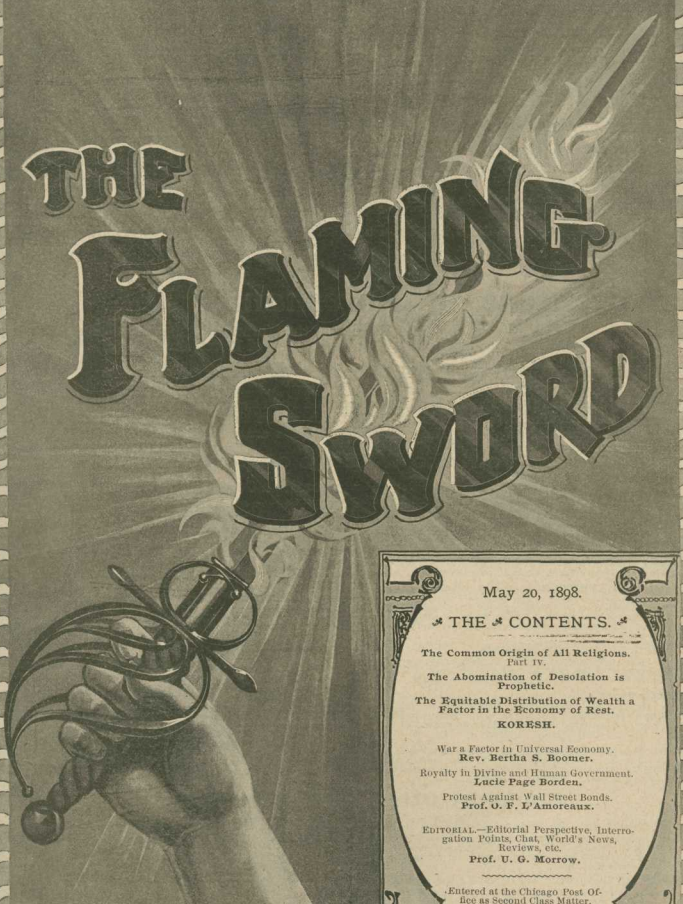


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"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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Part IV. The Science of Astral Projection.

ONE OF the most pronounced phenomena of the Lord's mission, in connection with his astral power, namely, that of the projection of his ulterior form, resided in the possibility of the alchemical resolution of his organic structure in one location and its sudden reappearance in another. In the specific differentiation of this phenomenon, we shall contrast it with what in Theosophy is denominated the astral projection. It is supposed to be a verified fact that a person, either during a trance state (a state of sleep) or possibly one of wakefulness, can project his psychic or subjective self consciously (conditions being favorable) in the presence of another person, at any distance from the one thus projecting the so called astral. It will be noticed in the recorded astral projections reported by Buddhists, Theosophists, and Spiritualists, that the material body remains at the place whence the projection proceeds, while the pneumatic or psychic interior is sent upon its journey and mission. The body of the person does not change its location. In the case of the Lord, the entire physical being was transposed from point to point. This fact and phenomenon can only be comprehended through a knowledge of the laws of physico-spiritual correlation, the reciprocal relation of matter and energy. The Lord was an astral. "He is the bright and morning Star." (Astral means star.) He did not project his star, but himself; he constituting the star or astral body.

The truth being known, that every atom of matter entering into the constituency of the human organism is susceptible of transition to energy, by vibration and agitation, it is not difficult to comprehend the possibility of such a degree of mental supremacy as to overrule the powers of nature and subject them to the control of

the spiritual potency. The Lord could so control his spiritual and natural life as to dematerialize his body at will, and to again reform the spiritual to his organic and material tangibility. He attained the climax of astral power. The material and physical structure of the Lord came from the tomb of Joseph. This fact is attested by all the evidences of the phenomena attending his restoration from the grave. The record of his material transposition from place to place, involving the dematerialization of the structural organism and its rematerialization wheresoever the mind would transport the personality, cannot be denied, and the force of the phenomenon as a potential factor resides in its verification of the law of the eternal persistency in the relations of definite activities to their consequent phenomena.

The Lord's body, his material structure, dissolved that it might depart from natural existence to its spiritual reality. Herein is a single but pronounced record of a scientific fact, in illustration and fulfillment of the universal law of absorption, of which modern Theosophy has a vague and traditional conception. Theosophy teaches that man may reach a condition of absorption, but it does not present the law by which it is to be attained. We challenge the Buddhist and Theosophic force of today for the presentation of one definite principle of science, as pertaining to practical life and tending to insure the acquisition of the state of absorption.

The Lord's body dissolved. The Holy Spirit was the electro-magnetic (pneumo-psychic) energy of his dissolution. Every material atom of that physical form became psycho-pneumatic energy, hence in a state to be absorbed. The Lord taught his disciples not only the mere fact that such was a possibility, but that he

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would pass away by the dissolution of his body, and they would appropriate (eat) it. He not only taught them the law of absorption, but accomplished the fact because he knew the law and applied its principles. The difference, then, between the law of absorption as taught by the Jews (also by the Lord Jesus who came to fulfil their law) and the Theosophists of today is, that in the first case it is a veritable fact, while in the other it is so much of a vagary that Theosophy itself fails to see the *rapprochement* of the two phases of thought and their common origin.

We know where the Lord's body went when it

passed away after his resurrection. We know that the application of the great alchemic law, as it pertains to the power of mental energies pivoted in that consummate pneumo-psychic polarity which dissolved and dissipated his organic structure, provided for the dissemination of the seminal Deific essence by which the church received its impregnation for the regeneration (reproduction) of the sons of God. Elijah was absorbed into Elisha. The Lord Jesus was first and specifically absorbed by John, James, and Peter, and through them the baptism of the projected spiritual affluence was disseminated to as many as could receive his substance.

The Abomination of Desolation is Prophetic.

THE LATIN RACE is about to pass off the stage of action. The great conflict of the near future is between Russia and Great Britain. One or the other, or both, of these powers will be annihilated. It is the purpose of Russia to conquer and rule the world. This purpose is predicated upon her interpretation of prophecy, which she believes to signify herself as the final triumphant kingdom.

There can be no greater incentive to aggression than the stimulus of religious conviction; this is thoroughly incorporated in the constitution of the Muscovite and Slavic life, as pertaining to the future of the Russian empire. The would-be prophets who are predicting the prosperity and triumph of either the British or the Russian empire, as such, know little of the divine purpose in the construction of the kingdom of God. All the kingdoms and republics of the world are to pass

away. The old heavens and the old earth will disintegrate. By this is meant, that the old church in its every form will give way to the new church to be inaugurated, and the governments of the world will be wiped out that the new and righteous kingdom may be substituted.

