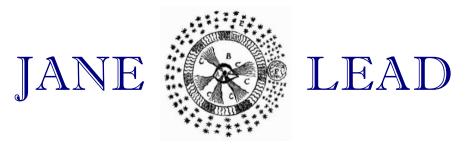


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The Wars of David and the Peaceable Reign of Solomon

Preface by Francis Lee, M.D.

[WD P:1] §.THE treatment which the former books of this Author have met with from her own native country, for the space now of about twenty years since they began here to appear, is such as might be enough indeed to discourage any attempt of this nature, and might have prevented the sending abroad, in these kingdoms, the two following divine and mystical treatises; so that they were like to have been the portion only of those foreign nations that desire them not a little, and know how to value them: had there not been the intervention of the hand of Providence, in a manner very extraordinary, to command them forth at this time, with a special excitement of the Holy Spirit to blow the trumpet yet louder and louder, and to try this adulterous nation once more, whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse.

[WD P:2] §. Whatever sinister suspicions we may before have of anyone, when they lie upon their death-bed we are willing to hear what they have to say, for or against themselves. The wills, not only of the good, but even of flagitious livers are regarded, and thought to be somewhat sacred; and the dying speeches of the worst of criminals, such as have utterly shipwrecked their credit, are not altogether slighted, but are looked into and searched after. How much more then ought we to look into and search after, and have an esteem for the dying declarations (and especially if they be more than ordinary) of persons that have been any whit singular and eminent in their lives, by having made a good profession before God and man against the general stream and torrent of the world? But if, moreover, the finger of God shall show itself, to give an honor to what is by them declared, will it not still be the more reasonable for us to make a sober and impartial inquiry into the subject of it?

[WD P:3] Now upon these considerations, what is here presented to the public may justly claim a serious scrutiny, and a fair examination from all manner of persons: who cannot but have their interest herein, if what is said be true; and if it be false to detect it. For though the Author (blessed be God) be yet living (being now aged 77 years), this will not in the least derogate from the authority of what is here delivered from her mouth, and written down with all faithfulness; as if the same were not to have the value of a dying declaration to all intents and purposes. Nay it ought to be greater;

forasmuch as it has pleased the mighty Conqueror over death, whose name is called The Word of God, to exert His power upon this occasion, in restoring and reviving that which drew near to corruption, and in bringing up from the gates of the grave: that it might be for a memorial of His glory and praise, and for an encouragement to many, unto whom this shall come, that they may believe, and be obedient to the Call that is now sounding in many (yea most) parts of Europe, and is not heard only in a corner.

[WD P:4] Now whereas there are several things in the *Journals* and in *other* writings of this Author before published, that have given offence to some persons of sincere intentions, and lovers of the truth, yet not set quite free from the traditions of men; she was pleased to declare to them that were about her in the time of her sickness, and in the greatest extremity of it, that though she knew herself to be an unworthy instrument, taken up by God out of His free and unbounding grace, yet she had endeavored to her utmost to be faithful to the Gift committed to her, and to discharge her trust, in delivering what she had received; which she did not doubt but He would vindicate, and go on to bless, as He had begun to bless already in several nations: and that she was certainly assured, by the testimony of Jesus her Lord, that the work which was in this Kingdom begun (howsoever contemptible it generally appeared) should never be stopped, but should prevail against all manner of oppositions, till His Holy and Peaceable Reign should be here fully established, according to all what she had had a prospect of in the Spirit, and what had been set forth for a public good, if not in this, yet in the approaching age. Many sweet admonitions at the same time, and encouragements to perseverance, without showing the least hesitation or doubt all the while, came from her with much power: and she expressed the greatest satisfaction to put off her vile tabernacle, and to be with the Lord; desiring to be dissolved for this end, and so to go to her Predecessors in the Faith, unless He had some further work to will and command her.

[WD P:5] §. In consideration of which, there can be no legitimate prejudice against the sincerity of the witness, or the validity of the testimony laid down in the following papers: and all the esteem that is usually paid to the most solemn and even dying words of persons of the strictest probity, is due to these. The books of this writer are (for the most part) to be simply looked on as narrations, and the value of them does not depend upon any other qualifications, but upon the credibility of the relator.

[WD P:6] Now greater proofs cannot be given of the integrity of a person, than what is here to be found; there being so little artifice used to put upon the world, as all her methods have been most strangely contrary to those of the world: of which numerous instances of her life might be given. Neither as to the ability or capacity of any person, in order to be a witness in such cases, are there more favorable presumptions to be found. She has had a long experience; has seen the miscarriages of many; has lived in much watchfulness and prayer day and night, all the years of her widowhood, since the year 1671; has had a longer course of observations, than would be enough to make one excellent in the most difficult and crabbed sciences, where there is but a disposition in nature; has kept as it were a calendar of these observations, and from year to year did make her calculations from the same, at the beginning of every New Year, so long as she had her eyesight; has been almost continually exercised under great temptations and oppositions, and been fighting the good fight of faith from her youth upwards; has been above threescore years called by God, after a manner more than ordinary, and to herself exceeding strange, as well as to others, unto a life which the world knows not, and cannot judge of; and has been above half the time under the more immediate and constant visitations of the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, as what has already been published does testify.

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[WD P:7] §.And it is to be observed that though she was baptized and educated in the Church of England, in which all the extraordinary stirrings of the Divine Spirit are too generally slighted, and by some blasphemed, it pleased the Wisdom of God more illustriously to break forth in the manner of her conversion, in the sixteenth year of her age: and so to give an evidence that the voice of the Eternal Word of God, speaking to souls in a distinct and sensible manner, is real and substantial, not imaginary; being to be distinguished by such, who cannot be supposed to have had any preconceived notions about it, but must have the prejudices of education directly against it, and all external motives not to attend to it.

[WD P:8] §. The sober and moral conversation in which she was nurtured was not sufficient to give her any rest, when this Voice spoke first to her: which was very suddenly and surprisingly. For it was in a time of great festivity, at the celebration of the Nativity of Christ (according to custom), with music and dancing in the house of her father, where was a concourse for that end of the gentry, when of a sudden grievous sorrow was darted as fire into her bowels, and she was made to consider that this was not the way to be conformed to Christ, or to remember His birth aright. And a soft whisper gently entered into her, saying, CEASE FROM THIS, I HAVE ANOTHER DANCE TO LEAD THEE IN; FOR THIS IS VANITY. Upon which she was as constrained to give over abruptly her dancing, and so presently withdrew herself from the company, retiring to consider of this *immediate Call*, which the Divine Spirit pursued so very hard, as after this she had no liberty to converse as formerly in the family, or to mind any concern of it: but was so wholly taken up in the consideration of her interior state, and of the one thing necessary, as to desert all things besides.

[WD P:9] Yet though her relations and acquaintance took great notice, and marveled much at what had happened, she diligently concealed the true cause from them all; excepting only a Chaplain in the house, who having some time afterward surprised her reading in his study, inquired into the matter, bade her to be of good courage, and to believe that God had some great good to bring about by all this conflict of soul she was in. It was so terrible, indeed, as nothing was able to give her any satisfaction or rest, or to ease her wounded spirit, that was struck through and through for having once persisted in a falsehood about a trifle; the sense of which continued upon her for the space of three years, with very great anguish and trouble, these words being very frequently brought before her: Whoever loveth and maketh a lie cannot enter into the New Jerusalem.

[WD P:10] The dreadfulness and horror of sin carried her down to the gates of Hell: and every little circumstance of its evil was continually presented to her mind, with all the possible aggravations thereof. And if this were but her beginning, what may we expect of her latter end? And if in the first conversion only of a soul to God, so great a dread there be, for having offended against the truth in but a trivial matter, how great of necessity must it be in the progress of that soul (if it should fall again so strangely), to offend against the truth more highly, more solemnly, and in matters of the very greatest importance? Surely this is no slight presumption for the validity of a testimony, which is given afterward in the most sacred form, and persisted in with the greatest constancy and cheerfulness, notwithstanding all kind of oppositions from the world and the Devil, as well as the flesh.

[WD P:11] Now it was in the nineteenth year of her age, when the light of the divine countenance, which to this time had been hid, began to shine upon her, and to bring her soul out of this state of obscurity and darkness, and out of the pains of Hell, that had taken hold upon her, feeling the arrows of the Almighty. And she was comforted with the sweet message of the free and superabounding love and grace of the most tender and merciful Father; and was so richly favored by her dear and blessed Mediator, as to receive at that time the Seal of her Absolution and assurance, in a manner very spe-

cial, there being presented to her in a vision the form of a pardon, with a seal to it; signifying that her transgressions were blotted out, and that she was Sealed by the Spirit, for the Promise of the Father; as a witness whereof a mighty gust and power of prayer was then given to her. And ever since she has been a trained soldier, under the discipline of the blessed Jesus, and the leadings of His Spirit: which is a Spirit trying the reins and the marrow, and that will not abide but with simplicity of heart, and truth in the inward parts. Let this suffice for the credibility of the evidence: for the present at least.

[WD P:12] §. Now as for the subject matter both of the one and the other treatise [Glory of Sharon], it is a divine call to prepare and fit ourselves against the greatest revolution to come upon the world that ever has been, with directions how we ought to behave ourselves in this wonderful crisis, and what shall be the success if we abide faithful and steadfast. The style and manner in which they are written, is not suitable to the genius of this polite age, and especially this nation. It is parabolical and emblematical, full of figurative speeches, and abrupt transitions, and so utterly strange, to the modern reformation of language from the stage, as it is not to be wondered that it pleases so few; but withal, such as it is, the power of God is the more manifested through it, and it wants not also a beauty and strength which is peculiar to it, and which would be very hard (if possible) to imitate.

[WD P:13] §. In the first treatise there are these things remarkable, viz: the General of the Army appearing upon a White Horse, in a triumphant manner; the trials, excuses, expostulations, and discipline of the person to whom He so appears; the Parable of the Mill, which is to supply the Army; the decree of the Heavenly Council, and proclamation of war; the Alarm for the gathering of a Priestly Host: how they are to be admitted into the Military Roll; that this is already opened in Heaven; the time, place, and persons for the rendezvous; an observation upon the continuance and success of this war; all the Soldiers enter into present pay; all that conquer are to win a crown; how they are disposed of that die in battle before their warfare is accomplished; the resurrection of the Spirit of Deborah, and prophesying in the Army; the discovery of Paradise, for the recovery of which the war is undertaken; the Heavenly Auxiliaries; the assurance of victory; the interest of all parties to join themselves with this Army; a description of the Auxiliaries riding on White Mules, with censers in their hands: and the effect of their appearance; being the first pitched battle.

