliberations on behalf of the people. Its members were publicly welcomed by the Czar; but even in his address it was apparent that with the constitutional government and the legislative body, he meant to give himself autocratic sway. He would not remove himself as an obstacle in the way of greater liberty, and he found himself in conflict with the representatives of the people. How magnanimous it would have been on his part, had he granted fully and freely, the demands of his people. How enduring would his name be in history as the greatest of all the Czars, had he voluntarily reconstructed the Russian government and instituted a new era of peace and prosperity throughout his empire. But he chose not to do so. He was built according to the medieval pattern. And in the face of the spirit of revolution he may meet his fate, the fate of many other rulers who refused to advance in the path of progress. The Czar has dissolved the douma, and for persistence in execution of the will of the people, the names of many members are placed on the list of rebels. The Czar declares war against every element opposed to his own will. He is the one against the millions; but he is strong in the strength of the machinery of tyranny and despotism which has been running incessantly for centuries. He controls the army, the police, and the secret service. The land is filled with his detectives and spies. It is expected by numerous students of political and economic affairs in Russia that a reign of terror is beginning. The French Revolution may be outdone in extent of territory covered and in the terribleness of the scenes. The fate of the Czar may be more horrible than that of Louis XVI. Russia is entering the throes of internal struggle, more destructive than the war with Japan. History is persistent to repeat itself, and it is always retributive where golden opportunities are spurned. The picture presented in Japan is quite different. Instead of being an oppressor of his people, a despot, a tyrannical occupant of the throne, the Emperor of

Japan is benevolent, intent upon the welfare not only of Japan as a whole, but upon his vidual subjects. He meets golden opportunities and takes advantage of them. The nation is reaping the fruits of his wisdom and his philanthropy. His latest step is more advanced than that of the kings and presidents of Christendom. Even the great West may seek to copy Japanese progress. Japan is nationalizing all lines of business. The government itself will both regulate and conduct the great lines of public service. In advance of the nations of the West, Japan is adopting forms of socialism and phases of government ownership and control of industries and lines of commerce. All such steps on the part of Japan command the admiration of the progressive people of the world. In striking contrast with the Czar stands the Mikado, himself the center of his nation, himself the will of the people. The Emperor of Japan is an instance of real greatness from the world's point of view; the Czar is an example of usurpation. The invisible powers that control in the affairs of the world, seem to favor Japan though it is called heathen; and they are against Russia, professedly Christian. The unfit must accept the inevitable, while the fittest must survive.

THE WORLD started out on a mad race for money. Men pitted their strength of body and mind against their neighbors. Every one was to look out for himself. The race has been a long one; and in the end many men, using their brains, which are far more potent than brawn, have outstripped the majority. Those falling behind are compelled to remain in the fields of drudgery, while their successful neighbors in the race live in luxury. The defeated classes have not accepted their defeat gracefully; they cultivate a hatred for those who, according to the principles of competism, have a right to what they possess. If they have no right at all to their possessions, there is something wrong with competism. There is not one lover of wages that would not be a lover of millions if there were opportunity to possess them. A large class of people talk and write against men of wealth simply because there is gall behind their tongue and pen. They are mostly inspired by jealousy. Numerous are the instances in which poor men, bitter in their denunciations of the rich, have inherited wealth—and lo, the radical change! Instead of being wronged wage-earners, they immediately look down on their neighbors, and in their luxury they forget them. They take up the higher social routine and associate with the supremely selfish. As to how ardently the working classes love money may be illustrated by the case of a washerwoman recently dying at the tub, having worked herself to death. Not from necessity, surely, for she had, through years of labor, hoarded the sum of \$15,000—that sum being laid away idle, while daily she toiled to increase the amount. Recently she said, "I'll quit work soon, and begin to enjoy life." She had sacrificed for herself alone, and she was deprived of the fruits of her toil. She was like the man who enlarged his barns to hold enormous

yields of grain. In the height of satisfaction in anticipation, his soul was required of him. The laboring classes are experiencing for the most part the fruits of selfishness, the curse upon the man. Human motive is wrong, the desires perverted; and the harvest is distress and ultimate revolution in the vortex of the three great woes. There must be a turning from competition to communism.

