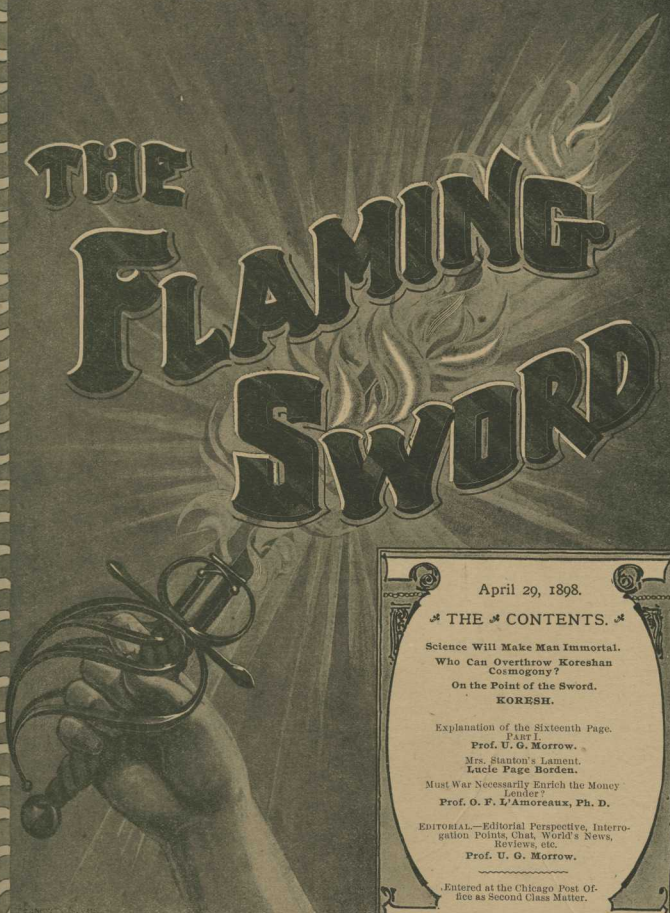


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# The Flaming Sword

*"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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## Science Will Make Man Immortal.

IMMORTALITY is to be attained by man through the scientific comprehension and application of definite laws, the central one of which is Messianic. There is not a person living on the face of the earth today who has attained to it, or who will perpetuate the body now existing. All persons whose hope of immortality is founded upon, and who will receive, the gospel of immortal life, will disappear through the incorruptible dissolution or conflagration about to electro-magnetically consume the visible bodies of those who now exist. The spiritual substance of this dissolution will flow toward and into a prepared nucleus, ordained and chosen for the specific purpose of elaborating and projecting the sons of God. The sons of God are neither male nor female, but are the product of a dissolving and unity of males and females who now constitute the vidual and mortal beings, but who, after the conflagration, will become bime, that is, two-in-one. The Lord was such an one. "He who hath the bride is the bridegroom."

There are some who labor under the grave mistake that immortality is to remain a perpetual condition in the earth. Immortality is the fruit and product of regeneration. The ages culminate in a general consummation, denominated in Scripture as the resurrection of the dead. When the fruit is ripe, it is absorbed and assimilated by the invisible world, for whose perpetuity the fruits of the earth are generated. This absorption is not into a universal spirit or consciousness. In the invisible anthropostic solar realm, there obtains an eternal society of Gods, called the order of Melchizedek. This order comprises a numerical cube, the product of a specific cube root. It cannot be increased nor diminished in number, yet at the end of every zodiacal cycle there is

added to this numerical cube its own definite number, not by absorption into a universal spirit, but by a conflagration and absorption into the thousands of entities who comprise this order.

There is no loss of identity nor consciousness in the process of absorption, nor is there any pain. It is rather the delightful culmination of human hopes in the attainment of immortal, thence eternal life. From this glorious consciousness there is no fall, to it no termination; but from this absorptive unison, in the act of conflagration, a *debris* is precipitated or thrown down and back into the mortal part of the race, the decadent substance or ash, to be again remoulded, through thousands of generations, into the immortal fruit. Once having reached eternal life, and having become conscious in the perpetual entity of sonship, there is no descent nor loss of eternal glory. Once redeemed and having entered into life, there is no end nor break in eternal continuity. The common human existence is but the *debris* or precipitation of the Gods, and the Son of God generated from and in the race, is the High Priest of this eternal order.

The doctrine of conjunctive unity is one of the most central of all the doctrines of life. It is the most subtle and mysterious to the unilluminated, as well as one of the most simple and comprehensible to the astro-solar Initiate. This doctrine is the inculcation of that law which provides for the eternal symmetry of both the cube and the sphere, which unitedly comprise the integrity of the perpetuative whole. The increment of universal being in its numerical perpetuity does not nor can it increase either the cubical or spherical number which make up the integer of the perfect form and function.

## Who Can Overthrow Koreshan Cosmogony?

ONE BLODGETT desires to disprove the Koreshan Cosmogony. We have suggested a process by which he can accomplish this feat—provided it can be accomplished! We will now suggest another method which will settle the whole controversy. Prove the Copernican system of astronomy, ergo: the Koreshan Cosmogony has no basis for its claims; or if he prove any other system of cosmogony to be true, then ours is essentially false.

We invented an apparatus on purely mechanical principles, sent our Geodetic Staff to make a mechanical survey, performing what no other man or number of men ever tried to perform. It is a positive fact that no record can be found of an attempt, in modern or ancient times, to determine the contour of the earth's surface as to whether it be concave or convex. An attempt was made a few years ago to prove that the world was not convex. This demonstration was made on optical principles, and the testimony was in favor of non-convexity. The party making the experiments jumped at the assumption that because the earth was not convex, it was necessarily flat. This is the nearest approach that has ever been made to the truth.

Those who believe in and advocate the Copernican system, do so upon the ground of audacious assumption. We devoted much time and money to the application of a strictly accurate method of confirming the

discovery of the contour of the earth's surface. We proved the instrument to be absolutely perfect, and found the ratio of the concavity to be about eight inches to the mile, as we had previously determined. Now Mr. Blodgett, ignorant of the instrument and its processes, assumes to know more about the instrument than the inventor and experimenter, and desires to prove that the instrument cannot do, and has not done, what the Koreshans claim it has done and will do, under any and all circumstances.

Our advice to Mr. Blodgett is, that he go to work and prove the Copernican system. If he will accomplish this feat, he will confer an everlasting favor on modern astronomers, who have never yet found or submitted a scintilla of evidence in support of their vagary. He will also, by so doing, put to route the Koreshans, who are making a good deal of headway in the spread of their gospel. When he has met with success—he need not wait for us—we will fulfil our promise in the transfer of the thousand dollars which he will have richly earned. In the meantime, we shall proceed to wage an aggressive warfare on the lines of cosmogony, astronomy, religion, social science, etc., with the full knowledge that the greater our success in the propaganda work we institute, the more rampagous will be the blustering of the advocates of the absurdities we combat.