[WD P:14] After this follows another *alarm* to battle; a prospect and promise of greater conquests; the discovery of the New Jerusalem, and repeated encouragements to fight for it; a letter from the King of this City to the Army; the counter-plotting of the Enemy; the communication of the Two Jerusalems; the allegory of Esther and Mordecai, and the wonderful success of the Children of Wisdom; how they are assisted by the four and twenty Throne-Elders, a gracious encouragement to perseverance; how they are visited by an Heavenly Host, and from them receive anointed shields; the Three Watches, and the great power that is given in the Third; some particular instructions to the Soldiers and Watchmen; the miraculous manner of the increase of this Holy Army; the Spies to this Army; the Seven Spirits of the Lamb; His Mark and Seal; the Proclamation of the Jubilee; the watchword; counsels and cautions to them that would obtain the benefit of it; the magical Rod of *Moses*, needful to the great approaching deliverance of the Captives; the due preparation of the Captives, in order to partake of the promised Jubilee; the blessing upon them; a threefold appeal, concerning the promises to Unbelievers, to Half-Believers, and to Believers.

[WD P:15] §.In the other treatise [Glory of Sharon] are to be observed the many and wonderful rewards of the Conquerors; the mighty powers of Faith; the blessed fruits of Love; the magnificent conversation of distant spirits; the Angelical generation and multiplication; the manner and progress of the replanting *Paradise*; the separation from the Earth; the Divine Cup which is the Spring of

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Understanding, the Fountain of Wisdom, and the light of Knowledge; the communication of the Priestly, Prophetical, and Royal Spirit; with an account of the court of the Prince of Peace, and some observations on His Ministers. All is calculated with a special regard to the *New Century* now upon its entering; and indeed all the writings of this Author do point out some great reformation of the Church, as very near the door; but carried on by an invisible power, and not by the wisdom or arm of flesh. And the substance of them all, as well as of these two, may be reduced to the following plain propositions, viz.

- 1. That *God* is no regarder *of persons*, but that whosoever truly fears Him, and seeks to do His will, in any tribe, profession, or religion, is accepted by Him; and that out of all the tribes, professions, and religions that are at this day over the whole world, He will gather to Himself an Holy and Peculiar People, to be as the Firstfruits of the Kingdom of His Son.
- 2. That the Promise of the Father concerning the gift of the Holy Spirit was never determined to place or time: but that it was extended universally to as many as should believe throughout all the ages of the Church.
- 3. That this Spirit blows were it lists, and is not controllable by the wisdom or power of man.
- 4. That Regeneration in man is the work of the Spirit, and that man ought only to cease from the activity of his own will therein, and to seek to become wholly passive to the Divine Operation.
- 5. That in the process of Regeneration, there is a conformity to the blessed Jesus, as to the Great Exemplar: and that the several degrees hereof are as so many steps to the Kingdom of God.
- 6. That this Kingdom consists in perfect righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost: and in the renovation of the whole man, spirit, soul and body.
- 7. That this Kingdom shall comprehend the utmost ends of the Earth, by virtue of an everlasting decree: and that Christ, as He is the Second Adam, is the Head and Representative of the whole human nature.
- 8. That not only the justice, but also the mercy of God is over all His works: and that as the one is not confined to this short life, so also not the other; but that they may both endure forever.
- 9. That Christ, as He is Heir of all things, will lose nothing that is His right, or that the Father has given Him: and that therefore of His Kingdom there shall be no end, but all creatures, whether in Heaven or in Earth, or under the Earth, shall be made to submit themselves to Him, and to bow the knee.
- 10. That the Times of Restitution are now about beginning; and that there is a Voice at present in the Wilderness, crying, *That the Kingdom of Heaven upon Earth is at hand.*

[WD P:16a] §.And moreover it is to be remarked, in order to a right understanding both of these and of all such books, that they generally turn upon these suppositions:

- 1. That beside the literal sense of the Scriptures, there is frequently a mystical one also.
- 2. That it is not enough to believe the Death or Resurrection of Christ, without bearing the marks of them in ourselves; And,
- 3. That the operations of the Divine Spirit, and the openings of the Kingdom of Christ, are successive and gradual.

[WD P:16b] Which being well understood, there will be no great difficulty found in the reading of these, or any other treatises of the same author. This was thought necessary to premise for caution to the Readers, that so they may apply what they read to some of those general propositions, or interpret her by one or other of these principles, and be careful not to wrest the same to their own condemnation. For as it is very dangerous to be imposed upon in matters of this nature, so is it no less dangerous to impose on ourselves, by perverting anything from and against the original design: and more dangerous to judge definitively in a case that does not properly fall under our judicature and cognizance; lest haply we may be found to be fighters against the Spirit of God, when we think it not.

[WD P:17] All that is here presented is virtually an appeal to the Sovereign Judge; to whom it belongs to authorize or condemn that which is sent forth as in His Name: and He will not suffer judgment to be wrested out of His hands. For the work of every person shall shortly be made manifest: And the day is at hand which shall declare it by the revelation of fire; wherein the Children of the Kingdom shall be purified in the first place. And though there will be found among all of these some hay and stubble to be burnt up; yet the precious materials will hereby suffer no loss, but will appear so much the more radiant; and all that is established upon the foundation of the Rock—Christ (who ceases not still to follow His True Israel in the Wilderness)—shall abide in the furnace, and overcome the flames.

[WD P:18] The consideration of S. Ambrose may be enough, I think, to strike terror into us, and to teach us to be sober in judging: who, after speaking of that Fiery Baptism, whereby all iniquity shall be consumed and the righteous shall shine as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father, said, Omnes oportet probari, &c. "All must be tried by the fire," whoever desires to return to Paradise: all must pass through the flames, whether it be that John the Evangelist, whom the Lord so loved as to say concerning him to Peter, If I will that he tarry till he come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me. Concerning his death some have doubted; concerning his passage through the fire we cannot doubt. Whether it be that *Peter* who received the Keys of the Kingdom, he must also say, we have passed through the fire. He is tried as silver: I shall be tried as lead: till all the lead vanishes I shall burn." And again he said—"With fire shall all the children of Levi be purified, with fire shall Ezekiel, with fire shall Daniel, etc. be purified. Woe is me if my work burn, and I suffer the loss of my labor: and if the Lord save His servants, they shall be saved by faith, yet so saved as by fire; and if we shall not be burnt up, yet we shall be burnt." Also he said farther—"There is only one who could not feel this fire, even He who is the righteousness of God, Christ."

[WD P:19] Wherefore for as much as the Day of this fiery trial is at hand, which has been spoken of, both by this and by many others of the ancient Holy Fathers, and has been also mentioned in many places of the writings of this our Author, let us every one seek to prepare ourselves according to the Word of our Lord, to watch that this Day overtake us not unawares, and to hold out in the warfare of Faith and Love, without wavering: and especially to take heed that we judge not, that we may not be judged; but that we leave judgment to whom judgment belongs, who in righteousness does judge and make war, and out of whose mouth goeth a sharp sword, with which He will smite the nations, and rule them with a Rod of 1ron, who refuse to submit to His Golden Scepter. And it is hoped, that what is here delivered, may be an excitement to some, yea to many, to prepare themselves accordingly, to love the Lord Jesus, and to believe the Promise of His Coming: to live the life of faith, according to the pattern in the Mount; and to love one another even as He has loved us: that so the beauty of the primitive Philadelphia may break forth, and the glory of the apostolical Jerusalem may shine out, in the Spirit and Name of the Everlasting Father; that all nations may go up together to the House of the Lord, and that this nation in particular may be as the Garden of Sharon.—Amen, Amen.

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[WD P:20] §.It is here thought proper to advertise, that this Preface was sent to the press without the advice, consent, or privity of the dear Author: and without the excitement, or so much as the knowledge of any one soul whatever, beside him who now holds this pen; and who is without all aims and ends, but the Divine Glory.

The world is crucified unto me And I unto the world.

§.The WRITER of the above is said to be Dr. Francis Lee, at whose expense principally the whole of this Author's valuable works were published, and it was him who brought forth her Diary in three volumes, and entitled it A Fountain of Gardens.

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ALARM

TO THE

Lamb's Holy Warriors

TO FIGHT HIS BATTLES,

In the Power, and Might of that Spirit, that shall go on Conquering and to Conquer, till the Peaceable Reign of Christ shall take place, and be Established on the Earth.

Which is,

PART ONE OF

The Wars of David and the Peaceable Reign of Solomon

By Jane Lead

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And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a White Horse, and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in Righteousness He judges and makes war. And the armies which were in Heaven followed Him upon White Horses, clothed with fine linen, white and clean. (Rev. 19:11, 14)

An Alarm to the Lamb's Holy Warriors

Introduction

[AL I:1] I have given some account in this tract of the jeopardy that my outward and natural life appeared to be in, which after the manner of Hezekiah has received a reprieve as from the sentence of death, which I judged expedient to give some account—not only for my own particular memorial, but for the information and benefit of others, that may be brought into a like condition as to their Elementary part. I have had the experience that where GOD has any further use and service for the organical man to do or perform, His power is at hand to strengthen and renew those weak and feeble stakes of the mortal life, according to the purpose of His own will; as knowing further what was to be brought forth, by so meek and inconsiderable an instrument to be employed herein, as a Trumpet to sound the Alarm for the Holy Warriors, to be gathered together from all parts, and out of all nations and tribes, wherever they lie scattered and hidden. For as it is a spiritual war, so none but those that are lovers and waiters, and zealous for the appearance and coming of the Lord's Kingdom, can be engaged in it.

[AL I:2] Here will be no requiring of the persons to appear outwardly, but to meet together in one spirit, holding in their hands the Bow of Faith, and from the center of the heart, sending forth fervent and all-powerful prayers, that may prevail to overcome that great Usurper and Monopolizer, that has till now engrossed what of right belongs to the LAMB and His Adherents. But now there is a Heavenly Call and summons, in such an extraordinary day and time as is now approaching, for these valiant and worthy Battlers to appear, each one in their own precinct and station; for they must well know that the Kingdom must be taken, all by spiritual force, from out of the hands of the King and Prince of this World. So go on, O high spirited souls, nothing fearing nor fainting; because you have the great commanding Champion, that will be your General and Leader, till the mighty powers shall be subdued under you.