THE WHOLE question of social reform depends upon the purification of the human heart. The affairs of a nation can never be equitably administered until the principles of equity become operative in the will and soul of man. Merely striking hard blows at old institutions will not bring about the new order. The work of destruction merely makes room for the new, but the new must come through constructive work. The initial process of such construction must obtain in the hearts of the people. Without regeneration of the individual man there can be no genuine success in reform efforts. The corrupt hearts that taint money and meat products, that scheme for graft under the spirit of greed, would soon taint a model system of social order and corrupt all new human relations that might be established by superficial reformers. Many people have reached the conclusion that desired reform is next to impossible. Materialists have tried it and failed. Mere change in environment produces but temporary results. Moral suasion has proven futile. Even the work of the modern church is a failure. The modern Christian gospel is without power. And yet, if the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures be taken as containing tenets of truth and unfailing prophecies, it must be admitted that the work of genuine reform, the work of establishing the divine kingdom in earth, must obtain in and through the presence of the Almighty himself among men. Koreshanity maintains that the whole question of true reform depends upon the exercise of the Messianic function. Philosophy precedes science. The spiritual life of the primitive Christian church was an essential possession; but the operation of that life in the race necessitated an apostasy, a declension of the church from truth and power. There is to be a restoration. The fruit of the Christian philosophy matures in science. The ends of the ages are upon us. Again the Almighty is to assume charge of human affairs; and under his administration, a revolution is to be wrought in the human heart and soul, and His life and thought expressed in the environments of the scientific social order, the kingdom of God.

THE PASSING of Russell Sage, the noted New York millionaire, brings the subject of his peculiarities once more before the public mind. He was perhaps the most eccentric financier of modern times. His close rival in the line of peculiarities is Mrs. Hetty Green. His entire energies were put forth in the direction of accumulating money. Money was his god; but strangely enough, he possessed a quaint honesty which made his word as good as most men's bond. He was inordinately grasping and covetous; and to seemingly satisfy his conscience, he attended church every Sunday during his whole career. He would make sometimes a million dollars in a single deal, and yet argue about the

price of two apples, or quarrel about the price of a hair-cut. He was once saved from bankruptcy by Jay Gould; and later he had the opportunity to return the kindness, having once saved Gould from financial ruin during a crisis in business. Mr. Sage held himself aloof from all charitable institutions, contributing little or nothing to their maintenance. To show how little the eccentric financier thought of others and how much he thought of self, let us note that when a crank threw a stick of dynamite on the floor of his office when demanding \$20,000 cash in 1894, Mr. Sage grabbed one of his clerks and held him as a shield, himself escaping unhurt. The clerk was maimed for life, and had to sue his employer to obtain reparation. This is illustrative of Mr. Sage's narrowness and selfishness and his extreme miserliness. But he was a worker—that is, for himself. He never took a vacation; lived to nearly ninety; but he never did anything to benefit his neighbors or country. Just before his death he said that everybody would be surprised at what he had done with his money in his will. He left almost his entire fortune to his wife, who may devote it to charity; and thus his wealth may go into channels which tend to keep a class of people contented with the old order. Mr. Sage was well known; but his name will not be placed in the list of great characters.

THE LATEST proposed elixir of life is the common product of volcanoes—pure unadulterated lava. Of course, it must be cooled down some; but a New York chemist, full of theories of modern geology, considers that lava is a sort of cure-all. From the newspaper headings it might be concluded that he has tons of it for sale, so that the millions might begin eating it at once. He holds, however, that it is to be appropriated through vegetable life, using lava as a fertilizer. The idea is that lava contains necessary acid-forming minerals, principal ingredients that are supposed to enter into the composition of the human body. It is conceived that the use of lava would not only cure all diseases known to plants, but through becoming incorporated in vegetable life, would supply man with a superior nourishment, and correspondingly remove disease from his system. Proposed remedies and elixirs are numerous. They seem to be desired to make up for deficiency in stocks of natural vitality. Many of them are good in their way; but there is absolutely nothing equal to conservation of vital energy through continence and chastity.