## On the Point of the Sword.

### The End of the World.

THE fundamental error of the Christian world regarding the question of "the end," as predicted by inspired men, lies in a misconception of the character of the closing of the now culminating Christian dispensation. We cannot be surprised at the manifest ignorance of the common people upon this subject, when we consider the profundity of the ignorance of their teachers, their willingness to be ignorant, and their determined purpose to shut out every ray of information not coming through the regularly authorized clerical channel. The end of the world came when Noah and his family were saved from the flood, yet the world still continued, and also a portion of its inhabitants. The end came when Jesus the Christ was manifest, for it is declared: "Now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." From this, if there was no other proof, we may conclude that "the end of the world" does not imply the destruction of the physical globe. The Jewish dispensation ended with the mission of Jesus and the establishment of his church. The Christian dispensation will end with the manifestation of the Shepherd and the establishment of the new Church, which will come as the matured fruit of the Christian age.

"BLESSED are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." There is not a church, outside of the Koreshan Unity—unless we may except the Swedenborgian—that teaches that obedience to the commandments is essential to immortal life. The Roman Catholic and Protestant churches alike believe and teach that faith—and this with them means a blind faith—in the Lord Christ is sufficient to insure immortality. The works of the law by any follower of the Lord, is the only guarantee that the faith possessed is salvatory. When the young man inquired of the Lord, saying: "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" the Lord said, "Keep the commandments." Koreshanity not only emphasizes the necessity for keeping the law, but also scientifically analyzes the Decalogue, defining its principles, and declaring that immortal life can only be obtained through strict obedience to this law.

The recorded exposition of the order of creation in Genesis is a simple and general outline of all subsequent specification given in the Book. It is the most complete, with the most concise and accurate general delineation possible for human language to portray. It is the most scientific, in fact, the only scientific exposition of creation ever made.



## CONTRIBUTORS' AND EDITOR'S DEPARTMENTS.

### Explanation of the Sixteenth Page.

#### PART I.

BY PROF. U. G. MORROW.

THE DESIGN on page 16, illustrating the Koreshan Cosmogony, has attracted much attention, caused much comment, and induced some study wherever it has gone. It is welcomed by all our readers for the reason that it conveys definitely the astronomical principles involved in the System—the general physical form and relation of its parts which conspire to produce the phenomena we daily and nightly observe in the physical heavens. The design is *multum in parvo*—a volume in itself; if our readers will apply as much time in the study of the same as was required to produce it, we feel that they will be richly rewarded. But first, in order that you may appreciate it the more, we desire to tell you a few things about the character of the work and the processes by which it was made.

The design originated and was executed in THE FLAMING SWORD office, and is the result of Koreshan education and of practical experience in the actual work of promotion of the Koreshan System. The original drawing is in India ink, reproduced and reduced by the photo-etching process, and is the exact facsimile of the original and actual penwork. It required about four weeks to complete the drawing, and in order to convey some idea of the undertaking, we will state that in the border there are not less than 15,000 cells or corpuscles, each corpuscle requiring a stroke of the pen. All of the shading on the page was done by the dot system—that is, by making dots with the pen, each dot requiring a separate touch, in the right place. In the central circle alone, over "The Cause of Day and Night," there are over 150,000 dots, the dark portions being made by blending of the dots; while on the entire page the dots number nearly 600,000! Every dot and every line had to be executed with care and caution, and in the right place! The design consists of the border, composed of cells fittingly adorning illustrations of the Cellular Cosmogony; seven diagram illustrations and pictures of seven planets; with concise statement of the character and purpose of the System. It is decidedly a scientific and astronomical page, and we assert that there is not another journal in existence that adorns its covers so appropriately, so scientifically, and so artistically as THE FLAMING SWORD!

Standing out prominently above the others are the three larger illustrations, and the two upper ones first claim our attention. We take the hollow globe and cut it in two at about 45° obliquity from the poles, and

open the hemispheres out to your view. The concave surface of the land hemisphere is entirely exposed, while in the other, we picture the convex heavens, about 6,000 miles in diameter, suspended in the hollow. The exterior surface of the sphere of the heavens is the sky,—the blue under surface of the great sea of hydrogen—everywhere about 1,000 miles from the concave surface of the earth. The diameter of the earth itself, from side to side, is about 8,000 miles, and is the environ of the universe.

Our geography is obviously different from the old school, our maps representing the *concave* instead of the convex surface, and have so pictured the earth in the design. If at first glance the concavity is not apparent, hang the page in a bright light and step back from it about six feet—there! The sheet does not appear to possess a continuous flat surface, for the concave hemispheres appear to *sink in* and *beyond* the surface of the paper! The shadows curving on the left side of the hemispheres are thrown into the cavity by the edge or rim of the hemisphere, while the ship on the left is on the side of the concave wall, throwing its shadow far down into the cavity. The light is supposed to be back and to the left of the observer, throwing a shadow into the hemispheres, and to the right on the outside. By means of the shadows and meridian lines, the visual effect of the concavity is complete; this is where the *art* of the design is displayed—and so far as we know it is the first successful attempt to picture a concavity with the eye exactly perpendicular to the center of the cavity. As it is, it stands before the eye with the appearance of a veritable cavity, stripped of the features usually thrown in by the artists to assist in the concave impression in a picture.

In the picture on the right, the sphere of the heavens stands out in bold relief in the cavity, vividly convex, with a map of a number of constellations, the circumpolar stars surrounding the North Star, and southward to about 45° below the equinoctial. The position of the heavens in the picture as related to the poles, is as seen from the latitude of Chicago, with the position of the constellations at about sunset in April. Imagine the two hemispheres closed together, with the sphere of the heavens revolving once in 24 hours, and you have a good idea of the relations of the stationary earth to the revolving sphere above us.

Part II of this series next week, will contain explanation of the central diagram, showing the universe cut in two at the equator.



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## Mrs. Stanton's Lament.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON, "the scarred veteran of many a hard fought battle" in defence of woman's rights—rights which too many of this generation have proved themselves unworthy to claim and appreciate, laments that there is none to succeed her, none upon whom her mantle may fall. "The women of today are content to eat of the fruit that I have picked for them," said she recently: "but there is not one who has the courage to climb the tree of knowledge and experience, to pluck of it for others. Such an act involves toil and privation; it exposes the actor to the criticism, vituperation, abuse, and calumny, of the world, and it requires courage, fortitude, tenacity, and ability." She regrets further that in her old age no one greater, better, more energetic than herself has taken up the weapons which she must relinquish to fight the battles of her sex.