No government exists today on the face of the earth that has not prostituted the principles of justice and judgment; no church that has not profaned the sanctuary. They are all so principled in fallacy and evil as to render it impossible for repentance to avert the coming calamities. The church will not repent. It is too certain of its righteousness; the governments are too well bolstered in the false consciousness of divine appointment to know their iniquity, and the abomination of desolation is the only resource to quicken the understanding of the great body now awaiting its destruction. Divine predictions are sealed and delivered for their fulfilment. Their consummation cannot be averted.

The Equitable Distribution of Wealth a Factor in the Economy of Rest.

THE GREAT day of rest so long promised to the race, does not imply that there will ever come a time when useful activity shall cease. "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Six days were made for God, that is, six days were to be devoted to the performance of use to the neighbor, the seventh day was to be appropriated to personal use. The system has been inverted through a misunderstanding of the laws of God; the six days have been devoted to selfish use, and the seventh day is prostituted to the support of a non-producing class having neither knowledge nor virtue.

In the six great days of the development of the coming man, the world has passed through social, political, and ecclesiastical controversy and conflict, in which are found a complete inversion and prostitution of truth and good. We are rapidly approaching the

eventful period, and are about to enter upon the great Sabbath of the world. Labor will be destroyed; wage slavery will no longer obtain. The curse of drudgery will be removed. In substitution thereof there will be ordained the adjustment of industry on principles of the equitable relation of producer to the products of industry. There will be an equitable distribution of wealth, wherein all the inhabitants of earth will come into the full enjoyment of human capacity. The rich even, will be so wrought upon by the power of truth as to be satisfied to see those who, by their labor, have produced the wealth of the world, enjoy the products of their toil. In that day, the poor will not rob the rich and despoil them as the rich have despoiled the poor, for the Spirit of the Most High will actuate rich and poor alike, and those who have accumulated the products of the toiler will embrace the principles of the Theocracy, and God himself will reign in the hearts of men.

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War a Factor in Universal Economy.

BY REV. BERTHA S. BOOMER.

WAR is a dire factor in the divine economy of absolute justice, but it has its divine service, like every other function of the universe. Today, its reverberating thunders should be heeded with thanksgiving. Ominous as are the sounds, the omens are glorious regarded in the light of the science of prophecy. The great dispensational time marker, the sign Aries, announces the day and the hour of the resurrection of divine life. The voice of the day's Man utters, in the hearing of an awakening world, the truth in which is "the way and the life." The enunciation of truth is the enunciation of the doom of fallacy.

The God of battles manifests himself as the conquering hero whose Herculean blow has struck at the root of evil, and in being true to truth he has made himself supreme victor. The crowning day of such a hero comes at the culmination of the final struggle of all forces, spiritual and natural. Calm in the assurance of a rational faith, dominant by virtue of supreme love of that which is best, he rests benignant, the perfect work of patience, the product of inherent Divinity. Such an one becomes the Pole Star of the world's hope, the magnet of exaltation, the vortex center of universal revolution, the power of God unto salvation of all who are ripe for the perpetuity of Divinity, from aeon to aeon.

The meat for the household of faith, now due, is strong meat given for the upbuilding of men in Christ Jesus. It is no less than the science of universal law, Koreshan Science, which alone has power to make wise unto salvation. This science reveals the fact that there is no such thing as injustice in the divine economy.

War is not good, but it is essential to the progression and retrogression of races in the sphere of time. Its divine use is the overthrow of things intolerable to truth in its progress through perpetually rolling cycles, from sphere to sphere of glory. Revolutions are essential to the production of the leadership of progress. The spirit of earth's new day ascends from the slain in battles. Ascending, it infolds itself as the fiery motor of the central mind, with eye single to the glory of God's humanity. So its increase light is perpetuated, to be again and again focalized as the desire of the universal heart to live, and having life, to give it.

For ages the agony of longing for final conflict, ultimate victory, and rest has wailed itself into breathings of prayer to very God of very God, to come forth conquering and to conquer every enemy to humanity's attainment of Divinity, and its right to control, for universal benefit, all the possibilities and powers of the universe. The prophetic spirit has scientifically foretold the time and indicated the signs of hope's fruition and

prayer's answer. Wars and rumors of wars fill the hour of darkness before the dawn of eternal day.

Every kingdom which fails to fulfil the righteousness of the law given amidst the thunderings of Sinai, is doomed in this hour to fall by the weight of its own corruptions, when touched by the rays of the burning diamond of true science. All present governments are hoary with the draperies of decay, and rank with the stagnant pools and weeds of dissolution. The kingdom of Spain is but one of many having no moral right to perpetuity. The record of each existing government is enough to produce shudders of horror, and yet Spain—contemplated by all the other powers—awakes the general sentiment that she should be annihilated as a nation. Let the government without sin condemn her and cast the first stone. There is such a government, and a stone to be cast at her and all partakers of her sins.

Truth, the White Stone of divine wisdom, is cast by Almighty Jove from the central throne of the divine Theocracy, at every stagnant, hell-born power. England, France, Germany, Russia, Italy, Spain, and their fulness, the United States, all so ready to stone each other with every missile devised by diabolic hate—are doomed to fall by the force of the White Stone. One deity has ruled them all for ages,—the iniquitous, anti-Christian money power. Truth will open their eyes when they eat the full fruition of their iniquities;—the oppressor of the nations will be dethroned and stoned by the one who slays to make alive.

Out of the chaos of the impending universal destruction of all that is represented by the old church and the old state, there will be constructed and vivified the visible Theocratic kingdom. In this the peace which passeth all present understanding, will be maintained for ages by virtue of obedience to that law of love, the science of which Koreshanism is giving to the world today. This peace will be spoken amidst the culminating storms of earth's woes, when the hearts of men are failing them for fear, because of the things coming upon the earth. When this peace is spoken, Cuba will become an isle of the blessed in the city of the great King. The United States will be a unit in allegiance to the truth which alone has power to free, and transform every enemy to a friend.

Today, let us have war, universal war. Let the war spirit rage and dash the nations in pieces as a potter's vessel. Let its cannon thunder, till of the great temple of Moloch which fills the world today, not one stone is left upon another. Let the cup of human iniquity fill to the brim, and the consuming fires of its poisons burn themselves out in the lusts of mortal corruptions, leav-

ing but the ashes of wickedness under the soles of the saints' feet. Then will universal manhood, divine in God's image and likeness, walk the earth as kings and priests unto God.

