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# The Church of Ephesus

## ITS MISSION AND FUNCTION

### TO ALL KORESHANS, GREETING:

The Church of Ephesus organized by Victoria Gratia at St. Petersburg, Florida, on October 26th, 1919, is intended merely as a Court of Effort and Entry into the Church of Ephesus Triumphant, that will be inaugurated by the Messenger of the Covenant, when He appears as the Lord Cyrus (God's New Name) in His second appearing of the first coming of the Christ in this age; hence, it is temporary in character.

Its mission and function is to carry on the work during the period of transition from the Christian age into the Koreshan dispensation, as directed by Victoria Gratia, Pre-Eminent and Permanent Head of the Koreshan Unity; and thereby to "prepare the foundation of God's Kingdom in the earth." Our guide is the "written word" of Koresh, to which we are enjoined to adhere strictly at all times.

Koresh said: "The Battle of Armageddon is primarily in the Messenger of the Covenant, then in his church, and thence in the world." The reader will note that three phases are indicated here, in the progress of the Battle of Armageddon. (1) In the Messenger. (2) In his church. (3) In the world. The conflict ended in the Messenger at his death. The controversy will terminate in the Koreshan church when the Messenger appears as the Lord Cyrus to finish His work in the natural world, as will be explained in the analogy of the biologic battery.

All batteries must have positive and negative elements to comprise the positive and negative poles, and also a medium to render the battery operative.

In the biologic battery, the positive, or the Divine pole must comprise the personalities who are "principled in truths from the Lord." The negative or evil pole must constitute the personalities who are "principled in evil."

In every battery, the negative pole is the one that is consumed or destroyed. Therefore, the personalities who comprise the negative or evil pole of the biologic battery in the Koreshan church will be consumed or destroyed. That is, they will pass away or experience a change of heart, repent and be forgiven. The negative element will be burned out.

It is the Messenger and His message—science, knowledge, truth, is the element or force that renders the biologic battery active, and the truth will prevail.

Those who have assumed control of, and presume to shape the destiny of the Koreshan Unity (?) at Estero, believe, and claim that they comprise the positive or Divine pole of the biologic battery, while their life conduct and actions indicate the contrary.

By the authority vested in us by Victoria Gratia, the Divinely appointed Pre-Eminent and Permanent Head of the Koreshan Unity, that the Church of Ephesus comprises the positive or Divine pole of the biologic battery in the Koreshan Church during the transition period, at least until the Lord Cyrus comes.

The personalities who are to comprise the positive or Divine pole of the great biologic battery that is to bring about the theocrasis are not yet assembled in the natural world. This is the Order of the Golden Bowl, that the Lord Cyrus will bring together when He appears, according to the following excerpts from the "written word" of Koresh.

"We have declared a scientific discovery; namely, that in the near future there will be a translation of a group, at the center of which Elijah the Prophet will consume by theocrasis, that is, he will dissolve or dematerialize and thus communicate a fire to others, who by the thousands will pass away without the ordinary death of the body. This will be the conflagration or burning up of the world so long predicted. We not only declare this, but will proceed to organize (under the auspices of Divinity) the necessary biological grouping for the Consummation."—F. S., Dec. 1920, page 4.

"Preparatory to the manifestation of the Sons of God, the Order of Melchizedek, there is to be manifest a little group, etc., which is to flow into the central reservoir, into the initial focus and contort of dissolution and organic initiation, by which this group becomes one with the organic nucleus, precluding the possibility of its re-appearing in the form of immortality in the flesh, but in the Womanhood, etc. This highest condition signifies a greater attainment even, than the approach to the visible soulship! It demands greater sacrifices, greater love, greater devotion, greater separation from the tendencies of the mortal flesh. THIS IS THE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN BOWL, and its initiates are to be doubly consecrated to the provisions of the law as enunciated by the Messenger of the Covenant."

"The Conarium of the Universal Man is that group of which the Elijah of this age consti-