Mrs. Stanton is mistaken; she is ignorant of the fact that there exists today a little nucleus of brave, devoted women who, wedding practice to profession, not in word only, but in deed and truth, have laid friends, reputation, comfort, ease, all that renders life pleasing according to worldly standards, upon the altar of woman's emancipation from the thralldom of ages. The Koreshan movement in its inception, is so little known, so perversely maligned, that it may never have come to Mrs. Stanton's notice. It is, however, a fact that no other movement today, so faithfully and uncompromisingly champions the restoration of woman to her rightful kingdom. It sanctions no halfway measures; is not forging fresh fetters for her ankles while it unclasp the manacles from her wrists; does not curtail in power while it grants in education. It offers her freely the throne of intellectual, national, religious, legal, and, last but not least, personal liberty that she may stand forth before the world by divine right, a queen.

Those who have hitherto allied themselves with the Koreshan movement have found, indeed, that it involves "criticism, vituperation, abuse, and calumny," but they are willing to make a track to the water's edge. They know that the perfect woman whose coming is as the rising of the sun, must soon appear to usher in the new day. It is the fate of every new movement to be misunderstood and misrepresented. Conservatism is forever reaching out its iron hand to stay the swiftly flying wheels of progress. Who, now, is more widely read and quoted than he who said: "Beware when the

great God lets loose a thinker"? Yet there are those still living who remember the occasion when an address by the Sage of Concord was followed by prayer from an outraged conservative clergyman that from future hearing of such nonsense as had just been uttered, the good Lord would be graciously pleased in his mercy to deliver all members of that audience. Ridicule and vilification by the press constitute the Inquisitorial tortures of the nineteenth century. The inaugurators of the Woman Suffrage movement were mercilessly scourged, but their devotion to a great principle has at last won gratitude and honorable recognition; so the book of history is full of encouragement, and those who possess the "courage, fortitude, tenacity and ability" to join the Koreshan body may rest assured that although the scorching fires of calumny burn hot about them, their hour of vindication and triumph must surely come.

The woman question and the sex question are the burning questions of the day, the despair alike of virile intellects and wild eyed theorists, while the novelists have treated them *ad nauseam*. In his "History of European Morals," Lecky declares the social evil is beyond the power of man's will to check or of his intellect to adjust. The Koreshan System finds solution for this and every other vexed question, in the realm of pure science.

The doctrine of conservation and correlation of energy is as true in the domain of mental as of physical force. History shows that celibate organizations have existed in all ages, though, through subject to timic degeneration, are agreed to have been pure in their inception. It is this chaste potency conserved and handed down from one age to another, that constitutes the balancing power to counteract the evils of license, while at the same time it provides for the Messianic manifestation of the age. It was this spiritual force transformed to physical energy and concentered, that appeared nineteen hundred years ago as the perfect man. The same potency properly applied and directed is yet to stem the surging tide of evil and deliver woman from the curse of subjection.

Mrs. Stanton may rest upon her laurels, confident that the emancipation of her sex is in the hands of a Leader greater, wiser, more powerful than herself. Woman's cause is man's; they rise or fall together; but her cause is also God's, and the strong right arm of Omnipotence is raised for her protection.



After three hundred years of so called science, Koreshanity brings to light the original alchemy which enables mankind to comprehend the laws of Deity, by which it becomes possible to effect the reunion of God and man, making humanity the temple of righteousness—a fit habitation for the Almighty.

The fruit of regeneration is the multiplication of

the sons of God. The spiritual germs of regeneration were in the Christ, and from him planted in the viduals of the church; that is, in all who in the commencement of the age were receptive to the spirit of Christ.

Science is the light of the mind, the guide to life.

Obedience to law will bring in the restoration.



## Must War Necessarily Enrich the Money Lender?

BY PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

WAR need not enrich the money lender unless the country abdicates its own prerogatives in his favor, as it has done for more than a quarter of a century. The Hazard circular, issued by British bankers in 1862, said, not that a great debt need to be created out of the present war, but, you American bankers "will see to it that a great debt is made out of it, and that the bonds are made the base of your paper currency." When, under the guidance of these bankers, the process of funding in interest-bearing bonds what was then being used as the money of the country commenced, it was practically out of debt, and might have remained so but for that process of funding, of which the elder Pitt said truly, that when the Americans began they would find they had lost their liberties.

In the beginning of the war of the Rebellion, the money-changers wanted (as they had done in the beginning of the war of 1812) to furnish the country their "promise-to-pay money," that was not money at all, and would not have been if they had not already suspended the pretense of specie payments (which is never more than a pretense) at the rate of 80 professed dollars for a 100-dollar bond at 6 per cent, specie interest. President Lincoln and Secretary Chase thought they knew something better than that, and advised the issue of treasury notes, which the country had done many times before, with this difference: that whereas before they had always been receivable for all government dues, and were always at, or above, par, they proposed that these be legal tender for *all* dues, public and private. When amid great rejoicings of all the people but the banker-speculating class, this beneficent measure had passed the lower House, whose right it is to introduce measures for raising money, Wall street money gamblers, seeing that a chance to speculate in the life-blood of the people was slipping through their fingers, rallied and sent a deputation to Congress a hundred strong, and when they were not able to destroy the measure entirely, succeeded in crippling it by the exception clause, so that Thad. Stevens, the head of the Ways and Means Committee, said its own father would not know it,

making it a most destructive instead of a beneficent measure, thereby creating two kinds of money; one that would rapidly appreciate in value for bond-holders, and another, which was depreciated and dishonored by act of Congress, for the soldier and the laborer. Under the operation of this iniquitous measure, a very large amount of the nation's indebtedness cost the bondholder forty to fifty cents on the dollar, in gold, and when these robbers had secured their ill-gotten gains, these bonds were, by other villainous acts of a venal Congress, raised to par, thus giving these thieves many hundreds of millions of dollars.

By such acts of bad faith was our national debt originated, and by a similar process it has been constantly increased, if not in the number of dollars it represents, at least in their purchasing power—which is their power to enslave labor. By such a criminal process has our present enormous debt been contracted; but not one dollar of it was necessary or just. The people would hail with joy the issue of treasury notes enough to furnish all the money needed for the present war, knowing that that would ease up the burden of hard times that has been the result of the ruinous policy of contraction that has been so long continued in the interest, not of the people, but of bankers and usurers. Such means of raising revenue would put the money into the hands of the people for present and much-needed use and not for their oppression, as is generally the case when put into the hands of usurers.