The Theocratic kingdom, the kingdom of heaven in earth, unfolds itself from the foundation stone of divine righteousness, Petros, the science of the law. It is destined to fill the whole earth with glorias to God in the highest, and peace in earth, to men of good will. The little nucleus of the Koreshan System awaits the transforming power of the White Stone, from the hand of him to whom it has been given. The light of this Stone reveals every hidden iniquity, and the glory of every possibility and power when controlled by its divine righteousness. Its innermost ray illumines the universe from circumference to center, and maps the cosmic order indelibly upon the mind. Transfigured manhood is seen to be its microcosmic center, bearing the Father's name. Beholding the King, patriotism reaches its fulness and can be satisfied only by the Father's inheritance of the universe, and the brotherhood of man in the divine image.

When war becomes universal; when in simultaneity nation shall rise against nation; when labor shall seek the overthrow of capital, and, blind Sampson that it is,

destroys its own powers in the destruction of the social structure; when church and state shall be pitted against each other by the arch fiend, which is their present bond of union,—the money power; when woman shall become a penitent Magdalene at the feet of her Lord, and shall rise to obey his command, "Go and sin no more," and the sexes are at war, *then* let all in whom the living hope of the resurrection of the dead was begotten, together with the love of the appearing and the kingdom of our Lord, lift up their heads and rejoice, knowing with certainty that the Lord has come as a thief in the night to claim his own, and that the day of their redemption draweth nigh. Then the redeemed of the Lord—zealous of every good work, having added to their faith, virtue, and to virtue, knowledge—shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Rise! take the liberty the accursed money power denies the world, ye downtrodden and oppressed of every sphere of thought and action, take it and use it in the service of truth and righteousness! Take it as your right! throw off the yoke of effete superstition, of wage slavery, of lust! Know that God is man and man is God, in the righteous service of his fellows obedient to the law of love! Rally round the standard of law's divine science! Fix your eyes upon the brazen serpent and live!

Royalty in Divine and Human Government.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

ACCORDING to Koreshan principles, a complete inversion of truth obtains at the present time in the natural world, where royalty entitles its possessor to sit in state upon a throne apart; to command every appliance of luxury with complete immunity from labor; to push tyrannical oppression to its utmost bounds; to be openly flattered and courted, tho' secretly of half mankind the dread and hate. One of the Chicago papers recently cited, apropos of the Spanish atrocities in Cuba and as marking a lesser degree of oppression than these modern instances, the conduct of Peter the Cruel of Spain, who made a great feast to which all the Grandees of the kingdom were invited. While the banquet was in progress and revelry at its height, the noblemen were called out, one by one, and decapitated by order of the sovereign. Such treachery linked to power has figured among the prerogatives of monarchy until the thrones of the world have crumbled under the weight of human woe, and the doctrine of the divine right of kings is withering in the scorching breath of popular execration.

Then, in a frenzy of revolt, men cried out for freedom and turned for relief to Democracy. With frantic joy they kissed the feet of their new idol, shouting equality and proclaiming every man a king, by nature's right. Too late, alas! they find that nature's noblemen are few; that equality, either of mind or heart, has no inheritance in the universal plan; that greed and avarice rule the

nation, while wisdom and genius are banished from her councils and true worth languishes in obscurity and poverty.

The pages of history which record the failure of every form of segregate government,—patriarchal, imperial, regal, and democratic, afford little encouragement to the political scientist who may be imbued with fallacious belief that the universe had a time beginning. The appeal to history is seen to be neither conclusive nor discouraging when a realization of the fact that the universe is a great self-mobilizing dynamo existent from all eternity, with spirit and matter for its positive and negative poles, recalls the fragmentary character of all known historical records.

If, as the Koreshan System teaches, the cycle or grand year just closing, defined by the precession of the equinoxes, began in social and political integralism, it will end in the same; for the circle is the symbol of being, and the end and the beginning are one. The perfect system of government must be founded upon a knowledge of Bio-astronomic law. To quote from the discoverer of this truth: "The substructure of Political Social Economy is the science of astronomy, the pedestal or groundwork of which is the physical earth. The superstructure is the science of mind as agreeing with, and corresponding to the substructure, the science of astronomy. The comprehension of mind and its relation to body, with the corresponding compre-

hension of astronomy and its relation to the earth, unitedly comprise the formulæ for the perfect social-system."

It is evident that the foregoing statement is in line with the modern tendency to the unification of knowledge. Man is just awakening to the fact that this is a *universe*, and a law in one domain of life has its correspondent in every other domain. How simple and beautiful yet at the same time, how complex and wonderful is the truth involved in the fact that as a perfect correspondence exists between the brain and the cosmos so, in order to insure the perfection of human happiness, the social system must necessarily be structured in correspondence with both!

The coming natural government will be Imperio-Republico-Regal in form, and will externalize the interior principle of royalty. In the divine sphere, where truth never suffers inversion but exists in perpetuity, royalty inheres in the intellectual principle. "God has no throne but the intellectual principle, no altar but the will, where sacrifice is made of sensual desire." God is God by virtue of the completeness of his wisdom; but in the divine mind perfect wisdom is balanced by perfect love; so the royalty of intellect translated into ethics, expresses itself in conduct according to the words of the Lord Christ: "He that is greatest among you, let him be your servant."

In the past two thousand years the world has seen but one King by divine right, and he came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." He was numbered among the transgressors, and the world scoffed at the truth he brought,—truth which today is wholly inverted, requiring another Interpreter ordained by the law of recurrent revelation. This redemptive or sacrificial principle by virtue of which the Lord of all becomes the servant of all, is the insignia of celestial royalty. Any natural government to be successful and enduring, must incorporate this principle. In other words, only those rulers can command submission whose experience has been perfected through suffering; who have learned majesty through obedience, in recognition of the fact that it is sweeter to be out in the world where the press is thickest in order to minister to those who suffer, than to sit in solitary grandeur upon a throne apart.

"Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Thus Christ taught us to pray. Why pray for that which offers no possibility of fulfillment? What is the will of God as done in heaven? "There were some," says Swedenborg, "who imagined that heavenly happiness consists in a life without occupation and in being waited on, while taking their ease, by others. The angelic life consists in performing uses. All the delights of heaven are conjoined with uses."

Protest Against Wall Street Bonds.

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

IN FREEING Cuba, the adding of \$600,000,000 to the already intolerable burden of bondage, in the interests of Wall street, seems to be foreshadowed as the wisdom of our would-be statesmen of this time. What the country needs at this crisis, is men possessing the patriotism and practical sense and independence of Lincoln and Chase. It is well to remember the prescient words of the former at the close of the war:

Yes, we may all congratulate ourselves that this cruel war is nearing a close. It has cost a vast amount of treasure and blood. The best blood of the *flower* of American youth has been freely offered upon our country's altar, that the nation might live. It has been a trying hour for the republic; but I see in the near future a crisis arising that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people, until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of the war. God grant that my suspicion may prove groundless.