[AL I:3] §. For know that there is now moving and stirring up the Spirit of David, that will not fear to meet the great Goliath, that has put on the armor of daring defiance, and disdaining the Spirit of Faith, because there is nothing of a visible strength that appears. But out of the unseen bag will fly that sling stone of power, that shall cause this great champion to reel and fall. This is the only way to gain the Kingdom as David did, through true and undaunted valiantness, as a precedent to encourage such as shall be moved hereunto in this present age. It is not to cease or stop till it has made way for the great Solomon's Reign, which may renew again in great splendor and glory, in more abundant peace and plenty, when the Eternal Virgin shall open her bank and store, to give rewards first to these Holy Warriors.

[AL I:4] §. For this nothing more is required but to wait and watch at her several Gates, till the Key of David shall be given to the patient holders-out, that will not think much or grudge, though there may be at present some delay; which in the proving time many will be in hazard to fall away. But a thousand degrees of blessing will surely come upon those who have received the Mark of the true Philadelphian fold; that in Love's Golden Chain are inviolably united together, to abide and bear up until the Hour of Temptation be over-passed: that so they may enter into the possession of Love's Reign, which will first open and begin from the first gathering, which may be so small as to appear contemptible. But know that it will be as that Stone cut out of the mountain without hands, that shall make all other mountains to melt and bow before it, and worship at the feet of Him, who is the Great Shepherd of this Little Flock: whose pleasure it will be to make them joint Heirs, to possess with Him the same Kingdom and glory which the Father has given to Him.

[AL I:5] §. This is only what I have to commend and leave with you as a sure word of prophecy. Let it be a sufficient motive, that you may fight the good fight of faith, watching, waiting, and praying in the Spirit with her, who in that Love and Unity that burns Everlasting in the Bush of Christ's humanity, shall rest ever known to be in the same fellowship with you,

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SDV Note: The paragraphs in this short treatise were already numbered by Mrs. Lead, and were therefore left as is. However, Mrs. Lead's longer paragraphs are broken down into more manageable portions and are suffixed, i.e. [AL 7a], [AL 7b], etc.

PART I

Some special observations and openings, in reference to the distempers I passed through in the Elementary body, from the 10th of October, 1699.

A Signal Deliverance from the Angel of Death

[AL 1] §. The first part of this illness seemed to play upon my vital part, as if a sentence were passed for departure out of the body, to which I was resigned and made free to yield up thereto. And as I was debating and preparing for it, after some natural rest, as soon as awakened out of it, there appeared a White Horse, with a Bright Clarified Body riding upon it, calling me to mount up and sit behind him. And I found myself immediately raised up accordingly, putting my arms about him, who having a Bow in his hand, bid me lay my hand upon it, to draw with his hand; of which flew a Bright Arrow down to the Earth, where there lay many black shades or figures. These represented the Shadows of Death, which this Arrow made to fly away; the Horse and the Rider treading down all dark powers under him. Then was it said, Victory, victory to them who can sit the Horse of Power and draw the Bow of Faith, which will make all the dark ghosts of death to fly away! Then immediately upon this vision shutting up, I found myself greatly relieved, and my faintings in spirit passed away.

[AL 2] §.But then three days after this, another onset I had, of a very dolorous pain in my head, teeth, and face, which put all out of course and order in the body. This gave me much exercise and proving, in reference to what I had so lately seen of a deliverance; recollecting and making reflection, that after so many excitements to bear up in the Faith, through which might be an overcoming of the malignancy of the Stars and Elemets, I should be exposed yet to lie under the dominion and power of them. This caused a great war and mutiny in the bodily part, being attended with a feverish distemper, that might very easily have released the imprisoned soul out of the decayed body. And truly many expostulations did arise in me, so that I said with Elijah, Lord what am I better than my progenitors, that were Elders in the Faith, who prophesied of the glorious Kingdom of Christ to come: but yet died in the faith of it, not seeing or possessing it themselves? So making it parallel with my own state (GOD having taken me up as an organ, through which many weighty and wonderful manifestations of the secret things of GoD have passed, that may be reserved for their fulfilling part, beyond what is the limit of my outward life), I endeavored to pacify and reconcile myself to whatever I felt in the sensitive part, under the dominion of the jarring Elements, which gave me great longing therefrom to be unclothed, and set free from this Body that was such a depression of my superior life and spirit, and which prevented me the free use of my super-sensual faculties.

[AL 3] §. Then said I, Lord! of what service can I be, or what good can my life do me, while I am such a dry unprofitable tree, as one worn out in the body by reason of my so great age? And as I was complaining, and spreading this in prayer to my LORD, I received this reply, O where is your faith? Why still so slow to believe what is to be beyond all sensible feeling of old age with its infirmities? Is there not another age that I have set before you, which you are to keep your aim and eye upon,

from the time and date in which you were born into my Spirit? You are now to mind how short you are from coming up to that good old age and eldership, in the spiritual humanity, and full grown body of my strength and power, which is to have its increase, though you may have some humblings by the other, in its decay and decrease; which yet must not weaken the force and power of the Springing and Growing Lily of Faith, though it stand in the midst of a thorny ground: an overtopping of all which from the deepest fund of your GoD shall still make it spring and live.

[AL 4] §. Now for a further confirmation, there was a representation set before me of a Bright Crystalline Mill, that stood as it were upon a Mountain, in a very clear and serene air, where it had sails of a silver brightness. And a Door was opened therein, with an invitation to me and some others to ascend, whose spirits were made free, to draw off from the common walks of the inhabitants of the world. And entering there, we did find precious Golden Grains, said to be from the Paradisical Ground, which were here to be ground down, so to make Heavenly Manna Bread; which was to be provision for those that were separated from the Earthly stores to live upon, the increase of this Meal that should never fail. For so long as the Holy Wind from the Eternal Element should still stir these sails about, then should be a fresh grinding, and so the renewed Fruits of Faith should be for the sustaining and strengthening of the Birth of CHRIST, till it should arrive to its full maturity.

And the Word was added, Suffer the Grains of Faith to be under the Grinding Mill, that they may make up such a pure mold: for thereinto the pure Leaven of the Deity shall pass, and so make up most celestial and savory meat; which shall be Angelical Food for all such as shall yield themselves up, even those Just and Perfect Ones that live upon Faith. Therefore the concluding Word was, You must not think much to have your faith ground down, tried and proved.

The Alarm and Calling Forth the Soldiers

Now follows a Call and Summons from the Lord God of Hosts, to the Lamb's Holy Warriors, to fight His battles in the power and might of that Spirit, which shall go on conquering, and to conquer.

[AL 5a] §. After this I had a summons, as hearing there was a Council of War to be called in the Heavens, in order to the raising of a Spiritual Army, that were to fight the Lamb's Battles under CHRIST their Great General. For His Kingdom, that has been so long expected to come upon the Earth in dominion and sovereignty, could no otherwise be brought down over this lower principal where the Beast and Dragon have so long had their reign, but by the force of Spiritual Warriors. For till now many ages and times have run out, and nothing is effected of the recovery of the Lamb's right, of His Kingdom in His Saints. But now, as I was lamenting the dismal state that all the faithful did lie under, this Word came to me, "That there was a Decree Sealed, for the raising up such a Mighty and Invisible Army, as shall fight valiantly, till they have overcome and regained that possession, which of right belongs to Him who is the King over all regions, or worlds, whether in the heights above or here below." This was said to me to be a New Method, which had not yet been taken, which was the cause that it has been so long protracted.

[AL 5b] Much has been spoken, and there have been many calls to the exercise of these Spiritual Weapons: and many have put on the Armor, but put it off again before they had gained the victory; being apt to faint or grow weary, meeting with so hard and so strong a contest from that potent Prince of the Air, with all his numerous legions. But it was said to me, Be of good comfort; for his day is expiring: for behold there is a Priestly Host that is to come forth out of GOD'S Tabernacle, who shall be clothed with the Fiery Breath of the Holy Ghost. No rumor or noise, as in the outward hostile way,

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shall be heard here. For all these Spiritual Weapons shall be invisibly exercised, so as to do execution upon the violators and oppressors of the LORD'S heritage; which set themselves in battle array, for the maintaining their own kingdom in vanity and pomp, and Earthly glory—all which will be scattered by these powers, so strongly bending against them, that they themselves shall be amazed, and confess there is no dealing with, or standing out against these mighty Hosts of the LORD. With whom is the Flaming Sword, proceeding out of their mouths, and the motto that they bear upon their breast is, *THE ETERNAL WORD that gains the victory by His own blood.* Thus the lifted-up standard shall be mounted up so high, as to cast a dread upon all the armies of the *aliens*, that will run and fly therefrom. Then heard I this Word, *O blessed and highly honored shall all those be, that shall offer and enlist themselves under the Great General, in this Royal and Holy Army*.

[AL 6a] §. Upon this, some queries I put forth to that dawning called the Light, that environed my understanding in such a marvelous and mysterious way, asking, *How, when, and upon whom this lot should fall, to be called forth to fight for the LORD's Diadem Crown, to be shown here upon the Earth?*

How they are Called

[AL 6b] §. The manner *how* is thus prescribed: First they are to be brought up and qualified in *Wisdom's* School, trained up in the Divine Skillfulness, in the use of principal instruments, and engines of the Spiritual War, for which there is cause enough. For all her children must first commence war against what within themselves is so repugnant and opposing, to the full possession of the Love and Peaceable Kingdom of the Prince and Lord of Life, wherein they must expect to meet with strong encounters. But as they obey and follow the rules of their Captain Leader, the conquest will be obtained. Further, these Holy Warriors are to be qualified with Love and Amity, so as not to push against or wound each other, all agreeing on this one point, to fight for their LORD and Master's right. Such as are found in this spirit shall not want an endowment with power, whereby they shall prevail; as they have overcome all within them, so also outwardly and visibly, fulfilling that prophecy, that by the *Iron Rod* the Nations should be subdued under them.

The Time of this Call

[AL 7] §. Now as to the time *when*, it is not to be put as a day afar off; but the time is present, and is already begun in some that are known and registered in the Heavens, and shall from a little number increase to a Full Body.

The Persons Chosen

[AL 8] §. Then as to that part, *Upon whom the lot shall fall:* They are to be considered as yet dispersed and scattered, and cannot come forth and appear until they are awakened by the Mighty Trump from the Lord of Hosts, that shall sound in their inward ear; whereby they will be alarmed to put and gird on their Spiritual Armor. And they shall know their place of rendezvous, where they shall meet altogether in Spirit: so pitching their tents upon that Rock of Strength, so impregnably that the Nations' hearts shall melt before them, and as *Senacherib's* Army, be made to fly. So dreadful will be the going forth of this *Angelical Army*, so that not by outward might or strength, but by the Spirit of the Lord shall all be made to fall under. And through the continual presence of the Eternal Ark, deliverance shall be wrought out.