If patriotism requires that the citizen hasten to put his life in peril for the good of his country, it certainly requires that the citizen who still remains in safety should furnish the means of sustaining him and those dependent on him while so doing, without enslaving him (should he survive) and other citizens and their posterity, to the sordid tribe of usurers. Men have no right to enslave themselves, much less their innocent posterity. Congressman Kellogg, of Illinois, was entirely right when he said, during the war of the Rebellion: "If I had my way, if I drafted men, I would draft money to sustain them, and if it did not come forward, which it never does, I would compel it to."



Human demands are continuous, and the channels through which these supplies are contributed must remain unobstructed or the consequences are derangements of the body politic, and the whole fabric is threatened with revolution and dissolution.

Economy of labor, its reduction to the minimum standard compatible with the just balance of all the functions of the organism, is the first step toward the adjustment of functions to a perfect physiological standard.

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tical workings in the establishment of government itself.

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The establishment of righteousness will be the destruction of competism, the adjustment of labor, and the inauguration of an equitable distribution of wealth.

We are standing today upon the verge of the new social order. The social system to be inaugurated is the government in the supreme sense.

Eternal life does not inhere in or obtain with dualism.

## In the Editorial Perspective.

BY THE EDITOR.

WHEN Brigham Young, the great Mormon apostle, announced his belief that the Almighty is simply a "great, big man," he expressed the gross conception of God common to the ignorant masses. Of course, he considered that God is a white man; but the Chinese would not tolerate this—their God must be conceived to be a Chinaman in order to command their worship. In all religions there is the impress of anthropomorphism that cannot be entirely expelled from the minds of even those who deny that God exists in human form. The Jewish race, which was chosen as the channel of transmission of life from the days of Abraham, looked forward to the coming of a personal Messiah, or manifestation of the Almighty. He came nineteen hundred years ago, the product of the Jewish race, and was necessarily a Jew. He was a man—a physical demonstration of the humanity of God. The Negro race now has its conception; Bishop Turner, of the African M. E. church, concludes that God himself is a negro, and asserts that he has no respect for negroes who do not believe that the God they worship is as black as they are! The negro race will contribute its quota of energy and material in the creation of the new race of men now about to appear in the earth. The Americans are a mixed people, containing the bloods of all nations. Columbus started the stream of Latin, Teutonic, and Anglo-Saxon emigration to the land of the Indians; and destiny directed the negro to the New World. The reds, the whites, and the blacks possess elements which, when scientifically united, will constitute the coming man of the Golden Age in America and the world.

The modern church is wedded to the competitive system and to modern science. The world is cursed by these three manifestations of ignorance. Each of the three great systems unmistakably indicates a distinctive characteristic of the modern mind—each marks a particular phase of delusion, the result of the world's retrogressive evolution. Modern science is unreasonable and irrational, and it necessarily follows that the reasoning faculties of the mind entertaining the fallacy are demoralized to the extent of its influence upon conclusions. The church is superstitious, and has destroyed all true conceptions of liberty and justice, and blotted out the knowledge of the laws of creation, and of moral progress; while the competitive system is an example of the influence of fallacy upon the social and economic relations of humanity. The rapid development of mankind in the future will be the result of the complete destruction of these three forms of fallacy, and the establishment of that System of Universology, the three divisions of which—theology, cosmogony, and social economy—are the exact opposite of the three phases of fallacy which have cursed the world for centuries. It is a logical conclusion that if we can locate that which actually causes the present demoralized condition of the world, we can by the application of the exact opposite, restore that which has been destroyed. Koreshanity is the System of human enlightenment, of human liberty.

A moment's reflection might focus the attention of even the casual reader, to say nothing of the "scientist" (!), upon the enormous waste that would result if the universe were constructed on the basis of the modern astronomical fallacy. In it a gigantic sun, nearly 900,000 miles in diameter, is supposed to consume an enormous amount of fuel for the generation of energies for a few planets, the combined mass of which would be less, by a thousand times, than the mass of the sun! An amateur astronomer has endeavored to patch the matter up a little, and suggests that the gas surrounding the sun is thicker

at the sun's equator than at the poles, and acts as a lens, throwing the sun's rays in the great zone of the ecliptic, thereby economizing much of the solar energies. Even then, the planets would receive and intercept only about one billionth part of all of the sun's energies! Practically, all of the solar energies would be darting out into limitless space like so many bullets and never hitting anything. Great universe, that! There is no such nonsense in the Koreshan System. The inner surface of the great cell receives and utilizes all of the energies generated in the solar sphere at the center of the cell.

The modern church is not a factor of civilization; it does not reform, it does not enlighten—it has contributed nothing toward the liberty of humankind. The mother church counts her millions of subjects, three fourths of whom are superstitious and illiterate. Spain is as completely saturated with the religion of modern Christianity as any nation in the earth. During the past fifteen hundred years she has carried the doctrines of the church to more peoples than any other nation; and in the same time and in the same territory, she has murdered and starved more human beings than all the powers of the earth combined! She has used the superstitions of an apostate church to keep her colonies in subjection. Cuba for centuries has felt the oppression of the church through the secular power of Spain. The Insular Patriots are now fighting to throw off the yoke of oppression of the corrupt church and state. Time carries the religious fallacies and systems swiftly onward to destruction. The mediaeval church threw upon the pages of human history the darkest picture the world has ever witnessed; and now dire vengeance and judgment will soon overtake the system stained with the blood of all nations!

The march of empire is westward. The rumblings of war broken the downfall of the Latin kingdoms, the death of the Latin race, and the end of Catholic barbarities and atrocities. The result will be the demonstration of the supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon peoples—the superiority of America. Four hundred years ago the geography of the American continent was unknown; then, its shores had only been touched here and there by Spanish adventurers. After three hundred years, the powers of the East claimed possession of the entire New World. In 1800, the wings of Spanish dominion spread from East to West; one half of America was then enlisted among her possessions. The mighty acceleration of the forces of human liberty has practically stripped Spain of all her territory in the western hemisphere. The Spanish sun is setting. The century closes with the destruction of Spanish misrule in the West; the dispensation closes with the destruction of all forms of political oppression in both hemispheres, and with the establishment of the coming Theocracy in the earth, in the light of the rising Sun of Liberty, the Light of Truth—Koreshan Science. America is the nation of Destiny!