Since then, there has not been a single act of the people's avaricious representatives on the subject of

finance or the rights of the poor citizen, that has not been directly or indirectly in favor of monopoly, or of the rich against the poor. Now is the favored time for more of this kind of treason to the rights and liberties of the citizen, and the patriot who dares to raise a warning voice must expect to meet the opprobrious charge of opposing free Cuba.

To help free Cuba, it is not necessary that we put Shylock's fetters on our own limbs; yet it is too much to expect that the party of resurrected Roman publicans should see, even with the history of the last French war or our own great rebellion before them, or if they saw it, be willing to pursue, any other method. They too, after administering righteous judgment to Spain, are destined to find that "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

Under the benign sway of the kingdom of righteousness, soon to be established in this country, and ultimately in the world, through the Koreshan movement, the earth will enjoy its long-promised Sabbath of rest and release from the intolerable burden of the monopolist and usurer, when there will be nothing left to annoy or distress in all God's holy mountain.



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In the Editorial Perspective.

BY THE EDITOR.

THERE ARE MILLIONS of people in the world who pretend to believe the Bible. They place an undefined confidence in the book whether they know what is in it or not; they are afflicted with credulity of the worst type. Some of them, however, are familiar with the contents of the Bible; very few understand the purpose of it, but some things in it are unmistakable. It is not hard to conclude from the narratives that Moses established a government which he claimed was founded upon laws revealed to him. The pattern was shown him, and he was given detailed instructions as to how to carry out the plan of the Theocracy he inaugurated. First of all, he recognized the fact that there must be a system, and that that system must depend upon a central power. He instituted a system of government which opened to his people opportunities and privileges which led them to the zenith of national glory. What was the central principle of the Mosaic system? It was religion. His system was the unity of church, and that was the secret of his power. Every so called Biblical scholar recognizes the fact that the Mosaic system was instituted as a system of types; the apostles nineteen hundred years ago taught it. Are these types ever to be fulfilled in heaven or in earth? The indications are that they are to be fulfilled in the earth. It was the purpose of Jesus the Christ to establish a great kingdom in the earth; its seed was planted in the early church nineteen hundred years ago. If the germs of a kingdom were planted in a church, the inevitable product of that planting would be a religion that incorporated the system and laws of divine government in its outward and most external form. It has required an age for the development of the new kingdom, just as it requires a season for the development of the plant and fruit from the time of planting of the seed. The coming kingdom will be a universal empire, founded upon principles of absolute righteousness and upon universal laws, the pattern being the physical cosmos, the expression of the divine mind in the alchemico-organic structure. The true sociologic system must be the co-ordinate and correlate expression of the divine mind in the world of humanity in its economic affairs.

It is obviously inconsistent to presume to accept Jesus the Christ as the world's great Teacher, and reject his doctrines. The modern church is pretending to follow Jesus, and at the same time is repudiating a belief in the actual work he came to perform. In him was life—he was living, he was immortal. He said he came to destroy death, and to bring life and immortality to light. The modern pulpit is declaring that death is a blessing—the gateway to freedom from 'this temple of clay.' The church seeks to go out of the world through the grave, through the death that Jesus came to destroy. The rites of the church are conducted on this basis; the entire mortal avenues are blessed by the pope and priest from the cradle to the grave. Jesus came to perpetuate his own being and that of the world through the generation of the gods; the church has added to its sacraments, the processes of the generation of the devils! Koreshan Science has no use for the common corruptible dissolution as a process of salvation; it teaches that the way to eternal life is through the new and living way, the passing out of the world alive just as Jesus did nineteen hundred years ago. Koreshan-ity revives the doctrines of the Founder of the primitive Christian system, and repudiates all of the teachings and customs of apostate and degenerate Christianity.

Koreshan-ity is the revival of the primitive Christian system, with the added experience of 2,000 years' progress. We

are at the close of a great cycle; the new era is dawning—the result of the dissemination of the life and mind of Jesus the Christ nineteen hundred years ago. The science of all truth at the time of the revelation of all mystery, is as different in forms of expression from, and yet as essentially the same as the philosophy of Jesus at the time of the sealing of the mystery of godliness, as the primitive Christian system differed from the system of Moses. This is a scientific period of the world's history, and the religion of the new era must be suited to the genius of the age. The modern church has fallen away from the doctrines inculcated at the beginning of the dispensation; it repudiates the humanity of God as manifest in the personality of Jesus, and today treats as anarchism the restoration of the divine communism practised by the early church.

It is remarkable how easy it is at the close of the nineteenth century to originate theories of reform and governments for adoption by the people of the Golden Age! In the days of Moses it required the wisdom of the Almighty to direct the course of government; then it required a Theocracy to express the divine mind. Now any old idea will do; with the world generally, it does not matter if the reformer knows nothing about the laws of creation or of the universe, or of human physiology. The world is destitute of the wisdom and knowledge of the Almighty, and what does it matter if a scheme is devised to exclude him altogether, that modern "scientific sociologic reform" might have an opportunity to show what it can do?

Some people have crude ideas of what constitutes proof sufficient to overthrow the assertions of an editor. The amateur scribe is at the height of his glory when he can charge the editor with being afraid to publish the arguments of the amateur. The editor might lose all his subscribers, you know, if the people should decide that the amateur is right! We want to give our readers a little pointer here in regard to how we labor to protect them: We have to put a number of things we receive through the sieve. The editor of a paper must select and exclude; if we published everything that came to our office we would not have a reader in a month's time—except the amateur critics!

There has been a great deal of speculation about the relations of the money-lender to nations about war times. We have seen scores of intimations that Wall street did not want war, and that consequently McKinley remained inactive so long. Now the same papers are declaring that the money power conspired to precipitate the war between the United States and Spain. We would be glad if some war philosophers would be kind enough to indicate to us the *real* cause of the war, so that we may make definite note of it; we have a curiosity to know just how many days and hours it will be until their opinions are changed!

Yellow journalism is a good thing, if we may judge from the rapidity with which so called conservative dailies and reform papers are joining in the war cry against Spain! We told you sometime ago that the jingo movement was prophetic. Though scores of reform papers have been depicting the horrors of war, and protesting against incurring expenses of military and naval encounter with Spain, they are now hanging out flags on their front page, and are as merry over the victories of the American squadrons as the thousands of "young America" are over the fireworks on the Fourth of July!