THE TWO prominent scandals now before the public eye are the Harry Thaw and the Hartje cases. Pittsburg has long been famous—for has not Carnegie's name been connected with Pittsburg's development? More than ever before is the Smoky City coming into prominence, for it is now extensively advertised in connection with the Thaw and Hartje scandals, which are but two of the many fruits of the competition of Christendom. In the Thaw case, one may contemplate the marvelous advantages of the possession of wealth, modern educational facilities, and the sweet influences of the luxurious home located in a magnificent city of churches. There are some facts which speak louder than the words of occupants of optimistic pulpits.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

What is the Form of God?

"If the physical universe is the real, physical God, why has it the shape of a concave cell, a round form, and not the shape of the microcosm, the physical man? Or, on the other hand, if man is the exact reproduction of God, why has not he the round form of a hollow globe?"

There is a misapprehension of the truth manifest in the above inquiry. The physical universe is not God. God is the perfect man. He is essentially and specifically the highest seed of all life, the seed of the universe. As such seed, he appears in living, tangible form. One instance of such form is given in the Gospels of the New Testament. Jesus the Christ was the promised seed; he was the perfect man; he was God. The functions of creation are performed through the seed. There is no way to perpetuate life other than through the creative functions inherent in the seed. God in his perfect manhood is the universe involved; he is therefore the universe in its least form, being the universe inrolled.

The Almighty is to the universe of creation what the acorn is to the oak. The oak infolds itself in the acorn. The acorn is therefore the oak in its least form, the oak being, on the other hand, the acorn evolved. Now, when the acorn is fully evolved in the form of the oak, we behold the tree, the great object produced by the acorn as the unfoldment of itself. The oak is the expression of the acorn. But the oak does not seem to the casual observer, to resemble the acorn very much; yet the oak was complete in the acorn; it was all there in germ.

In the processes of evolution or rolling out, that which was hidden in the germ or seed becomes expressed externally in the evolved form, and vice versa. The chick comes from the egg. The bones of the egg are on the outside; but when the chick is formed, its bones are on the inside of itself. The perfect man is the incubated man; the great structure in which he lives and from which he was developed, is the great unincubated egg.

The form of the cosmos and the form of man are analogous, when both

are seen from the scientific point of view. The universe is cellular, in the form of a hollow globe; but in the spheres of its activities and functions, all the parts analogous to the parts of the human body are found. But the likeness is not so apparent to one not familiar with human anatomy and the laws of universal correspondence.

God made man in his image and likeness. The man he made was therefore just like God in every particular. God as the seed of the universe plants himself and evolves a harvest of men, the Sons of God. They are like God, having their Father's name written in their foreheads. The form of God is the human form. The form of the universe is the largest form of man—but the universal form is so adapted to all its uses as to constitute it a cell or sphere. Man is in the form of a cell, elongated and adapted to his environment.

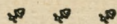
The physical universe is the outermost and ultimate expression of the life and mind of Deity. Everything entering into its construction and activities and functions, expresses some potent thought or conception or element of his character and attributes. But the Almighty is more directly related to the human world or cosmos, which constitutes the ground or soil or earth of his planting and development.

When humanity is brought up to its perfect state as a whole, it constitutes a world which is the perfect counterpart of the physical cosmos, wherein order prevails. When the Almighty is completely expressed in the world of man, that world is just like the physical cosmos, the government of humanity then being that of a great empire, in which the divine right of its King or Emperor is unquestioned.

Some very forceful lessons in the processes of creation are possible of mastery by earnest students of Nature. Many people never think that the origin and development of a plant are in accordance with laws which govern the perpetuity of the cosmos. Let every one cultivate an observing eye. Behold in a seed the involution of the plant or tree, and learn a prin-

ciple, a law, a fact, utterly ignored in so called modern science! Darwin labored in the domain of natural exploration; but in all his researches he failed to perceive that there was such a process as involution.