In some Pennsylvania schools, a list of questions concerning the Almighty has been submitted to the students for answer, presumably for the purpose of obtaining a knowledge of the various conceptions existing in the juvenile minds concerning theology. The *Labor Leader* protests on the ground that nobody knows anything about God—or at least, the mystery has been too much for the greatest minds of all ages; and therefore, the questions are useless. This will be news to the people generally, for it is usually supposed that the theologians are thoroughly familiar with His purposes and works. If any of our readers wish to put the matter to the test, let them ask the near-



est "minister" the following questions, and see what answers will be received: "Who is God? What is he? What does he look like? Where does he live? What does he do? How old is he? Did anybody ever see him? Why did he make so many fools? How do you know?" By way of contrast, the same questions might be asked **THE FLAMING SWORD**. Koreshan Science answers the questions definitely.

The reason we say so much about science is, that science is the basis of all reason and conclusion in all other spheres of thought. The science of the physical universe is the basis of the true theology, because the natural creation is the expression of the Almighty; and hence, in order to read his character, we must first understand the form and function of that which he has created. This is the declaration of Koreshan Science, the light of the age. Nineteen hundred years ago the same truth was expressed: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead." Rom. i. 20. The cosmos is the infallible index to the character of the Almighty. Do you believe it? We would like to see some one endeavor to arrive at a correct conclusion as to who, what, and where God is, from the basis of modern astronomy! Up to the present time no one has claimed to possess a knowledge of God from the premise of modern science; for ignorance cannot reveal the truth.

If the church, the competitive system, and modern astronomy are the fallacies which curse the world, the men engaged in the promotion of these systems of delusion are a useless class of men—parasites on human society. There is not a clergyman in existence that has ever put forth any project for the permanent practical benefit of humanity; no banker or capitalist has ever originated anything that aids the producers of the world's wealth, and no astronomer has ever made a discovery that has contributed to the world's progress. The practical men of the world are outside the ranks of the clergy; the true reformers and statesmen have always fought the bankers and the thieves; and all of the discoveries of modern times have been made by men outside the ranks of the educated and recognized orthodox scientists—as actual count and canvass of the field of discovery will reveal.

Failure inevitably attends all so called reform. There can be no true success in anything where the course is wrong. The first thing is to "know you are right, and then go ahead." This is a common and true maxim; but because **KORESH** has instituted the genuine System of reform on this basis, affirming that we have a right to go ahead because the true course has been discovered, many people, by their actions in opposing the Koreshan System, assert that the best way to do a thing is to remain ignorant of how to do it! There can be no success attending any social reform until the correct theory is accompanied by the operation of sufficient *mental dynamis* and energies of life to change the mind and *nature* of the men of the world. Science, not superstition, must define the true social system; knowledge, not ignorance, must direct the cause of reform.

Modern education does not educate—it does exactly the opposite. It is nothing more than a stuffing process. To educate means to draw out the faculties of the mind, from *e*, out, and *duere*, to lead or to draw. The modern schools do not train the mind; they do not teach the principles of original thought nor the process of reasoning. The process of memorizing the contents of text-books deaden the mental faculties. The colleges and universities of the world have added nothing of practical benefit to humanity. The ingenuity of the world does not originate in the school room. In proof of this we point to the

fact that the world's great men have not been college and university graduates. Modern education is a society polish. Graduates are turned out by the thousands yearly, but where are they? They are *not* in the higher walks of life!

Now let that class of reformers who are so loudly proclaiming the doctrine of universal brotherhood, claim the Spaniard as his lovely brother! Christendom has never acted Christlike. The "Christian" nations of Europe have enjoyed only enforced peace for centuries. The United States and Spain, two so called Christian nations, are now at war, the people of each claiming to be meek and lowly followers of the greatest Character of human history!

There is not a single invention in the world today of any practical merit, that is the result of modern orthodox "science,"—astronomy, chemistry, or physics. Modern "discovery" has not been the result of the application of scientific principles; discovery has rather been along the lines of accident and of practical experiment, and is in no way connected with the hypothesis or theories which have darkened the path of progress.

The White House is not necessarily a symbol of absolute integrity and purity of motives. If it were, the United States would have a case of desecration of national emblems and sacrilege of sacred principles and laws.

Two things or conditions prevent most people from understanding the Koreshan System of Science,—through no fault of ours: They wouldn't if they could, and they couldn't if they would!

It is very easy to originate new and "advanced" astronomical, religious, and social systems, since the promulgation of the Koreshan System of Universology in the world for nearly thirty years!

What a change the world would experience if deception were not practiced by the people, the physician, the preacher, the politician, the pope, and the priest!

The only man in modern times who will make his name absolutely immortal, is the man who has the power to induce the vortex of the impending revolution.

Initiative and referendum, stripped of the concomitant principles of equilibration, are the last stages of the disintegration of national democracy.

He is blind who cannot read the unmistakable signs of the times in the ominous events of the hour!

The only genuine prophet in the world is the man who is able to fulfil his own prophecies.

Devil is too appropriate and significant a term to apply to most people without offense.

An oppressed people necessarily live under a government of oppression.

The form of the universe is the pediment of its own formation.

The true reformer is the man who has truly reformed himself.

Righteous laws cannot originate in unrighteous lawmakers.

The world's crisis is located at the vortex of revolution.

Socialists are not sociable—except among themselves.

Spirit or energy has no potency apart from matter.

The war has big-gun at last!

# Interrogation Points and Other Punctuations.

BY THE EDITOR.

## Looking from Chicago to St. Louis.

(1) I cannot see why a good telescope should not enable one to see St. Louis from Chicago, if concavity be true. The geolination of the first half would be counteracted exactly by the last half, and so rendered practically nil, and I think a good telescope would meet the vertical perspective. Could you, by half the distance, say from Springfield? At night, with electric lights burning, you could surely see it. (2) Now I want to propose to you another scheme, which would settle the question of convexity, flatness, or concavity, beyond all dispute. Find a level piece of quiet water, having a stretch of about 6 miles—a canal, if possible. Place stakes 10 or 12 feet high, at the beginning, end, and middle of the six miles, with lights at the tops. Train a theodolite on the first and last. If the hair-line is above the middle light, it will prove concavity; if below, the convexity; if at the light on the middle stake, it will prove the earth flat. The difference between the convex and concave would be 10 or 12 feet, I suppose; at all events, there is plenty of space to settle the question.—J. A., Philadelphia.