Before the divine communism can be established, war will have to be declared, battles fought, and victories won over the pretended church powers. The modern church has its citadels

of corruption, which will have to be demolished as effectually as the Spanish ships in Manila bay, and the fleet now in the Caribbean sea. In comparison with the destruction of Babylon, the fall of San Juan and Havana is nothing! We laugh at the attempts of reformers to "bring about a peaceful revolution."

You need not object to the size of the universe being limited to 8,000 miles diameter. It is hard enough for people to grasp its first principles, small as it is; its principles are susceptible of being understood. If the universe were infinite it would be incomprehensible! It is easier to understand that which can be known, than that which is "beyond the power of the finite man."

It occurs to us that a Christian nation is a nation founded on the principles of the Christ. There are a number of so called Christian nations today, and each one differs from the other in government. Some are republics and some are kingdoms. All have warships to defend themselves against each other. This augurs peace and brotherhood!

Modern Christians believe that death is a good thing to take them from the earth to some happy hunting ground where there is nothing to do but to sing and to play upon golden harps, and fly about in ether. Yet they shrink from entering the catastrophe, and mourn the departure of friends into bliss!

People who have their faith pinned to democracy and modern conceptions of liberty as the do-as-you-please sort of license, are just the people to repudiate the doctrine of the establishment of the great Theocratic kingdom in the earth, in answer to the prayer, "Thy kingdom come!"

If we were asked to define the character, present condition, and future prospects of Blanco, we would simply cancel the last letter of his name; or take away blanc, and zero is left!

The American naval men have come to the conclusion that they cannot be sure of the exact location of the Spanish fleet until it reaches the bottom of the sea.

If Jesus went up into the physical heavens nineteen hundred years ago, will some one tell us where he went, and what he has been doing during his absence?

It is an insult to Liberty to stamp her image on a modern disc of gold; it causes men to labor for her picture, when they should realize Liberty herself.

If there is plenty of room in humanity for all the devils in the world, it is not difficult to conclude where God will be when the devils are converted.

If the Almighty has anything to do with the universe, he needs to rule it himself. It is going to destruction in the hands of the present powers.

Even peace-loving people are again forcibly reminded that the ultimate power of a modern Christian nation resides in the forces of war.

If the voice of the people is the voice of God, the Almighty must have things terribly mixed and confused in these modern times!

The American eagle screams! Screams for release from the power of money; it is helpless on the face of gold and silver dollars.

The church says that only *dead* people can go to heaven. No chance for those who live!

An hour's brooding over your misfortunes may hatch a million devils.

The real American eagle is a man; but it is not McKinley.

Query, Chat, and News Departments.

BY THE EDITOR.

The Personality of the Devil.

(1) Do you intend to publish soon a book or pamphlet setting forth the geodetic configuration of the earth and explanation of the Koreshan Astronomy? (2) While I am pleased with your frankness in proposing to answer all objections in a "rational and straightforward manner," my heart fails me of courage to commence the objections which I consider vitally destructive to the Koreshan doctrine of divinity, so far as I have investigated. The portion which struck me so unfavorably is the second probation for man, and the non-existence of a personal devil. Are these concepts inseparably connected with the Koreshan Cosmogony? (3) You say that I will readily admit that the Zetetic system does not explain satisfactorily all phenomena, and that consequently there must be something wrong with it if it fails to explain any part or parts of the universe, to say nothing of the universe as a whole. I am of this opinion, that finite man will never fully search out infinity; while it remains his prerogative, duty, and pleasure, to search, he will always find something to search for. See Jer. xxxi:37; Job xi:7; Prov. xxv:2; Isa. xli: 21-28.—Prof. A. G., Buffalo, N. Y.

(1) We have in preparation a work giving a synopsis of the Koreshan Cosmogony and account of the experiments con-

ducted during the past two years by the Koreshan Geodetic Staff. See advertisement on another page. (2) You seem to be laboring under a misapprehension concerning the doctrines of Koreshanity. The "second probation" fallacy is no part of the Koreshan System. The science of the resurrection demonstrates that those attaining to the state of immortality are resurrected in life,—not to a *chance* to obtain it. The Koreshan System involves the science of the propagation of life from cycle to cycle. "There is nothing new under the sun;" that which is now, is that which has been, and that which has been is that which will be. The resurrection at the beginning of the new dispensation is of the same order that occurred 24,000 years ago, when the sons of God were manifest. Just as there has been extension of the existence of humanity since the Age of Light in the past, so humanity will continue throughout and ever beyond the coming Golden Age. You also misconceive the teachings of Koreshanity

concerning the personal devil. There exist today exactly the same kinds of devils that existed nineteen hundred years ago. Then they were evil mental entities which were susceptible of being expelled from the mind. The people in whom the devils dwell are personal devils—devils incarnate. Judas was one of them. Jesus said, "Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" God is in the generation of the righteous; Satan is in the generation of the unrighteous. Jesus was the personal God; and according to the law of antithesis, there is necessarily a personal devil. But he is not mythical, but right here in the world of tangible, material, and human existence; there is not only *one* but *millions* of personal devils. (3) We note the quotations above. While it is the glory of God to conceal a thing, it is also to his glory, at the proper time, to disclose not only himself, but the entire universe as well. Sometime, mystery is to be no more. That time is when Israel is cast off and the foundations of the uni-

verse searched out—when the wisdom of this world is made foolishness, and its fallacies overthrown.

Which is the American Nation?

As long as a paper says "England" instead of Britain, as one of the powers, and calls the U. S. Navy the American Navy, and the people of the U. S., the American people, there being no country in any of the geographies or on any map, or on the earth called America, there is a dull look up; for are the people of the U. S. ashamed of the name of their country? It looks like it. The people of the U. S. should be above arrogating to themselves an unmeaning name for the sake of appearing more than they are. The whole U. S. press is making a fool of itself in this respect. Will THE FLAMING SWORD try to correct the error?—Anonymous postcard from Canada.

The use of the word England instead of Britain, and of the American nation instead of the United States, is not confined to the newspapers of America; it is a world-wide custom. England is a popular name applied to the entire English power with all its colonies. It is quite common to say the Queen of England, instead of Queen of Great Britain; the former is more euphonious. The United States is pre-eminently the American nation; it is the power of the western world. It is first in independence, in the establishment of a great republic, and the first in many lines of progress. At home and abroad it is known as the American nation. Its proper to speak of American literature, American inventions, and American interests. We see nothing wrong in the use of the terms referred to. Authors everywhere render to the United States this *tribute*, and even Chamberlain in his recent speech advising Anglo-American alliance, used the terms United States and America interchangeably. This world-wide tribute to the United States is prophetic; unconsciously the world *exalts* the American nation to that height of power which it has won and is now winning by the manifestation of its irresistible force in the east and in the west. We do not refer to the mere political power of the United States, but to the higher and more potent energies and factors which are preparing the western world to be the seat of power of the coming great Theocracy, the Divine Government in the earth.