The Kingdoms of David and Solomon

[AL 9] §.A further query may be, How long this War may be expected to continue? The determinated end is foreknown to God alone. But it is ascertained that there is a time prefixed when David's Wars shall cease, and Solomon's Reign shall begin and increase; that throughout the whole Earth there may be rest and peace. The Reins of this Government shall abide throughout all Generations.

Motives for Entering Upon the Holy War

[AL 10] §. Now some *motives* were given to me for the encouragement of this Holy Soldiery. The first was that they should enter into a present pay, which should come out of Wisdom's Store and Bank, who would command for them a Peculiar Dowry, as they are called forth for this Divine Militia service. Being taken off from all other employ, supplies of another kind should be conferred upon them, so great, so weighty, so wonderful, as none can know but those that receive them. For then the Mystery of *Faith* will begin to work its wonders and marvelous deeds, when it has had its pass under the Grinding Mill that has been made mention of. Then the Divine Magia will open, and work to those high degrees that shall usher in the immense glory of CHRIST'S Kingdom.

[AL 11] §. Another motive, was that every particular Warrior here, who shall faithfully abide, and hold out in this Holy Battle, should conquer and obtain a Crown and a Kingdom, each one for themselves; and that not only future, but present upon the Earth, as substituted under their great King and General.

[AL 12] §.But an objection here may arise, Whether all that have engaged as Battlers, for the recovery of their Lord's and their own Kingdom, shall escape the Mortal Death—For if not, how can they come to reign as Kings upon the Earth? §.It is thus answered that many of those that are engaged in this Spiritual Warfare may die the Natural Death, and yet before this may have made a fair progress, and enjoyed much of the Kingdom, and bid high for the full Crown, but dying in the Faith thereof, shall not lose their reward. For they shall enter into the Joy of their Lord, and be kept in His Hand, in order to their return again with Him in His Personal Glory, to begin the reign anew with Him upon the Earth.

[AL 13] §.It was further declared that in this Holy Warfare there would be some eminently endowed with the Spirit of Prophecy, whereby they should know the event of all their engagements, and what success they might expect; as in the Battle against Sisera, wherein Barak and the Princes of the Tribes that went with him to war, were strengthened, directed, and encouraged by the Spirit of Deborah, after they had offered themselves willingly to the help of the Lord against the mighty. This figures out that mighty potentate, the Man of Reason; which by that Holy Weapon, the Hammer of Faith, must be nailed down to that outward and Earthly principle to which it belongs. Then the Triumphant Song of this victorious overcoming shall be sung by the Prophetical Spirit. These conquerors shall still go on to maintain their ground; and as new invasions shall be made upon them, and the Floods of the Dragon be still cast out, then will that GLORIOUS VIRGIN (mentioned in Rev. 12.) begin to appear, as the Sun shining in its strength; that has been long travailing for the bringing forth of this Mighty Monarch, which is the product of all the exercises of the Spiritual Weapons, and all the wrestlings of the Holy Warriors in faith and prayer; that they might see this King of Nations brought forth, to whom the Scepter and Rod of Dominion shall be given.

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[AL 14] §.In order to this, all the Supercelestial Planets shall circle about in their course, till the Land of *Paradise* shall be found out, which for so many ages has been under an hiding and obscurity; which is prepared for these Holy Warriors, who by their mighty Lord and General shall find entrance here: which none can do but those that have passed through all the Degrees of *Faith's* Mighty Race. For though attempts may be made by unprepared and undisciplined soldiers, to enter into the Gates hereof, yet they shall be locked out by those Angels that stand as keepers of them, by that Key that opens only to the believing, in whom the Love works so high as to cast out all fear.

[AL 15] §.I shall now conclude with this prophetical saying: Behold your King comes, the King of Glory, with His Heavenly Armies, that shall join their forces and powers with the Holy Warriors here upon Earth, to take vengeance on all those that have usurped the Dominion and Kingdom from Him, whose right it is (in His Saints) to reign. And though none of those Armies shall appear to the Visible Eye, yet in the Mount of the Lord they shall be seen, from which the face of covering shall be drawn away. Then as *Elisha's* Servant, they shall see this Holy Place all filled and covered with the Chariot Powers, going forth in the Ghostly Might, that shall smite on this hand and on that hand; so that the enemies shall all blinded be, and nothing more of their way see, to besiege this Holy City and Camp of the Living God. To them a New Song of triumphant victory shall be given; that the field is won, and the Kingdom of our God is come. And now the Everlasting Gates are opened, where shall be a free pass for the Holy Overcomers, where they shall sit down and rest in the possession of the vast glories, and riches and treasures, as the beginning of the New *Jerusalem* state: all of which is to encourage to go on to fight the Lord's Battles.

[AL 16] §.To this end this Trumpet from the Heavenly World was sounded, to gather them together out of all nations, languages, and people, though never so much dispersed, in the unity of the Spirit: where they all stand upon immoveable ground in their due ranks and orders, carried on all in a Spiritual and Mystical way: not fearing to jeopardize all that is temporal, cruel, and Earthly, for the love they bear their Lord, and the desire they have to see Him exalted in His Kingdom, Reign and Dominion upon the Earth; that they with Him, and He with them, may possess both the Upper and the Nether Regions, in those joys and pleasures that shall know no end. Even so, let it come to pass by Him, who is the *Yea* and *Amen*.

PART II

The First Engagement of the Holy Army **NOVEMBER 9, 1699**

[AL 17] §. This morning, according to the foregoing Word of Prophesy, there was presented to my view a certain number of figures riding upon White Mules, with Golden Censors, sending up a Smoky Perfume; which rose up to a Fiery Flame; which drew down many Bright Flaming Figures, as descending out of the Heavens. Upon inquiry it was shown to me that these should be the Prevailing Army, that by their strong cries and supplications should effect and bring forth deliverance to the groaning and oppressed in Sion. Therefore this summons was sent forth to the Holy Warriors, to engage herein without delay, and to come together to hold up their hands unweariedly, staying them upon the Two Golden Studs of Faith and Love. And thus the conquest should be obtained; not by outward strength, but by power, spirit, and might; by which spirit Joshua commanded the Sun not to go down till the enemies were all made to fly before him; so should the Everlasting Sun give its light in a Sevenfold Degree, till there should be an Overcoming: First in each one in themselves; and then by this they should expel and overthrow what is opposite to the Reign and Kingdom of our *Immanu*el. This was shown me should be the present and first pitched battle, after which there might be some rest, but still keeping their ground, expecting there might be new onsets. But as they shall continue to hold out in holy bravery, wonderful things shall be effected by this Holy Army, that yet is concealed.

The General's Speech and Instructions November 29, 1699

[AL 18] §. Having finished our course of our more sequestered days of waiting, to the Number of Seven Times Seven, and Three Times Three, at the end thereof I inquired of my Lord what further of His mind was to be known by us; Whose Spirit replied in me: Think not that here you are to stop or stand. For the Measuring Line is still stretched out upon you, to lead you deeper, wherein you shall find your True Rest, by the descent of your New Jerusalem Mother, which will open her Bright Glance distinctly in each individual spirit; whereby a Peaceable Habitation shall be known, so that the noise of the Warriors shall not here molest. For I heard this acclamation of joy sound, saying: The Circle of Peace shall descend and surround upon these Holy Waiters, that they may attend with all sereneness and calmness, till the Tabernacle of God shall come down, and therefrom mightily empower to act and work, in order to the maintaining of the dominion and reign, in the Appearance of the Lamb that was slain: He that was dead and is alive again.

[AL 19] §. The Word opened thus further in me: I shall put no other burden upon you, but that you hold fast the Word of my counsel: Which is to abide, and not start aside till you are endued with all those Ghostly Powers, as the present occasion requires. Then shall you know, you are in that Boundless Circle, into which neither the Dragon, nor any of his adherents shall be able to break, to annoy, or hurt. Then was added this Word, Blessed are those that are found watching and waiting, till the Lord shall appear in the full power of His Godhead, to magnify His own Kingdom, and maintain the right thereof above all kingdoms of the world. Even so come Lord Jesus, and make good all of your

faithful sayings, to the joy and praise both of the Jerusalem above, and of that beneath. For which waiting in all obedience, we acquiesce in your will herein.

The Joining of the Two Armies December 10, 1699

[AL 20] §.As upon the mount-watch I was taken up in my spirit, I heard a soft whispering voice, as from the Higher Sphere. It was directed to the Lamb's Battlers, that had fought the good fight of Faith, whether near or remote: To you is the Salutation of love, with approbation and kind acceptation, in that you have so valiantly held out. Now nothing more is required, but that you rest in the Bosom-Joy of your True Native Mother, there draining out the all-nourishing Spirit of Life. So shall you become White as Nazarites, to receive and entertain your Glorified King and Bridegroom, with His Holy Virgin Train, that have been touched with those Fiery Sparks of your love, that have prevailed for their descent; so to concur and operate with you in the united powers of their spirits for help and aid, as seeing you have great need for such extraordinary strength and assistance.

[AL 21] §.For it is well seen in the Upper World, that it is now as it was in the days of *Esther* and *Mordecai*, which represent the Royal Seed and Free Born of the New *Jerusalem* Mother, that are scattered here and there as captives in the Babylonish land; against which many plots and conspiracies have been hatched, to break and cut them off, that they might be no more a Peculiar Holy People upon the Earth. This being figured out to me, that upon the breaking forth of this more sublime Dispensation of the Spirit (as relating to the Children of *Wisdom*, who had been taking in the deep sense thereof), a consultation was to be held in the *Mordecai* and *Esther* Spirit, as to what was to be done to still the Enemy and the Avenger, that is so enraged and embittered against the Children that are taken up into the bright and glorious appearance of CHRIST's Kingdom. And it was given out by way of advice, that there was a Fairway opened for such as waited in *Wisdom's Temple*, because of that affinity and favor through espousal to the Great and Mighty King, which rules over all worlds and spirits; that after their time of Sequestration and Dedication, and Fasting from all mortal things, they might adventure to make their address from the *Jerusalem* Court below to the *Jerusalem Court* above: presenting their petitions, and showing the danger that this young planted Spring of a Spiritual *Lebanon* was in, to be rooted out by subtle foxes.

[AL 22] §. This was presented in the *Esther* Spirit, and was graciously accepted by the Most High Lofty One, with this gracious answer and assurance: That all fury and despite of this kind should be overturned and quelled, so that all whatever the Dark Prince of this world has decreed, should be controlled and made void; though the Dark Mystery of *Babylon* might for a little season be permitted to work, till the Light and Divine Mystery shall rise in its might and victory.