(1) Like many others, you fail to consider the important factors of perspective and incurvature of visual rays, when you propose to look from Chicago to St. Louis. Images of objects we see are implanted on the retina of the eye. Correct interpretation of what we see necessitates a scientific comprehension of the function of vision. Looking out over a plane of land or water, the first mile makes a picture of definite vertical space; second mile, a shorter picture; the third, still shorter, while the fourth mile appears to drop out of sight, at an altitude of about 10 feet—the fourth mile is in the vanishing point in the eye, or where geoliner space fails to make a picture. A telescope will increase the vertical space of the picture on the retina, and will extend the horizon of land or water beyond the horizon or vanishing point of the unaided eye. Beyond the horizon in the telescope the concave surface appears to drop away out of sight. At sufficient altitude, with clear atmosphere, St. Louis could be seen from Chicago, but the concavity would not be apparent in the way you suggest in your former letter. Perspective will not admit of vision of objects at different angles up the slope of the concavity; the horizon is on a level with the eye, or nearly so, and rises with the eye to the highest altitude accessible, until the eye seems to be directly above the center of a huge bowl. In this way the concavity is apparent to the eye. (2) If there were no such thing as perspective, the experiment you suggest would settle the question as you say. Do you think that the lights on the stakes would appear to be in their actual positions on any surface the earth might be imagined to have?

Don't you think that the middle and last stakes would appear to be shorter than they really are, and consequently their vertical points apparently out of their true position? Yes,—well, we should say so! Consequently, the lights would not occupy the apparent relations you assume to define. The earth's concave curvature of about 8 inches to the mile lacks 5 inches to the mile of filling the vertical perspective, and hence the earth appears to curve downward beyond the horizon at about 5 inches to the mile, as tested by stakes. Such observations interpreted by demonstrated laws of vision, demonstrate the concavity. We have conducted about 100 experiments similar to the ones you propose, during the past two years, and know whereof we speak,—from actual experience.

## A Novel Astronomer.

CLINTON, IOWA, April 19, 1898.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Some one has been so kind as to send me a publication called THE FLAMING SWORD. The publication is of no use to me; please do not send it any more. I am a man 70 years old, or nearly so, and have made somewhat of a study of astronomy, and have seen a good many planets by the aid of the telescope. Have seen the light cut off from the moon when it was in opposition, and the body cutting off the light was round; and if anybody told me that it was done by the interference of a square or a cube-shaped body, or a hollow spherical body, I could not believe it. So you see, it is a waste of your energy to send any such nonsense to me. I am a reasoner—first, last, and all the time. Respectfully,—J. A. GREENHILL.

An astronomer who has seen "a good many planets" by the aid of telescope or otherwise, is ahead of us surely! We have seen all of the planets there are to be seen, and we have made pictures of them on the Sixteenth page of THE FLAMING SWORD—there are seven of them. We have seen "a good many" eclipses of the moon, though, with the light cut off when it was in opposition; and if anybody told us that it was done by anything that is square, triangular, or any other shape than round, we could not believe it! So, where is the difference between us and Mr. Greenhill? Why, he believes, we suppose, that the earth is convex, while we know it is concave. The way we know it is by the application of logic to known and demonstrated premises, to the exclusion of all assumption. If the writer sums up his premises in the above for the unalterable conclusions that render Koreshan Astronomy to be nonsense, we will accord him the exclusive right to think of himself as "a reasoner—first, last, and all the time," for we do not wish to join him in the con-

clusion; we rather incline to reach similar conclusions concerning him that he has reached concerning us. He is eclipsed, with his light cut off because he is in opposition!

## Gold is Not the Panacea.

J. Isaac H., Winchester, Va.—The Koreshan System of Universology was founded for the specific purpose of freeing the world of humanity from every conceivable form of bondage. It embraces a complete system of Religio-Science and Social Economy, involving not only a knowledge of the principles and laws of the new order, but also the knowledge of how to make a practical application of the same. The successful operation of the Equitable Commerce of the Koreshan System, with its established center and branches all over the country, is the remedy for all social and political evils of modern times. The manufacture of gold will not be a factor in the establishment of universal peace, but a factor in the world's impending revolution of war and bloodshed. The Founder of the Koreshan System will not contribute material for the setting up of the golden calf. Gold is already being manufactured in New York, St. Louis, Chicago, and other places, by various processes. The only object we have in referring to the manufacture of gold is to enable a blind world to see the fallacy of modern chemistry, and to assist in the comprehension of the truth of the Koreshan Alchemy. Koreshanity is the genuine system of reformation and recreation of man. The scope of the System, the purpose of its establishment, and the stupendous work of application of its principles for the benefit of the world at large, will not permit us to seek to promote the modern money system which we know will ultimately be destroyed.

## The Law of Sin and Death.

"Angel of the Three Crosses," Ocala, Fla.—We note your diagrams and what you say concerning them. We fancy that if you are an angel of truth, your conclusions should be in harmony with demonstrated facts—which we find to be not the case; and again, if you are right, we would be wrong, and we hardly think that an angel would ask beings of the other kind what their opinion is concerning angelic conclusions. If you will start out with the scientific facts of the propagation of life on any plane in the universe, you might be able to see the law of life as well as the law of death op-



entive. Jesus the Christ was the seed of the anthropistic world; he was produced in accordance with the laws of life, and by process of absorption was planted in the race—he crossed himself with imperfect humanity and entered into a condition of sin and death during the present dispensation. He became obedient to the law of the cross, and transgressed the laws of life. In his transgression in humanity he became sin; he was metamorphosed from the plane of divine life to sinful flesh—he was counted among the transgressors. Law is eternal, and has never been and will never be abolished. A seed is resurrected only through its death—its death in the soil. Law existed in the Garden of Eden, and will exist there again.

## Movement of Sun and North Star.

O. W. B., Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Regarding the motion of the sun as compared with that of Polaris, we referred to the matter in a recent SWORD, on the basis of appearances. Facing the south with watch in hand, IX would point toward the east, and III toward the west. Watch hands move from IX to III; the sun moves from left to right, in the same direction between those hours, in an apparent concave arc. Polaris moves in the same direction, ascertained by actual test. You may have in mind the actual position of the sun, moving in a convex arc during our period of daylight; from that standpoint, the sun travels in a direction opposite to that of the watch hands. By reference to the cuts on the Sixteenth page, you will find that the diurnal motion of the sun and all the stars are in the same direction. Polaris appears to move in the opposite direction from the actual movement of the sun, because the convex heavens are made to appear concave through visual incuration and perspective; hence the circumpolar stars, while in reality curving upward from our latitude, (see cuts) appear to curve downward toward the horizon. We believe these suggestions will clear up the difficulties you mention.

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## Our Scientific Ultimatum.

Termination of the Blodgett Diplomatic Dispute Concerning Periods and Other Points.