Danes Represent the Tribe of Dan.

Will you be so kind as to answer in THE FLAMING SWORD, if the Danes of Denmark sprang from the ancient Chaldeans of the Old Testament?—C. J., Emerald, Wis.

The Danes are of the Scandinavian branch of the Teutonic class of the Aryans or the Indo-Germanic race, from which sprang the Hindus, Persians, Medes, Greeks, Latins, Celts, and Anglo-Saxons. In the most outward sense, the Danes represent the tribe of Dan, from Abraham, of

Ur, in Chaldea. At this point contrast the Koreshan Science of Ethnology with the various theories of ethnologists, concerning the lost ten tribes. The ten tribes do not exist today as distinct peoples, as do the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, known as the Jews. The twelve tribes were carried away into captivity into Assyria, and the ten tribes never returned to Palestine. They were absorbed by intermarriage with the Medes, Persians, and Assyrians. The Germanic family is the product of this miscegeneration. These tribes had Egyptian blood in them to start with; so the Danes, as well as the entire product of the Israelitish infiltration, have the bloods of the Chaldeans, Medes, Persians, Assyrians, the Israelites, and the Egyptians. The progress of the Israelites for their destiny is not confined to mere racial lineage; there are transpositions of mental forces which make possible the more interior gathering of all the qualities of racial life; the twelve tribes of Israel are in this way being gathered in America. For a specific treatment of this question we refer to the "Open Letter to the Queen of England," by KORESH, in last week's issue, and also to the pamphlet issued by the Guiding Star Publishing House, the "Identification of Israel."

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The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

A friend has been sending me a few copies of THE SWORD, and I have become wonderfully interested in the teachings of the same. At present I am not financially prepared to subscribe for the same, and if you will send it to me for a year from date of receipt of this, I will be able to pay you before the expiration of the year. I think I can sell several copies of the NEW GEODESY, and obtain some subscriptions to THE SWORD. I believed the earth to be concave, and that we lived on the outside surface; but since I have studied THE SWORD and your logical explanations, my former ideas of the earth, heaven, and God seem so ridiculous that I can hardly believe that I ever held such ideas. My thoughts are almost the reverse of what I once believed to be facts. I feel as though I had served my sentence, and am now free to learn of God without being hampered by creed and dogmas. God speed the promulgation of Koreshan Truth, and may speed the breaking up of creed-bound churches, that they may have the gospel taught them instead of teaching sectarianism and eternal condemnation.—E. W. M., Aleppo, Pa.

I happened to see a copy of THE FLAMING SWORD last week, and I was quite interested indeed. Enclosed you will find express order for \$1. Please send me the paper six months, and send me some literature with description of the earth. I shall never forget the first impressions I received when I first saw a large body of water. The wind was blowing toward me, and the water looked so much higher, in the distance, that I felt as though it was going to rush down over me; and I must say that I believe you are right about the

surface of the earth being concave. The only thing that I ever got hold of is a copy of the Chicago Journal, published October 17, 1896, which I have yet, and when I saw a copy of THE FLAMING SWORD I concluded to invest \$1 and see what you had to say.—S. L. B., Princeton, Ill.

I see by THE SWORD that you give ten copies of the NEW GEODESY for \$1.50. I have sent you \$1.50 altogether, and I would like to have ten copies of the book when it is ready. I want to give away some and sell or loan others. I am becoming more and more convinced of the truths taught in THE FLAMING SWORD, as I understand them.—Mrs. J. C., Springfield, Mass.

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Chat With Readers.

Every one who takes up a copy of THE FLAMING SWORD has to admit that it is unique in appearance. Thousands of people respect it for its make-up; the style, the tone, and general features appeal to the readers as being extraordinary and out of the usual line. It stands alone in respect to a score or more of features. We are not publishing THE SWORD to tickle a class of people who do not desire the truth; this journal has no strings to it. We do not live by flattery anybody, and certainly do not support THE FLAMING SWORD on the basis of taffy from others! People who admire backbone and determination to stand up against the tide of falley and fight the corruptions and evils of the age, will eagerly read THE FLAMING SWORD! Koreshan Science does not spare its friends; it tells them what they are. THE FLAMING SWORD is as full of offense to those who may be offended, as were the words and works of Jesus nineteen hundred years ago. This journal is for the purpose of cutting right and left, and it means to keep it up. If you like it, take it; if you do not, it is equally fair that you say so. Scores and scores of people have written to us commending THE SWORD, giving their reasons. If you object to it and to the Koreshan System, would you be kind enough to put your reasons on paper and submit them to us? Just to make THE SWORD a little more unique, interesting, and sensational, we will publish every adverse criticism of this journal or our course of conduct of it, that does not exceed 300 words. We will give every one a chance to have his say! Welcome!

The Science of Astral Projection is discussed in this number, by the Founder of the Koreshan System. The truth of the real astral is in striking contrast with the vagaries of Theosophy concerning the astral or star body, and the processes of the projection and materialization of mental substance. The theories of Theosophy are the modern misconceptions of the teachings of Buddha. The only real projection of the Star body that has occurred for thousands of years was in the dissolution and resolution of the body of Jesus the Christ, the "Bright and Morning

Star," nineteen hundred years ago. We need not go to Theosophy for a knowledge of the facts of practical overcoming of death and absorption into Nirvana. This was accomplished by Jesus himself; in these particulars Buddha failed.

We have before us a claim to the \$1,000 reward offered by us sometime ago. The arguments on which the claim is predicated will appear next week. The premise of the claimant is specifically stated, and the conclusions are logical; and were it not for the little word "if," we would have to write out the check and begin the promulgation of a new system! As it is we will keep the money. The claimant is perpetrating a trick, which will be palpably apparent on publication of his arguments!

Mr. Samuel Blodgett desires us to inform our readers that he does not hold to the Copernican system of astronomy. He has a concept of his own about the relations of the sun and the earth. We have a copy of his work, which we will kindly review in a future issue of THE SWORD. We are awaiting his series of arguments and criticisms with which he will endeavor to overthrow the Koreshan Cosmogony. We welcome his efforts. His first article is promised in a week or two.

The penalty for desertion from the ranks of our subscription list is the amount of the arrears of the deserter. There are also regulations which apply to those who are with us, and for the many new ones who enlist in THE FLAMING SWORD warfare!