[AL 23] §.In order to which, this Word of Promise was given: That the *Mount Sion* Orb should open, and out of it a Heavenly Host should come. And in special was noted the number of Four and Twenty Elders, that should come down from the Lamb's Throne, to influence and empower the Holy Waiters, that are found in the stillness and passiveness of the Spirit of Faith; and all Deliverance and Redemption, both inwardly and outwardly, should be wrought out, without noise or sound. It was further said to me, *Now wait and expect that all this shall be performed to you in certainty. But you are not to reckon your attendance to be bound up to Time's Calendar here; for you are entered into the New Jerusalem sphere, where boundless glories and powers shall meet you as you persevere.*

The Heavenly Watchers

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[AL 24a] §. About three o'clock in the morning, I was awakened with a sound as of many voices, harmonizing together as in One Voice saying: Arise; Up to your Watch Tower. For there is a Great Day that is drawing near, for expectation of what is ensuing upon and after the opening of the 1700th Year, which belongs to, and is to be understood only by those that have passed the First and Second Watch, and are entering upon the Third; as the break of a New Springing Morning, that shall rise brighter and lighter, till the whole Earth shall be filled. For many Stars shall arise out of this Orb in order hereunto, and go forth and appear, to lead the way into Wisdom's all-plenteous and Blissful Land.

[AL 24b] As I was considering these voices, where they sounded from, I had a sudden glance of light broke forth, and saw Numerous Figures appearing in Shining Garments of a Silver Brightness, with Golden Shields on their breasts, and Vials of Golden Oil in their hands. And in a silent inquiry of my mind as to what these were, it was answered: "They are Holy Watchers sent down from the Heavens, to pour out the Consecrated Oil into those Vessels that were Sanctuary-Proof, that so they might be enabled to hold out the *Third Watch*, with those of the Higher Order." It was further noted to me that, "Some persons and families that were found under this Vow of Consecration and Watchful Sequestration, their high faith should unite with all, and secretly assist and support their hands to hold out the Probation-Hour." For it was said to me: "That must of necessity be, before the mighty deeds and works, that are to usher in the great dominion of Christ's Kingdom, can be brought forth."

The Third Watch

[AL 25] §. Then I was further informed that the First Two Watches that I and my fellow watchers had passed through, were preparative for the Third, by Centers of Light, and Revelation, and Prophecy breaking open. And that this Third Ward and Watch belonged to the Father's Appearance; for a special empowering, and opening Himself within the Center of the Soul, as a Deep Gulf and perpetual Flowing Fountain, of all variety of gifts and powers. For which the mediatorial power in CHRIST the LORD, in answer to the cries and petitions that have been put up, interposes with the Father: He knowing that there would be but little advance of His Kingdom, so long as His Saints upon Earth wore the Clothing of a mean and Contemptible Figure, in impotency, poverty, and subjection to the spirit of this world, which is indeed the shame of their nakedness.

Rules for the Watchers of the Inferior Army

[AL 26a] §. Now these following rules were prescribed to such persons as had obeyed the summons to be the LORD'S Warriors, and had engaged themselves in the fight of faith, till they should overcome all those contrary powers and forces, that should put a stop to the reign and dominion of CHRIST'S Kingdom. Those are now called to the Third Watch, as seeing the Morning Break from the Cloudy and Dark Night.

[AL 26b] §. Now the First rule, is to put on a resolution not to go off from the Watch, till some extraordinary appearance of the working and acting powers shall open from the Center of the Deity, as it lies hid in the Essence of the Soul; out of which Eternal Nature must be raised and recovered again, to bring forth a New Created Form, after the similitude of the Triune GOD Himself, according to its Virgin Nativity in Christ the Firstborn, both of the First and Second Creation.

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[AL 26c] §.Now, that this may not be prevented in its Rising All-Powerful Body, this counsel and direction was given (as the *Second rule*): That there must be a sinking and dying away out of the Creaturely Life and Being, which consists of all the degenerated properties, that have estranged and banished us from that Living Principle of *Light* and free Liberty, in which man was first created. And which no way is to be recovered again, but as the deepest deep of the Uncreated Word, shall come to spring as a Seed of Life, renewedly sown in *Nature's* Ground. This is the Eternal Word and Seed of *Faith* that must exclude and bind down all that would put forth from the Rational and Sensitive Nature. This First Husband must expire, before there can be a true Matrimonial Tie with the LORD, that is Risen out of that Body, wherein He was subjected to all the evil occurrences that the fall of man brought forth; which He passed through, as bearing the weight and burden of our sins, that by His conquest we might be set free.

Motives and Encouragements

[AL 27a] §.Upon this internal speech of the Spirit conferring, it was further expressed, Who would not be willing to enter upon this Third Watch-Gate; there to wait in a Silent Deep, till this Resurrection-Marriage may be consummated? For by this Nuptial Union with the LORD, nothing less may be expected but the fullness of the Godhead to bring forth its own increase, incorporating with the Pure Virgin Humanity, which is Christ in us; from whom all Fruitful Gifts and Powers of the Holy Ghost must unavoidably be brought forth, which will show another Day of Pentecost, more durable, lasting, great, and wonderful. And as the Apostles had power to transfer the Holy Ghost by Laying on of Hands, so it will be Renewed from those that are of this First Resurrection-Union of Life with CHRIST; who shall produce Births of the Holy Ghost, by way of Spiritual Impregnation, in those who are in a good degree made meet and qualified through Purification by Faith.

[AL 27b] And thus shall the Offspring of CHRIST, in conjunction with the True Bride, spread on the Earth, and multiply into a Spiritual Generation, that shall stand up this Latter Day, as distinguished from all others, that have only been in formal profession. They shall be known by the Resurrection-Mark, wherein they bear that New and Hidden Name, that gives them right to possess and to inherit the true Virgin-Wisdom's Dowry; which is all mighty and defensive power from the Father, and the Son, managed by the *Holy Ghost*, that is the Agent instructed to move in that part which is Immortal, and that too which is Mortal; that all may be leavened from out of the springing Root of the Deity, which will give the wonderful Decision and Character, who they are that have their dwelling in the Heart of Christ, out of whose Fountain Heart flows an incessant River of Oil, that empties itself into such hearts as lie near to His Heart.

[AL 28] §.From out of this Running Stream that opens from the Godhead Deep, there arise Seven Lamps, which are the Seven Spirits proceeding from the Throne of the Majesty, which are appointed to attend, and be a Guard upon the Holy Watchers, that stand steadily upon Faith's Tower. These Seven Spirits are to be as Flying Eyes, sent forth into all parts of the creation, for to spy and discover what is stirring, moving, and doing; and so accordingly to shut and bind up what may be of evil consequence and hindrance, to the promulgation of the weighty matters relating to CHRIST'S Appearance in His Kingdom. And on the other hand, they open and set loose and at liberty that which may answer to the Heavenly Orb and Kingdom; that the same that bear record in Heaven may also bear record on Earth. The Fullness of Time, by these Seven Spirits, is foreseen to be at hand; and therefore calls up to such a Faith, as may turn the now-Moving Wheel, in order to bring about that Great Change so long expected and hoped for, in reference to a new modification of what lies now in rubbish and confusion. This deplorable state has been presented and carried up by the petitioners, for the

redress of it; which has prevailed and moved the Heart of GoD, through the mediation of the great High Priest, to raise up some Principal Worthies, that shall be as Mighty Saviors and Deliverers; furnished and replenished with the Seven-Fold Powers of the Holy Ghost. For the infinite Divine Wisdom sees it is expedient that they should be thus invincibly empowered, and clear sighted, to make infallible judgment of the present state of matters and things, now in this difficult and critical age, in which such various pretensions on the account of religious profession are found.

[AL 29] §.All which has opened a way for GoD to set His own Mark and Seal: First, by giving forth the Spirit of Prophecy and Revelation; and thereupon to follow the fulfilling and consummation of whatever has referred to the establishing of the New Jerusalem state, as that Bride that has put on such rich Adornments of Divine Gifts and Powers, as may well suit and agree with the mighty Kingly Heir of all kingdoms and worlds—who being thus made ready, the Bridegroom cannot fail suddenly to appear in His Glory.

[AL 30] §. For this end, there has been a fresh summons, to call up the True Disciple-hood, to watch and wait in Jerusalem, the Holy City of Peace, till they receive anew the Promise of the Father, as the Second Shower of the Holy Power, that may bring up the Second Crop and Full Harvest of the Spirit. Now to these Watchmen, that have already sat upon the Third or Break-of-Day Watch, the voice of inquiry may be—What hope and expectation is there for the fulfilling of these prophecies? The reply is, Behold, there is seen in the Heavens, troops and myriads of Angels, with Trumpets in their hands that are sounding, that there is a joyful Jubilee at hand: giving this Word of Consolation—Fear not; faint not; but hold out patiently. For the Redeeming Power is strongly moving and breaking forth; and the Crown of Dominion is descending, guarded by the Heavenly Host of Angels, to be put upon the First Overcomers.

[AL 31] §.All this is sufficient motive and excitement to such, either single persons or families, whether in this nation or more remote, who have put on the Shield of Faith, and are enclosed with us in the Flaming Circle of Love. To whom the watchword is from the LORD JESUS, No other commandment do I put upon you, but that you hold fast in the Band of Love and Unity, until I come to clothe you with power, strength, and glory: adding further the Word of Counsel, Draw and wind up your faith to the Mount, where I will not fail to meet you, who are one in my Spirit. For now is the season and time for a more bare and naked manifestation of Myself, which by immediate speech from your LORD, you shall know what has till now been kept secret; as finding so few that could gather up their faith and expectation for it. But it will be given to the close setters and waiters for it; Because the LORD has taken notice what wrong judgments have passed from those that have professed to promote light and knowledge, relating to the Mysteries of His Kingdom. Therefore He will call some aside as He did *Moses*, to hear His own voice expressly out of the *Burning Bush*; and as that was visible and outward, so now it will be Invisible and Inward, in the Flaming Heart of CHRIST'S humanity, that stands guarded and separated from all whatever is of the imaginary and outward part, which the soul must turn aside from; that nothing of a mixed spirit may here enter.