It should be gratifying to a student of Koreshanity to get so far beyond the ken of Darwin as to perceive so great a truth as that expressed in the simple involution of a plant or tree in the seed. Watch the processes of germination, the growth of the plant, the formation and the functions of the flower, and the destiny of the plant in the seed again. Study the relations of seed and plant and the uses performed by each; make deductions—and behold the revelation of a mystery!



The Silence of Modern Scientists.

"Your measurements by the Rectilineator seem to have been so thoroughly made and results so convincing, they should have caused some stir among adherents of the Copernican system one way or another. Is there nothing by way of refutation or other comment concerning your finding, from the other side? If so, I would like to have it, or to know how the Cellular Cosmogony was received by the dominating side. Have any similar measurements been made by them to confirm or refute? I am much interested in this subject because of its importance to the human mind."

It would seem that so startling results as those obtained in the Koreshan Geodetic Survey at Naples, Florida, in 1897, should command marked attention and consideration from various classes of so called scientific men. But the majority of such men continue plodding in the old way. It takes a long time to turn men from leadership in fallacy. They love it and are fitted for it. To speculate and form hypotheses are particular forms of delight for them; and they do not think of turning from the mental playground where the mind romps in unrestrained license, in defiance of every rule of order. It seems a pity to rudely disturb the beautiful forms they have erected in the mental toyland; but the little blockhouses must soon or later tumble.

The modern scientists have not paid

much attention to the Koreshan Cosmogony; but they have thought about it *some*. It is too much of a shock for them to stand. To turn aside from the old mental ruts and think from the basis of a demonstrated premise, and reach conclusions so much in conflict with their pet hobbies—it's too much of a strain! Besides, it is not professional to regard the conclusions of an "amateur" as worthy of consideration. The spirit of prejudice is not confined to astronomers, but is manifest in various lines of investigation. No great discovery has ever come to the world without meeting the resistance of so called conservative minds. This fact is so patent to everybody that it would be superfluous to undertake to prove our statement.

A few representative scientists have had something to say concerning the Cellular Cosmogony. A child learns not to put its hand in the fire the second time. And now they let the facts of the Koreshan Astronomy alone. It is not compatible with their progress to think of such a system coming into vogue. They will do nothing whatever to encourage it, nor even anything to refute it—unless circumstances seem to demand an attack of some kind.

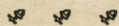
But the charge of nonsense will not stand always. Our leverage on the world is through the people. If the thousands should not read and accept the Cellular Cosmogony, the astronomers would maintain a silence through all time. No revolutionary truth has ever been accepted by conservative leaders until they were driven to do so by growth of the movement. The leaders of the old order always *take up the rear* of the new column on the march of progress.

Now, the above gives in brief some of the reasons why modern scientists are not *noticeably* excited over the facts and conclusions of the Koreshan Universology. The obstacles in our way are merely the dead weights of the mentally inert, or those satisfied with the various forms of fallacy and agnosticism. Everything is attractive that comes before the world sensationally patched onto some old idea of the world. No matter how foolish an idea may be, if it is put forth by some one with a half dozen or more letters appended to his name, it is taken up and talked

over and more or less accepted. It is received because it is of "professional" origin.

As to the character of some "scientific" attacks on the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, let the reader refer to the new chapter, "In Retrospect and Prospect," in the Estero Edition of the book. Professor Larkin, though an astronomer in fair standing, would be unable to successfully urge his objection to the Koreshan premise before a scientific body of men, for the reason that his position contradicts every known fact and principle of hydrostatics.

As to facts which corroborate the Koreshan premise, let the reader study also in the same chapter, the account of the plumb-line experiments down shafts a mile in depth at Calumet, Michigan, in 1901-2, in which the plumb-lines hung farther apart *at the bottom* than at the top, showing that the center of the earth is four thousand miles above our heads, instead of beneath our feet.