Next week will disclose something new concerning the new work on Astronomy. The book is nearing materialization, and it will come out like a flash of light for those who sit in darkness!

THE FLAMING SWORD is proving to be intensely interesting even in war times!

THE FLAMING SWORD is a weapon of war. Are you on the other side?

More about Prof. T., Salem, O., next week!

The World's News.

Wednesday, May 11.—Spain encouraged over securing big loan for war purposes.—Location of the Spanish Armada a mystery.—Plans on foot for invasion of Cuba by American troops.—Gen. Gomez expresses gratitude to Americans for fighting Cuba's battles for freedom.—War department issues orders to reinforce Dewey's squadron at Manila.—Italian rebels are besieging Milan.—Blanco throwing up immense sand forts around Havana.—Attempt to poison soldiers at Ft. Mobile discovered.

Thursday.—Spain said to be fitting expedition to retake Manila; Dewey may be in danger.—Gen. Merritt to command American forces for Philippines.—Spanish torpedo boat explodes at Gibraltar.—Water famine threatening Key West.—Panic pre-

vails at Porto Rico; Sampson's fleet in sight of San Juan ready to meet Spanish Armada or to bombard forts.—Senate committee strikes out bond provision and favors issue of \$50,000,000 in greenbacks.—Dewey is made Rear Admiral by Senate resolution.

Friday.—Spanish guns at Cardenas fire on American boats; forts silenced; 5 Americans killed, others wounded.—Fall of San Juan; Sampson bombards city and forts; Port of San Juan in possession of U. S.—Spanish steamer Rita captured by the Yale cruiser.—Dewey sinks another Spanish warship near Philippines.—Spanish Armada at last located, at island of Martinique, West Indies.

Saturday.—Commodore Schley's squadron sails from Hampton Roads for Cuba.—British Colonial Secretary Chamberlain delivers speech advising Anglo-American alliance.—Gen. Miles stops invasion of Cuba until Sampson destroys Spanish armada.—San Juan surrenders to Sampson; U. S. warships secure thousands of tons of coal at San Juan.—France loans Spain money.—Polo ordered to leave Canada.—Spaniards entrap a few of Dewey's men and massacre them.—Philippine insurgents unmovable.—A European diplomatist at Washington predicts universal war.—Battle off Cienfuegos between American warship and Spanish batteries; forts silenced; 400 Spaniards killed.—Gen. Garcia takes city of Bayamo, Cuba.

Sunday.—Scheme of European powers to drive Dewey out of Philippines frustrated by England.—American army officers enter complaints against Washington strategic board.—Brazil favors U. S.—Rebellion in Italy put down by troops.—Pierro Loti wins alliance of all Latin nations against England and America.

Monday.—Capt. Dorst fails to land American troops and arms in Cuba and returns to Key West.—Famine threatening in Manila.—Spanish cabinet resigns; Sagasta remains.—Spanish fleet at Caracas, Venezuela.—Alger orders 65,000 more volunteers to Chickamauga.—Spanish admiral Cervera commands the armada.—Spaniards take two newspaper men prisoners at Cabanas, Cuba.—New Spanish cabinet formed; adopts vigorous war policy.

Tuesday.—Two more Spanish fleets preparing to join armada in West Indies.—American gunboats destroy Spanish forts at Cardenas.—Aggravating delay in sending troops and supplies to Dewey; Gen. Merritt will not go to Manila with less than 18,000 troops.—McKinley dissolves the strategic board and gives commanders full sway.—Sampson awaiting at Hayti for the Spanish fleet; greatest battle of the world is imminent.—Naval department enjoin great secrecy concerning movements of warships.

In Reform Journals.

Source of National Authority.
Views of the Famous Historian, Guizot, Concerning the Foundation of Modern Governments.

Certain powers become established in consequence of certain social expediences, of certain relations with the state of society, with its customs or opinions. But it is impossible to close our eyes to the fact

that violence has sullied the birth of all the authorities in the world, whatever may have been their nature or their form. This origin, however, no one will acknowledge. All authorities, whatever their nature, disclaim it. None of them will allow themselves to be considered as the offspring of force. Governments are warned by an invincible instinct that force is no title; that might is not right; and that, while they rest upon no other foundation than violence, they are entirely destitute of right. Hence, if we go back to some distant period, in which the various systems, the various powers, are found struggling one against the other, we shall hear them each exclaiming: "I existed before you; my claim is the oldest; my claim rests upon other grounds than force; society belonged to me before this state of violence, before this strife in which you now find me. I was legitimate; I have been opposed, and my rights have been torn from me." This disavowal of violence made by every system, proclaims, as plainly as words can speak, that there is another, a more legitimate, the true foundation of all the others, the legitimacy of reason, of justice, of right. It is to this origin that they seek to link themselves. As they feel scandalized at the very idea of being the offspring of force, they pretend to be invested, by virtue of their antiquity with a different title.—Guizot's History of Civilization in Europe.

HUMBUG SCHOOLS.

Modern Education a Mere Travesty of Science Instruction

We saw three school boys going home from school the other day. They were about twelve years old. The school books they carried were a burden to them. They were taking them home to study at a time when they should be playing or sleeping. That is what is called in these modern times "getting an education." That is what they do not get in the schools of to-day. Even the methods in vogue in the school, one might as well bore in the top of their craniums and stuff in a few rules or formulas. If a boy or girl gets an education today, they do it in spite of their teachers. As a rule, they are taught to memorize. They are crammed for examination day. The knowledge they are supposed to get, becomes no more a part of them than the stuffing in a baked fowl is a part of the fowl. Bye and bye they graduate, then go out and bore the world with their ignorance until experience gives them a little practical knowledge. Our schools, however, harmonize well with the system of which they are a part. They rest on a money basis. The world-be teachers cram their heads full to get a certificate. Then their chief business is to get a place and hold it, and draw a salary. School boards make positions a matter of barter and sale, and there is a constant changing of books with the worst sort of jollery. You think we have been harsh? Well, we haven't told half the worst.—New Charter, San Francisco, Calif.

The Warning Words of Lincoln.

It is not needed, nor fitting here, that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions; but there is one point with its connections, not so hackneyed as some others, to which I ask brief attention. It is the effort to place capital on an equal footing with, if not above labor, in the structure of government. It is assumed

that labor is available only in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody else, owning capital, somehow by use of it, induces him to labor. This assumed, it is next considered whether it is best that capital shall hire laborers, and thus induce them to work by their own consent, or buy them, and drive them to it without their consent. Having proceeded so far, it is naturally concluded that all laborers are either hired laborers, or what we call slaves. And further, it is assumed that whosoever is once a hired laborer, is fixed in that condition for life.