EDITOR OF THE FLAMING SWORD.—You have done as I supposed you would do: you have jumped clear out of the ring and taken to the woods. You now say you will not accept any one to run the line except one of your pupils. Of course, one of your pupils would run the line to suit you—would point your concern towards the water without regard to right angles with the perpendicular. I thank you for owning, however, that I would have no difficulty in convincing every disinterested party by the application of your own methods, that your concave theory is false. We will let

that pass for what it is worth, while I make you a better offer:

If you will send me those numbers of your paper containing an account of your Florida survey, I will write a criticism of that experiment, and show that it presents no evidence that we are living on a concave surface. This will be for you to publish in THE FLAMING SWORD, with the request that the readers will mail you their opinions as to whether I have succeeded in my effort or not. If a majority say that I have proved by your own record that the experiment was too imperfect to be reliable and conclusive evidence, you are to pay me \$50. If a majority say I do not make this apparent, we will stop there, you publishing the names and addresses of all who express an opinion on this subject, stating which way each person votes. You cannot object to the character of this tribunal, for they are your own flock. If I do not succeed in convincing your readers, you lose nothing; and if I succeed, you save \$50 from your display offer. Let us see if you have pluck to face this.—SAMUEL BLODGETT, Grafton, N. Dak.

Involved in our contention that the earth is a concave cell, are questions of which there could be no satisfactory settlement in the field of experimentation, in the minds of the world, without the co-operation of both sides in open contest, in accordance with specific lines of experiments, agreed upon by all parties before the beginning of the operations. In the promulgation of the Koreshan System, and through the publication of the evidences of the truthfulness of its premise, we will induce sufficient agitation to attract the attention of the "big guns" of modern astronomy. It will be worth our while then, to open up every avenue in THE FLAMING SWORD for a discussion that will count for something. Our proposition to have representatives from both sides—principals, referees, judges, reporters, etc., is a statement of what would be the natural adjustment of things in a contest where facts are at stake. Representatives from the two sides would insure the accuracy of the work, on lines which both sides would accept as conclusive. In the adjustment of the facts of observation and experiment to logical conclusions, some mental operations are necessary, and we propose to enter the field with scientific men of sufficient mental calibre to appreciate what would naturally be required of a corps of persons appointed to settle the issue!

We have said nothing about any pupil of the Editor of THE FLAMING SWORD running any line to suit anybody. The Editor of THE SWORD received his education from the Founder of the Koreshan System, and is not aware that he has any pupils or disciples. Mr. Blodgett has not even learned to distinguish between the Editor of THE SWORD and the Founder of the Koreshan System, though their names appear in THE SWORD in

several places. If it be supposed that one of our people would "run the line" to suit us, we have all the more reason to have matters arranged in such a way that the survey would not be made to suit Mr. B. He is afraid to leave it to the kind of a committee we stipulate. He does not now desire to pursue any reasonable course to "overthrow" Koreshan conclusions, and for that reason jumps to another proposition, entirely foreign to our offer. He now asks to criticise our experiments, after his unsuccessful attempt to arrange the programme so that we could have no opportunity to criticise his work or to have competent men pass judgment on the character of his demonstrations; until now he has not even suggested that he would employ our methods. He does not even know what they are, and until now has never asked to be informed of our *modus operandi*. At first, he had "methods" of his own. He has found that even his "evidences" are not absolutely conclusive, and he foregoes the pleasure of announcing to the world what his plans were, for which we asked in accordance with our proposition.

The blunders of Mr. Blodgett, his unreasonable demands for a committee already persuaded that the earth is convex, to pass upon his experiments, his disregard of the fact that it requires two or more to reach an agreement, his insinuations, his lack of experience in lines of scientific experimentation, his several changes of tactics in the published correspondence, have afforded us and our readers some amusement, and have led us to conclude that a continuation of the same would prove to be ridiculous to our readers.

It is not a part of the rational settlement of any question to stake the issue upon the votes or the opinions of a number of readers, whether ours or others, and we will enter into no agreement to accept articles for THE FLAMING SWORD until they pass under the scrutiny of its Editor. We will not pay \$50 subject to the vote of anybody who has not observed the facts that we have observed. Mr. Blodgett is hunting for names and addresses of persons with whom he can correspond concerning a new book called "The Scientific Skeleton," Price 25 cts., of which he has the misfortune to be the author; so it would be a good thing if he could procure a few thousand names from our list of readers. He has written us for such a list. We advertise his book here, to save further announcement.

We stand to our original offer of \$1,000, with the increase to \$10,000 as proposed. The offer is open to any one who will disprove absolutely, beyond all dispute or question, and beyond all possibility of

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refutation or change by any subsequent discoveries or demonstrations, that the earth's surface is concave. The whole matter of proofs or tests must be reduced to mathematical and geometrical *certainly*. The other side must understand the issue, and thoroughly appreciate the situation, as well as the rights of the two schools in the contest, and the duties devolving upon the representatives of each. In these particulars Mr. Blodgett has fallen below par. Up to this time he does not even know what are the facts of the premise of the Koreshan System; he has presumed to attack that which he does not understand. That is the reason he changes tactics and armor every time we turn on the searchlight. Mr. Blodgett has backed out, and we await consideration and acceptance of our offer by some one of still greater calibre. If Mr. Blodgett does not like this, let him hunt up an *able astronomer* or recognized scientist of some influence, to champion his cause for him, and we will begin negotiations with the astronomer or scientist, state terms, and secure the \$10,000 to meet a corresponding sum on the other side of the scales!

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### The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

Accept my sincere thanks for THE FLAMING SWORD. The last number with the wonderful, beautiful drawing, surely ought to make skeptics think. Enclosed find 25 cents for a copy of the NEW GEODESY. I must have it to loan. You may send me a few circulars and blanks. I must try to sell a few copies of the NEW GEODESY. I do not want any commission—not that I am in good circumstances, far from it. But you know true souls get beyond greed. I feel an honest interest and a desire to show my appreciation of your liberality to me as well. I could say much, but consideration is due your time. You will sense all I have to say.—E. M. C., San Francisco, Cal.

I notice with a glow of pleasure the many commendatory letters you receive from your readers; and I often say to my acquaintances here, that if all but one of the reform papers in the world, and the magazines to boot, were to be stricken out of existence, and it were left to me to decide what that one should be, my answer would be, THE FLAMING SWORD! To say that it is all good, altogether good, is hardly complimentary enough. It seems to me full of divine and life-giving potency, and, I alas! how little am I able to help on its great work!—E. C., Natick, Mass.

The literature arrived all right, including THE SWORDS, which I did not expect. I will distribute the pamphlets. I think the Sixteenth page is immense. Will send money for copies of the NEW GEODESY when it is issued.—E. J. M., Peyton, Colo.