[AL 32] §. Now it was further intimated to me, that when any Great Deliverance was to be wrought for the Sion-Flock, there would be a calling up such as should stand in the meek and gentle, and yet zealous Spirit of *Moses*, to receive counsel and command. They will be as GOD's Agents, to perform all that shall be revealed to them, from the mouth of the True Infallible Prophet, CHRIST the LORD, in them: this being the needful season, to be commissioned for such principal work and office. Therefore is required this watch and ward, to receive not only ordination and commands, but also the Divine Magical Rod, to confirm the truth given forth. For what has passed away in former ages, by way

of revelation, and miraculous deeds following thereupon, will not serve the peculiar exigencies of this present age of time, and what is approaching. Therefore it is required by the LORD Himself, that there should be an expectation of something greater yet, that has been hid in the manifold Wisdom of God, to be brought forth as this Latter Day requires; wherein the omnipotency of His Reign and Kingdom in His Saints shall be consumated, as they stand united to their Head, CHRIST.

[AL 33] §.Now to whom shall this Kingdom first appear and come, but to the Holy Separated Priesthood, that are continually waiting in the Inward Court and Sanctuary, who are offering up the grievances and calamitous state of the oppressed Flocks of CHRIST. These Holy Ones present their cries in the unwavering and high wound-up faith, that admits of no doubting, but that the LORD will suddenly in these appear, as if He were personally made manifest, for redeeming and releasing the groaning captives, that have been under the tyranny of the Luciferian and the Bestial Kingdom. §.O blessed and happy are those, who are thus Called and Chosen, to stand all in a prepared readiness, to entertain and receive the First Openings of what has been so long concealed from the world, of what will happen to this present and the ensuing age of time.

The Universal Call; the Three Orders of them that are Called

[AL 34a] §.A further notation was given, that there was a Call to all Universally, to expect and believe for the Lord's Appearance in that Kingdom, which shall prevail and overpower all the kingdoms of this world; which should first be exhibited in such Holy Watchers, as should hold out and maintain their ground at the Watch-Gate. There were Three Orders or Degrees of persons, which had their invitation unto this; in allusion to Three Sorts of Guests in the Parable, that were bidden to the Marriage Feast.

[AL 34b] §. The *First* of these made their excuses that they had no leisure nor time from the worldly business and occasions: their minds being engaged to pursue and hunt after pleasures and preferments; not looking beyond what the Animal and Sensitive Life pleases and satisfies itself in; cutting themselves off hereby, from what might bring them into the possession of all Durable and Everlasting Treasures; making good that Word, *Many are called, but few chosen*.

[AL 34c] §. The Second sort, are HALF BELIEVERS. These have some conviction that there is a Blessed and Wonderful Time approaching, according to the prophecies recorded of the Dominion coming to the Oppressed Daughter of Sion. These being quickened up by the Alarms of Prophetical Spirits sent forth, as this day grows clearer and brighter, moving them toward this, they most readily offer themselves to come up to this Watch Tower, as hoping some sudden breakings forth of the miraculous powers from the Heavens may come down; but waiting awhile, and meeting with some suspicion and frustration as to their present expectation, they begin to faint and grow weary in their minds, saying in themselves, Why should we wait for the LORD any longer; for we may spend out our days, and seen nothing of Sion's Full Redemption; as many ages have run out their time, and so may we. Therefore we may take a lawful liberty to draw off from such a strict attendance, and take up and be satisfied with what we have so far attained and reached, relating to the Kingdom that is yet in reversion. And in this demur and doubting they draw off from this Watch-Gate.

[AL 34d] §.But here comes on in the *Third* place, such as take up a resolution in an Heroic Spirit of Faith, resolving to live and die at the foot of this Gate in a watchful posture, and as keeping up in the Faith, and Ardent Vehement Love, and Importunity of Prayer; the time not seeming long and tedious (as the true believers make not haste), being confident that the LORD will not fail their expectations.

Which for a stay to these Waiters was presented in a visional way, wherein a Voice was heard, as a Rushing Sound of Many Waters, saying, No longer delay, for the Watch Hour is now passed away. Therefore open wide the Gate, and give free passage to enter the Blessed Land, where stands the Everlasting Rock, consisting all of Sparkling Stones.

The Seven Spirits and Seven Rewards of the Third Order

[AL 35] §.Out of this *Rock* which opened to view, were seen going forth Seven Fiery Streams, which represented the Seven Spirits made mention of in Rev. 1; which complete the Full Number of the Ghostly Powers, which those Faithful Holders-out were to be Baptized with; and so to go forth back again out of this Gate as Fire-Stones, to show themselves to their fellow brethren, that they have obtained the Prize they waited for so perseveringly; for excitement and provocation to them, to obey this Watchful Call. And it was further made known, that to these that had made their way through this Gate, it should no more be shut upon them; but they should go in and out, and renew their strength and power from this flowing Rock, that they might hereby act the Mighty Wonders of the Deity. By this a great change and turn throughout all nations should be effected, that so the Mighty LORD and SAVIOUR might come to set His foot here upon the Earth, representing Himself in such worthy Overcomers and holders out in the Faith, as shall in this Latter Age of time be raised up.

The Conclusion

[AL 36] §.O stupendous and immense Love, that has revealed these great mysteries and motives, to strengthen the hands of the fearful and feeble, that they may be strong, to preserve and hold out the Proving Hour. Then there will be no failing of the Seven Rewards promised to the Seven Overcomings. Therefore this Word sounds aloud, So watch as that you may not lose your Crown, but be found among the Conquering Worthies in the Celestial World; to take your place and seat with Christ upon *His Throne: which is the reward from the Yea and Amen.*

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The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the Rose: it shall blossom abundantly; and rejoice even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmal and Sharon: They shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. (Isaiah 35:1, 2)

The Glory of Sharon

The Preface

[GL P:1] §. As foreseeing in the Glass of Divine Wisdom, what a wonderful time is approaching upon this Visible Creation, which predicts many great revelations and changes, in order to the bringing in of that Kingdom that shall have such firm establishment as to admit of no change: An Alarm has gone forth (that was opened to the Author thereof, from the beginning of *January* 1700, and so onwards) to summon and call in the Lamb's Spiritual Warriors, to fight His battles; that the decision may be given for those Great Heroes, that shall hold out the *Fight of Faith*, with that Covenant-Bow, the Arrows of which pierce through the Seven-Headed and Ten-horned Beast; of whom it is said, Who shall be able to make war with it? Who but those that are mounted upon the White Horse of Immaculate Purity and Brightness, wherein their strength shall be to tread down all Infernal Spirits and Powers, that in a Body may be rallied together; which is either to be understood Inwardly and Spiritually, or Outwardly, as evil spirits may animate persons to pour out fury in a hostile way.

[GL P:2] It is plainly to be seen that this time is commenced already; therefore those are here called upon, that have renounced the Mark and Name of the Beast, which with numberless numbers comes forth from the troublesome Sea of this World, to cast up and bespatter with the Muddy Earth. All this is to be resisted and overcome by those that come forth from out of the calm, serene, and quiet Ocean of God's Love, which the Glassy Sea represents: as including where the great conquest and overcoming is to be. For this Holy Army shall bear the Name of God upon their Foreheads; and the Sealed Name of the Eternal Word upon their Hearts; and gird on the Flaming Sword of the Spirit, whereby they that take part with the *Beast* and with his kingdom shall all be put to flight. Therefore be wise and understand, all you to whom this comes to hand; to which side or party you belong: and try your more Inward State, whether you engage in War for the Lamb, or contrarily give place to this grand Enemy. Therefore be counseled to abhor to be upholders of the horn and strength of the Bestial kingdom, whether within or without; For the immunities and blessings will be heaped upon you (as you shall prove valiant in the fight for the Lamb's Kingdom), which are opened here in this following Treatise, as the reward of those that shall hold out in strong resolution, till they have gained the conquest.

[GL P:3] §. Now by commission from the sovereign Governor of this Sharon-land, I am to go forward on, and further proceed to declare and make known these joyful tidings, to such who have passed through their Probation-Hour, and have in good degree demolished the Body of Sin: that the Jubilee time is at hand, and the Everlasting Gate now stands open for their return into their Native Paradisaical Land. The Great JEHOVAH JESUS, as the Joshua-leader, has for each one cast their lot. According to the renowned deeds they shall have performed, so much larger and greater their possession assigned must be. But no lack or deficiency shall by any here be complained of: such full portions are provided by the free Donor, that must not be thought any way inferior to what the first planted flower of *Paradise* was instated in, whose glory so soon decayed. For this Plantation described in this Little Tract will be as an unshaken foundation; the Lord CHRIST being their durable

Springing Root. For if the first plant had continued steadfast, he would have advanced many degrees higher; which must now have its rise and accomplishment by Him who is the Great Restorer; the Measurer of which ascending glories in these new Paradisaical Plants no line could reach.

[GL P:4] §.But thus far the Morning Star of *Wisdom* has cast forth her Glance of Light, whereby it is clearly seen what a pleasant, peaceable and joyful state of life here remains for the inhabitants of this New Earth: which consists NOT of *outward lands, houses, pomps,* and *sensual pleasures,* but is *pure, holy, radiant and spiritual;* And which is appropriated to each one to enjoy and possess in their own particular, where we may set forth *Mansions* and *Tents* which are indissoluble; because God Himself will be the reared-up Tabernacle, for the soul to inhabit: to which no creaturely power can either add or diminish. From this Spiritual Rock, all refreshing and delightful *tastings* will also flow in abundance; no mortal can taste or know of this Divine Food. Rich and sumptuous *Clothing* also, which well becomes the Natives of this Heavenly Country, whose Robes must suit and agree with the Royal Court and Family of the Triune Deity. This all belongs to the Inward and Spiritual Body, which freely corresponds with the powers and immunities of the Celestial World: passage being made by CHRIST (their Ascending Way), to go in and out, and feed upon the *Sharon*-pasture, which is ever new, fresh, and flourishing; because there is a Golden *Mist* which waters it every moment.

[GL P:5] And forasmuch as they are clothed upon with a Corporeal Vehicle, this is not disdainable; because Christ has formed Himself therein, opening the Rosy Tincture of His own Deified Being. Upon which account also, the Outward Image has a right to possess such accommodations of all things as this temporary state can afford: habitations and vineyards, and the olive fatness; which in all fruitfulness may spring about them, as they abound in such blessings as the Pure Life of *Faith* is to bring in. For these plants of *Paradise* have no other care nor labor, but to dress and trim, and watch their ground, as their enclosed garden, heedful to prevent all mixed matter that the rational part may put forth. Then nothing shall hinder or stop the Free Current of the *Abraham's Blessings*, which abounded and came in from the Upper Fountain Store. The commanding appearance and presence of GOD among His Holy Separated Fold, shall so clearly be manifested, that all courtesies and favors shall be thrust in upon them, even by those that are without; For they shall have the means by which to bless, with such returns as shall far transcend all that this Outward World can extend to them.