Now, there is no such relation between capital and labor as assumed; nor is there any such thing as a free man being fixed for life in the condition of a hired laborer. Both these assumptions are false, and all inferences are groundless.

Labor is prior to, and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.

No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty—none less inclined to falsify or to cheat than which they have not honestly earned.

Let them be aware of surrendering a political power they already possess, and which, if surrendered, will surely be used to close the door to advancement against such as they, and fix new disabilities and burdens upon them, till all of liberty shall be lost.

The Battle of Gog and Magog.

The Bryan party demanded but little that true reform demands, but it was a step in the right direction, and the plutocrats fought it as hard as if it had demanded all. Bryan was defeated. Then the cry was, "Reform is dead." But prosperity has failed to "put in an appearance." The great army of toilers is on the "treadmill grinding away to produce plutocracy's interest toll." Crime and failure, want and woe, keep step to the plutocratic music of McHanna and Mark Kinley. On to the dance of death! Do you see it? I see the cloud. The storm is coming; 1900 will be 1860 repeated, I think. Gold is king now. King Gold says he is going to continue white slavery where it is and extend it everywhere. It is a battle now between King Gold and the King of Kings and Lord of lords. It is the great battle of God Almighty, the battle of Armageddon, and this battle settles the fate of the human race.

When the smoke of this great battle clears away, there will be left no millionaires or troops, no usury givers or usury takers. Interest, rent, profit, landlords, and money lords will be things of the past. Every family on earth will have a home of its own from which no earthly power can evict it.—Rev. D. Oglesby, in Chicago Express.

The Workingman Divorced from his Products.

But bear in mind that during all these centuries, while government after government has successively risen and fallen, private property in the means of production has been persistently upheld. The tools of production have been greatly multiplied and improved, so that the labor force expended in producing the necessities and luxuries of life has been greatly lessened. But at the same time, by reason of being dependent on the proprietorial class through divorcement from the means of

production, the laborer is but little if any better off today in respect to the necessities of life than the laborer of centuries ago. In no respect the laborer of today is in a better condition than formerly; that is, he is better educated by reason of the improved and cheapened means of gaining knowledge. And in this fact, and this alone, I see the hope of a grander, a more sublime, a more just and equitable, and a more scientific form of government being erected on the ruins of the present unscientific, barbaric, and unholy systems of government.—Spectator, Santa Cruz, Cal.

MY SOUL'S ANSWER.

I looked from out the grating
Of my spirit's dungeon cell,
And I saw the life tide rolling
With a sullen, angry swell;
And the battleships were riding
Like leviathans in pride,
And the cannon shots were raining
On the stormy human tide;
Then my soul looked up to God
With a woe-beforded eye—
Said the world, "This comes from
heaven!"
Said my soul, "It is a lie!"

I looked from out the grating
Of my spirit's dungeon cell,
And a sound of mortal moaning
On my reeling senses fell;
And I heard the fall of lashes,
And the clank of iron chains,
And I saw where men were driven
Like dumb cattle o'er the plains;
Then my soul in anguish wept,
Sending forth a wailing cry—
Said the world, "This comes from
heaven!"
Said my soul, "It is a lie!"

I looked from out the grating
Of my spirit's dungeon cell,
And I heard the solemn tolling
Of a malefactor's knell;
And I saw a frowning gallow,
Reared aloft in awful gloom,
And a thousand eyes were staring
At a felon's horrid doom;
And a sound of cruel mirth
On the wind was rushing by—
Said the world, "This comes from
heaven!"
Said my soul, "It is a lie!"

I looked from out the grating
Of my spirit's dungeon cell,
Where the harvest wealth was
blooming
Over smiling plain and dell;
And I saw a million papers,
With their faces in the dust;
And I saw a million workers
Slay each other for a crust.
Then I cried, "O God above!
Must Thy people always lie?"
Said the world, "This comes from
heaven!"
Said my soul, "It is a lie."
—Augustine J. H. Duganne.

Opinions From John Ruskin.

There is also a confused notion in the minds of many persons that the gathering of the property of the poor into the hands of the rich does no ultimate harm; since, in whosever hands it may be, it must be spent at last, and thus they think, return to the poor again. This fallacy has been again and again exposed; but grant the plea true, and the same apology may, of course, be made for blackmail, or any other form of robbery.

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The Corrupt Church.

There is no divinity in stones, and no
sanctity in colored sunshine;
The height of a church steeple does not
raise the morality of those beneath it;
The revelations of God are not to be
found in sleepy sermons or frenzied exhortations;

The sacred vigor of live men has nothing
in common with the sepulchral stillness
of churchly cloisters;

The living God of daily life is not to be
met in the dwelling place of the dead;

The new path of human duty winds not
among the tombstones of the cemetery;

The true religion is not taught in organ
voluntaries, or learned with closed eyes;

The machinery of divine providence is
not moved by a paid prayer;

The worth of a church's moral influence
does not depend upon its bank account;

The happy entrance into the next life is
not attained by a disregard of this one;

The religion of life has no relation to a
place of death.—LX.

Labor and the Church.

I have been looking up history and am
compelled to say, in all candor and truth,
I fail to find anything recorded in history
that the church has done for the workman
that would in any way entitle her to his
confidence or respect. During labor's
long struggle for justice and liberty the
church has made no effort in his behalf.
During the long reign of oppression and
tyranny in France, which culminated in a
bloody revolution, I fail to hear the voice
of the church raised in defense of the
workman. When four millions of workmen
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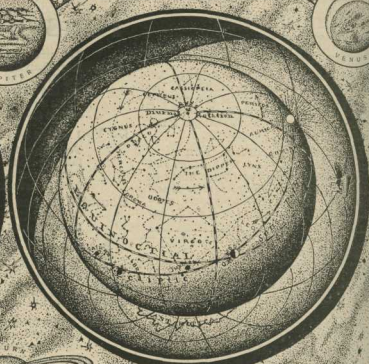
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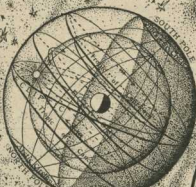
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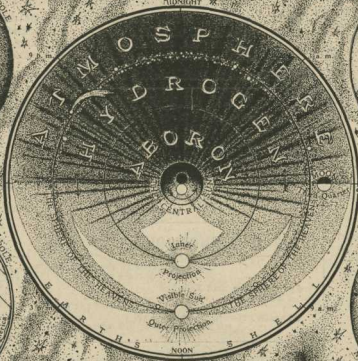
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