Enclosed please find \$3 to renew my subscription to THE FLAMING SWORD, and to obtain the *Arena* for one year—the two for \$3, as advertised. Our time for THE SWORD expired in January. We like the paper; it is interesting and instructive.—T. L. R., Salem, Ind.

Allow me to congratulate you on the Sixteenth Page. I had imagined it would be a work of art, and a fitting advertisement of the foremost reform publication of America, but lo, there were four times as much as I had anticipated. The work is certainly an imperishable monument to the intellectual capacities of THE SWORD Editor.—W. T. P., Peyton, Colo.

I dearly love THE FLAMING SWORD, and would gladly sacrifice one meal a day to have it. It is the leader of all papers in the world, in my estimation.—Mrs. O. A. L., Atlantic City, N. J.

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### A Voice from Far-away Australia.

49 CREMORE ST., RICHMOND, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

DR. CYRUS R. TEED;

DEAR SIR:—I have for a long time desired to communicate with you, but have been unable to get your address. Even now I am not sure that I address my letter correctly, but hope to reach you.

My desire is to learn something of your Koreshan work. I have read so much adverse comment that I assume that there is something really good in Koreshanity. I am not prompted by mere curiosity, but solely from a desire to know the Truth; and if you have the Truth, I hope you will be so kind as to teach it to me. I have tried to get hold of a copy of your FLAMING SWORD, or any of your printed literature, but failed to find anything in Australia. I should be glad if you would send me a few copies of your periodical literature, as well as any books or pamphlets that are calculated to explain to an honest, and I hope devout, inquirer, the principles and doctrines you advocate. I am sick of the shams and fallacies of popular religion, with its hypocrisy and humbug, and long to get out of this darkness into clearer light of the pure and true religion. Can you help me?

I shall be glad to hear from you by return mail, and to receive any instructive reading matter that you can send me. There are many out here in these colonies who, like myself, desire to reach the light of Truth, and I hope by your aid to be instructed in the faith of the Koreshans, and then possibly at no distant date, you may have a branch of the work here in Australia. May God help and prosper your efforts in the good cause. With kind regards and good wishes, believe me to be, dear sir, very faithfully yours, H. W. M.

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## The World's News.

Wednesday, April 20.—President's ultimatum cabled to Spain, giving 48 hours for answer to decide war or peace.—Sagasta delivers a war speech at Madrid; Spaniards claim they are ready for war.—War preparations being rapidly made in the U. S. war department.—Queen Regent's throne speech advises war.—Anniversary of battle of Lexington celebrated in Mass.—Regiments moving toward Chickamauga for encampment.—Revolt threatened in Porto Rico.—Cuban Junta satisfied with action of U. S. government.—Financial panic threatens Spain.

Thursday.—Senator Polo asks for passports immediately after receiving McKinley's ultimatum, thus severing diplomatic corre-

spondence.—War excitement everywhere.—U. S. war strategists at work on plans.—Spain gives U. S. minister passports before ultimatum is presented; direct act of hostility and virtual declaration of war.—Polo leaves Washington.

Friday.—North Atlantic squadron under Capt. Sampson, ordered to blockade Cuban ports; Havana harbor to be guarded by American war vessels.—Blanco issues a call to arms in Havana.—Candiani wants to enlist in U. S. army.—Postmaster General Gary resigns from the cabinet.—Chris. Merry executed at Chicago for wife murder.—Wall street decides to accept the inevitable, and risk prospects on war.—War stimulates business.

Saturday.—McKinley issues war proclamation to the powers of the world.—Squadron at Key West, Fla., starts for Havana.—First shot of the American-Spanish war fired; Spanish merchantman Buena Ventura captured by the Nashville.—Blockade of Havana complete.—Madrid enraged over action of the U. S.—Woodford attacked by Spaniards on Spanish frontier en route to France.—A merican steamer Paris reported in danger of capture.—Troops swarming at Chickamauga.—Outbreak of Choctaw Indians threatened.—Provisions advance in price.—Prairie fires sweep Rosebud reservation, S. Dak.—Spanish guns on Morro Castle fire on Sampson's squadron; battleships disregard the wretched firing.—Dewey's fleet sails from Hong Kong to Philippine islands.—Schley's squadron to guard American coast.—Spain formally declares war against the U. S.—McKinley calls for 125,000 volunteers.—A Spanish war ship reported on way to Cuba.—3 more vessels captured by Sampson's fleet.

Sunday.—Steamer Paris not captured at last report, today.—Italy refuses to sell explosives to Spain.—Spain avows purpose to engage in pirating, against international law.—Senator Crisp of Rome, predicts downfall of Spain, and spread of American ideas in Europe.—Gomez now confident of Cuban independence; rejoicing among Cubans in America.—Don Carlos renews threats to overthrow present Spanish government.—Queen Regent fears an uprising and is prepared to escape to Austria.

Monday.—Philippine insurgents awaiting arrival of American warships; insurgents surrounding Manila to overpower Spanish soldiers.—Congress makes a formal declaration of war against Spain.—Spanish war vessels leave Cape Verde islands for Cuban waters.—Sherman resigns as secretary of state.—Large Spanish steamers seized by U. S. in Florida strait.—England declares neutrality.—Blanco's soldiers leave eastern troops and march to Havana.

Tuesday.—Call to arms made by governors of states; militia first, then volunteers.—U. S. colors flying over Hawaii.—People fleeing from Havana to interior; fear bombardment.—U. S. authorities cut Havana cable and Blanco's communication with Spain; also establish censorship of news at Key West.—Spain's fleet on the way to Cuba.—War news meagre and uncertain; officials will not reveal plans, nor give information as to movement of vessels.



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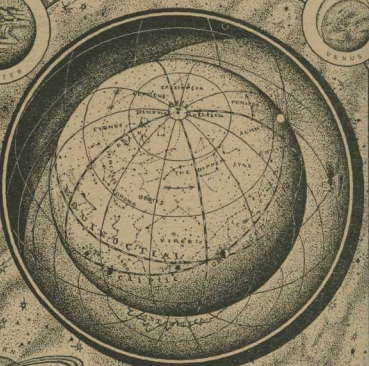
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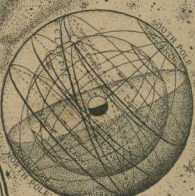
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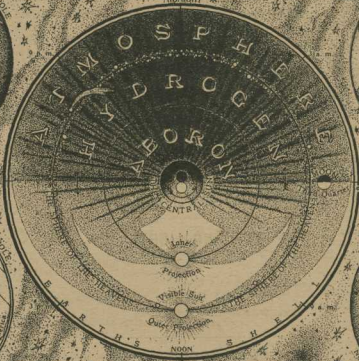
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