[GL P:6] §. Thus the Author has faithfully given forth out of *Wisdom's* Bank and Treasury, so much as may be for the inducement and encouragement to all that are ambitious and truly aspiring to know a transplantation out of the wild, barren, and cursed Earth, to become Springing Plants in this Paradisaical ground; where they may come to inherit all things substantially. Manifold motives are set before your eyes, to provoke and hasten you, who are of this Elected Number that must fill up this Holy Court, upon which the *Sharon*-rosy Glory shall be the Bright Face of Covering. *No time delay, but speed and make your flight, as Doves away*. This is the Voice that cries in me to you all, who still remains an interceder for you (and for myself), that we may meet together in this Blissful *Sharon*-land, as Roses always springing and giving forth their ordoriferous savor, even here in time, as in the boundless Circle of Eternity.

(Excerpt from Solomon's Porch, by Richard Roach, as an Introductory Poem to the Philadelphian Age, which was included in Volume 1 of Jane Lead's spiritual dairy, A Fountain of Gardens.)

> THEREFORE, arise, ye Lovers true, Arise, ye glorious, wond'rous FEW; Who long have lain at ease, ingloriously obscur'd, Despised, neglected; YET neglecting too, Nor caring what the impious trifling World Could either say or do.

> O'erlook'd by Man, yet lov'd, and favor'd High In Heaven's regard, and God's auspicious Eye, Whom neither high Preferments charm can move, AMBITION fire, or BEAUTY prompt to love, And YET—to Love *most true*.

> SON'S OF THE MORN! already born anew, Born into Time, And winged at Will—to ascend the Ethereal clime. Angelic Men—Embodied Seraphim.

Arise ye Lovers true, Arise, arise, ye wond'rous FEW, Apparators Divine; ordain'd, foresent, Heaven's beauteous VIRGIN QUEEN To attend—and usher in.— AMEN, AMEN—HALLELUJAH.

PART 1

The Manifestation of the Rose of Sharon

[GL 1a] §.On the first day of May, 1700, in the morning, I was casting up in my mind the many circles of years that had passed over me, and considering with myself the way that God had taken, in bringing forth those manifestations that I have been visited with, which has been much after the manner of Metaphors and Similitudes, to unfold and shadow out the Heavenly Things themselves. And while I was contemplating what this present season might further bring forth, as having been big with expectation these many years, of somewhat great and signal relating to the New Scene of the Glory of CHRIST'S Kingdom; and being desirous through great age, and the long delay hereof, to put off this Body, that I might enter into that which is indissoluble, in the faith of assurance of a Triumphant Reign with CHRIST, among the Just and Perfect Spirits, with whom such present communion my spirit is influenced withal, as has taken such hold, as has drawn me in desire to be both with their and my Prince and Savior.

[GL 1b] But while I was debating this matter in my mind, the Eternal Word met me saying, Think not much, neither grudge at the passing away of so many rounds of time, because you have not yet arrived to that Flowering Age where no blemish or defect may be found. For another time is yet to pass over you, in which, as a Translated Plant, you must be in the Paradisaical property, with such others as are singled out with you in this same unity of faith, for the making up of a glorious Sharon-State, THAT SHALL COME AS A MORNING-BREAK UPON THE BENIGHTED EARTH, terrible as an Army with Banners, streaming forth in their Impregnable Defensive Powers.

[GL 2] §. After this Inbreathed Speech from my LORD, there was presented to the In-seeing Eye of my Mind, the similitude of a Rose upon Golden Stalks. The ground from which it sprang was of a pure, refined, and clarified mold. The Leaves of this Flower was to the Number Twelve; each Leaf being distinguished by a different color, according to the Oriental Colors of the Rainbow seen about the Throne of the Lamb. And in the middle of this Rose grew a Golden-Colored Seed, which sent forth so strong a Perfume and Odor, that it attracted down the Virtues and Powers from that Heavenly World; appearing as so many Flaming Eyes, darting their beams upon it to cherish it.

The Multiplication of this Rose: or, the Garden of Sharon

[GL 3] §. This withdrawing from my sight, left me to ponder on the meaning of it. But I was bid to be still, and not further inquire till it should be given me. Thus my mind being still in a posture of waiting for what might further be made known, the next morning, after some mental ejaculations, it appeared again, as having multiplied itself into a Threefold Figure, upon the same Root, according to the first similitude. Then was it said to me, Take good observation of this unfadable Triune Flower, that shall cast forth its Seed, to multiply such Plants as will replenish what in the First Paradise was put by and prevented by the Transgression; but now Restored again by Him that can never change, because there is no possibility that He should disobey the Everlasting Father's command. Then came forth a soft, sweet, warm Gale, that made the Spicy Seed to fly and scatter itself abroad upon this enclosed Garden, from which suddenly sprang numerous Single Flowers of the same variety of colors, and number of Leaves; appearing some in the Bud, and others more or less blown.

The Threefold Circle and Fence

[GL 4] §. Then was it imparted to me that there was a Counsel taken, and care for the fencing in of this young Sprouting Plantation, or else the Ravenous Beasts would break in to devour; and the Wild Plants that grew everywhere about would cast in their Evil Savors to hurt and annoy. Whereupon came forth a Decree from the Upper Court and Council, that it should be enclosed round with a Threefold Circle. The first appeared as a Circle of Golden Light: the Second was a Circle of a Silver Light: the Third a mild Gentle Fire, yet of invincible strength for defense. §.From this Foundation metaphorically represented, God will further open His own meaning herein, as to what may relate to the Approaching Time.

The Approach of this Beautiful and Blessed State

[GL 5a] §. Thus follows the opening of this presentation, by which is signified the near approaching of a Paradisaical State. Some Plants are now beginning to put forth, though in a kind of chaos or Wilderness State as yet, and suffering very much from the Wild and Ruinous Principle round about. This applies to the case of such in whom this Seed, from the *Sharon*-Rose, has been inwardly sown. But being weak as yet, and the Outward Degenerated Birth full grown and strong, and so would bear dominion, having all advantage of the Starry Constellations and this Tempting Principle, that sets hard to beat and keep down this Holy and Perfect Thing from springing. The sense whereof so deeply enters into the Central Part of the Soul, that it provokes it to search and inquire whether or no this Divine Seed and Birth has not right to recover what was lost.

[GL 5b] This was put forth as a query for myself, as to my own particular, and in behalf of such others, who stand with me in Love's Band of faith. And that I might be assured hereof, the records which were in the Heavens were made obvious to my Eye: That nothing less was designed by the irreversible Council of the Trinity; but that First Flower that sprung up in Paradise, which was Man made after GoD's own Image, being Deflowered, and losing its Virgin Rose, and so became weak and impotent, and introduced the same effects throughout the whole creation, involving his whole offspring into curse, death, and sorrow, as we are all witnesses of: this decayed plant, by a strong odoriferous wind or breath from the Triune Deity, blowing up what was under such quenchings and death, obtains a New Springing Life in those that shall make up the Glory of the New Sharon.

[GL 5c] And as the First-formed-one lost the honor of bringing forth his Virgin Offspring, for the replenishing of that Blessed Region in which he was placed, so now the never-dying or decaying Flower of Life here comes to fill up the vacancy, with a more Noble and High Graduated Generation, by their passing through the Womb of Eternal Wisdom. All which Spiritual Births lie hidden in the Visible Corporeal Figure, which cannot bear the glory of a Celestial Body, as yet to Visible Sight; till transplanted into such an Eden-garden together, where we may all wear One Clothing as our Immortal Robes, as may suit with our Glorified Head.

The Manner and Means of its Introduction

[GL 6a] §. Had not the LORD Himself so condescended, as to clothe Himself with the self-same dishonorable image that we bear through the Apostasy of Sin, we might have disdained ourselves in

such an appearance. And truly I have often myself reflected upon this (as well I might), finding such nakedness and impotence, with maladies and infirmities. But as I have been sometimes complaining to my LORD concerning this Vile Body, He has answered me in the most kind and friendly manner, saying, Think not much, nor be dismayed, seeing it is but for a limited time that you bear this Badge that is so contemptible; seeing that I myself did not despise it for your sakes, nor suffered it to be any impediment to THE SPRINGING AND GROWING BODY, THAT MOVED IN IT INVISIBLY, for the fulfilling of all righteousness. So in like manner you are not to think it an impossibility; but that you may arrive gradually to the same perfection, as the Deified Seed, which is cast into a New Created Heart, shall come up to a Spiritual Body, answering to my own. When made complete, as occasion may require, this inward body, by the Rosy Tincture, may give a radiance and shining glory upon the invisible gross part.

[GL 6b] However, all the defects and impotencies are not to be charged upon the Outward Form, so much as upon the Inward Root and Body of Sin, THE DESTRUCTION OF WHICH IS TO BE PRINCIPALLY AIMED AT; For while that life is strong the spiritual remains weak. But as this Rose of Sharon shall come from its Budding to a Blossoming, as its Root is from the Deity, so it will show itself as a complete body according to Eternal Nature, replanted in the Paradisiacal Land. By this the Outward Birth of depraved nature shall sink away down into its own root again, and be bound as with a band of iron to prevent its dominion, through the sinful properties, that otherwise would mingle and interrupt the Peaceable and Serene Reign of the Spirit. This is the true essential ground by which the lapsed creation will be set free.

The Paucity of its Number in which it will Begin

[GL 7] §.But note further, that it is testified by the Spirit that this is very rare, and peculiar only to some few at FIRST in the beginning of this Sharon-plantation; that shall be MIGHTY WORTHIES in the faith; as LILIES that shall appear to be the espoused Bride of the Lamb, that shall answer to the Jerusalem above, co-joined as Denizens of that city, to make up such a Temple-Body, as GOD with His Bright Star of Wisdom, and with the Lamb shall be the glory of it.

The Interpretation of the Twelve Leaves of this Rose

[GL 8] §.This is represented by the Twelve Leaves of the Rose made mention of, which signifies the *Twelve Foundations*, with their Sparkling Colors, which also signify the Twelve Gates: which renews the calling of the Twelve Tribes, not only of the *Jews* but out of All Nations. This refers also to the Apostolic Number that are all to be Sealed with the Tri-Unity of the Rose, springing from the Golden Stalk. And the great and marvelous wonder will be when this *Jerusalem*, consisting of such pure and bright Clarified Spirits, shall appear, compacted together to dwell on such a vile, gross, material principle as this world appears to be present.