THE SWEAT-SHOP EXPOSITION.

Some Fruits of Competism Strikingly Exhibited in London Recently.

Professor Huxley said in one of his social essays that if he thought the present industrial conditions could not be improved, and misery and undeserved poverty banished, he should pray for a collision of the earth with some friendly planet. This observation has doubtless been recalled by many a visitor to the Sweated Industries' Exhibition that was recently held in London under the management of humanitarian workers and a popular newspaper of radical tendencies.

The exhibition is described as a "terrible" one by correspondents. It was intended to bring home to the public the evils of the sweating system and of "cheapness that represents remorseless oppression of women and children, and hopeless, helpless destitution as the reward of endless toil."

Among the "subterranean" or sweated industries represented were flower-making, shirtmaking, military embroidery, match-box making, beading, tailoring and sewing. Some of these industries require great skill, yet the worker who earns at them steadily 4 cents an hour is fortunate. In some of the industries whole families have to be "kept going" on \$1 50 a week. The hours in these occupations—and the work is done in dark, filthy rooms or cellars in many instances—run from twelve to sixteen a day.

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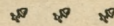
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There were many stalls at the exhibition which showed women and children "at work" and photographs illustrating the ordinary surroundings of these and other workers. "There was a photograph," writes one correspondent, "of one old woman and her daughter who had made match boxes for \$2.25 a week continuously for the same firm during the lifetime of the younger, and in the case of the mother for thirty-seven years." There were typical budgets of young women engaged in shirt-making for sweater employers, and the total expenditure was less than 5 shillings per week.

Literature prepared by the settlement and other workers in charge of the exhibition discussed the various methods of fighting the sweating system. Little faith was expressed in "white lists" and in agitation against cheapness as such. The world is too busy and strenuous to attend to such matters. Legislation against child labor—for children are the worst victims of the sweaters—and for compulsory education, better housing, sanitary measures, and the introduction of labor-saving machinery are the means that have proved most effective. The solution of the unemployed problem will indirectly help the slaves of the sweaters. Organization of women workers is also strongly advocated.

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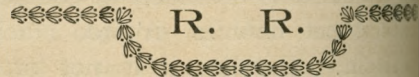


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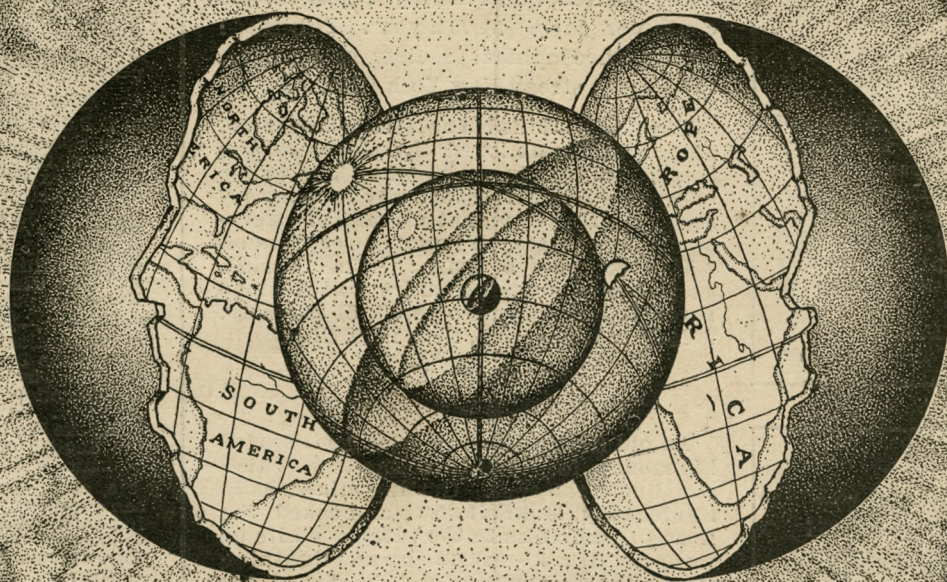
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