[GL 9] §. This shall be the Beloved City, which though the Vile and Perverse Generation may make their attempts against it, they can find no way to come through the Threefold Circle, which is so defensive a glory about it, as it will devour and consume all that makes enterprise against it. Which may well strike a terror to the unbelieving and opposing.

The Present Budding of this New Plantation

[GL 10] §.And I was commanded to declare that this glorious Sharon-plantation is now at this time budding forth; and therefore to Blow the Horn, to awaken and raise up the Seed that has lain buried for some time in Paradisaical ground, and also among the Wild Plants in the Desolate Wilderness, that lies without. For this is the Set Time, wherein the Seventh Angel utters his mighty voice, which the Dead in CHRIST, understood mystically, shall hear, and so as Lilies put forth and spring in that Faith that shall multiply the blessings of unknown Treasures, which shall out-vie and excel all of the outward, typical, Solomon's grandeur and glory.

The Glory and Excellency of Christ's Kingdom Arising

[GL 11] §. Now what does this presage or speak forth, less than the mighty Reign and Kingdom that is coming upon the Earth; in which the Sharon Plants shall be so renowned, as to carry the Scepter Rule and Government over all that is Mortal and Temporary. For CHRIST, who is their Prince of Life, will take to Him that Alpha and Omega Name, that shall make the inhabitants of the Earth to know that His Jerusalem-Bride shall sit with Him upon His Throne and Reign, till all those that have refused obedience to this Name, shall be constrained to come and worship before His and her feet. Who also has verified by a new express of His mind, that He will give into the hands of such as He shall approve, a Rod of Strength, dipped in that Golden Circle, by which they shall Sprinkle and Baptize MANY that shall receive of the same Ghostly Power, for a Witness from, and in whom the Spirit of GOD and Glory goes forth, to touch and Inflame with that Love that answers to the Deified Name.

An Order to Some Elect Persons to Build the Walls of this Glorious Garden with its Palace

[GL 12] §.By way of preparation and order for this to be accomplished, in this very season of time, a Royal Command from the King of the Superior Jerusalem is gone forth, to stir up some Heroic Spirits, to lay the Foundations for the building up of this Mystical and Spiritual Defensive Wall, which bears an analogy to the building of the Jewish Temple. As the Ancient Temple was laid waste, so likewise the Spiritual Gospel structure, of which the Twelve Apostles were laid as the Foundations, with their Head Corner-stone, has been much demolished and decayed; so that its first pure and Primitive Model has been, as it were, obliterated for many generations past. In the sense of which, I was spreading before the Lord, and mourning for so great a lapse of this ministration, as Daniel for some number of weeks; after which I found a strengthening power girding me up, and several Bright Clouds encompassing me, out of which I saw several persons, as I apprehended to the Number TWELVE, representing Twelve Apostles, that had each one a Golden Reed in their hands, to measure out the Lengths and Breadths upon which this Edifice was to stand: who did depute and empower some persons now living in this Age of Time, for the building and raising up what the Babylonish Spirit has been pulling down.

A Description of the Twelve Foundations

[GL 13a] §.And as I was inquiring, Whether these Opposing Powers would not still let and hinder, as they did in CHRIST and the Apostle's time, it was answered, It is not always so to be. For this Mystery of Iniquity, after it has had its full unmasking, must have its downfall, as this Holy Apostolic Fabric shall have its rise. And it was further noted to me that I was not to fear upon the Renewing of

this great work, by persons so Ordained as to represent the Apostolical Order (which may in process of time exceed that Number), that these should be prevented by persecutions, and from the flood-gates of the Dark Kingdom letting out upon them, to take them off from the full accomplishment of their work. For though this was permitted, that both the Head-stone and His followers were to be cut off by suffering and death, yet as a New Progeny from and in their spirits shall rise, they shall not only be endowed with the *Holy Ghost*, for Gifts and Acts of Power going forth transiently, but possess the *Holy Ghost* as resting upon them *for duration*. For to this end it was necessary that those should suffer, and enter into their kingly power and glory, *and in that Spirit* DESCEND (to co-operate and enlarge that Kingdom which they do possess in the Heavenly World) IN SUCH as are fitly qualified, that they may receive not only of their Gifts and Powers, but also fortitude and strength to uphold them against all violators, so that they shall have no power to hurt or impede them in this great enterprise that they are engaged in. Which will be made manifest by the several Foundation-Stones (as mentioned in *Rev*. 21:19), that were denominated to me in their peculiar signatures and properties.

- [GL 13b] §.The First is the *Jasper*, which denotes the Creating Word of Light, multiplying itself to a Seven-fold Degree of Light; that swallows up the Seven Darknesses or nights, which were divided from the Light.
- [GL 13c] §.Secondly, out of the Womb of Everlasting Light, is brought forth the Love, or the *Jacinct* Stone, multiplying and manifesting itself as Burning Gold, sending forth a Ruby Luster; which vanquishes, and by its Tincture expels the Venom of the anger and wrath.
- [GL 13d] §.The Third foundation stone is the Princely Wisdom, and may be represented by the *Chrysolithe*-diamond, sparkling forth in all variety of powers and operations, putting to the blush and shame whatever is of folly and lightness, thereby extinguishing and getting the victory over it.
- [GL 13e] §. The Fourth is the *Sapphire*, which signifies Truth, springing from its Native Originality, which never could be tainted or adulterated; which will dispel all misunderstanding and uncertainty of things.
- [GL 13f] §.The Fifth stone is the *Emerald*; or the Flowering Spring of an Everlasting Righteousness, eating out the Curse of the unrighteous properties in degenerated nature; and opening the fountain of all endless treasures.
- [GL 13g] §.The Sixth, or the *Topaz*, bears the motto of Peace, all mild and kind. It will admit of no jars or rendings; or whatever shall make disquietings or warrings. This is that Virtual Stone that makes up all breaches, and heals all wounds.
- [GL 13h] §. The Seventh is Impartiality of Justice and Judgment, that cannot be biased or corrupted, judging all causes, and weighing all matters in the Balance of Equity: and stands against all oppression, fraud, and cruelty. Represented by the *Amethyst*.
- [GL 13i] §. The Eighth is the Meek and Even Temperature of a spirit, all mild, and kind, whereby the harshness, fierceness, and frowardness is overcome; which is signified by the *Beryl*.
- [GL 13j] §. The Ninth is the high magnetic Faith, that attracts the virtue and essence from the first author and original of if, by which incredulity, fears, and doubtings are expelled. Applied to the *Sardine* Stone.

[GL 13k] §. The Tenth is invincible Fortitude and Strength; which so over-rules all contradicting and opposing powers, that nothing remains to let or prevent what Almightiness does intend. Which is referred to the *Chryso-prase*.

[GL 131] §. The Eleventh is Triumph, Joy, and Delight, flowing from that Fountain, that is pleasure for evermore; which swallows up all sighings and sorrows; which belongs to the Sardonix.

[GL 13m] §. The Twelfth bears the Crown of Victory, Dominion, and Glory, as the Top Stone or greatest of wonders; returning all in praise to the Founder of all this Glory: assigned to the *Chalcedony*.

The Qualifications of the Builders

[GL 14a] §. Thus has been described the high composition of the Wall, being all of Fire-Stones, tempered and compacted together, WHEREIN is couched and hidden the deepest Secrets of Wisdom: that shall be brought forth into manifestation, as Builders shall be raised upon these Foundations. For which a cry is heard from the all-piercing Eye of Love's Eternity: Who among mortals shall be found fitly qualified to obtain this honor?

[GL 14b] The answer is: It is assigned for such as do spring as Lilies from this New Planted Earth, that lies all level and low; that shall be Renewed, put forth, and grow from Pure Nature, as the Rosy Tincture shall flow through them. This expresses no less than the Anointed CHRIST, to be as the spreading Flower of Glory, in the midst of these Plants that are yet but in their Budding Infancy, whose overseeing charge will be, till each one may reach to a Mature Spiritual Body, according to the similitude of CHRIST their Lord, whereby they shall be capacitated thus to erect their own Wall of Defense. The platform whereof being given by the Supreme Governess of this principle, which is the Eternal and Divine Wisdom, to such Angelical persons, as shall measure out the dimensions hereof Foursquare, lying open to the Four Quarters of the Earth; on each side of which are Three Gates, all Oriental and Transparent. This signifies an opening of that Ministry which has been for some ages shut up, which shall rise again out of the Sharon-Root in greater magnificence and glory.

Twelve Principle Persons

[GL 14c] And as the Lord in His humiliation-state ordained and called Twelve Disciples, that they might be Witnesses of His mighty works and deeds, as He was the Son of GoD and Savior of Mankind, so from this is understood that He will NOW also Elect and Assign TWELVE Principal Persons, as the Foundation-Builders, who shall stand each one at his Several Gate, entrusted with the Key thereof, to Lock out and to Open as they please, as directed from their Principal Head. And so they will go on, to Multiply the Number of Disciples till they be Numberless, for the publishing and reviving of that more than Glorious Ministration, that consists purely of the Fiery Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

[GL 14d] All that shall find admittance through these Gates must be made partakers of this Baptism, as they shall pass through the Three Circles before-mentioned, and so hereby they shall be made Natives, to dwell and inhabit in this New-Planted Paradise. For here it is to be understood that these that are Born Natives in this Holy Land, have Government and Laws quite different from what is after the manner of the worldly principle. For they all here move according to the Compass of the Supreme Magical Working Wheel, that winds them up to mighty, high, and wonderful Acts of Faith, which inspires with Wisdom and Knowledge, to find out those Secret Arts and Sciences that have been lost, and could never be found, till re-implanted again in Paradisiacal Ground. Till these Divine

Maguses come to be brought forth, there can be but little expectation for an establishment of that Kingdom, in which the Reign and Dominion of CHRIST in HIS shall appear.

The Manner of their Incorporation

[GL 15] §. Therefore this New Model of the Court and Palace within, and the Wall without, was described to me, with a Word of counsel and information, with assurance that such an Orb or Principle should open and take place, for joy and praise to the Inhabitants of this New *Earth*, whereby the Old Earth, with all their crafts and merchandizing, and the pomp, riches and glory they have gotten thereby, shall all be out of date and esteem, as drossy metal, when compared with fine gold, or right jewels with counterfeit. And as none can traffic in the *Babylonish* wares without having the Mark of the Beast and his Name—so none can in this Holy Land. They must first obtain their freedom from the Supreme Judge and Law-giver, and receive the Seal of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost upon their Forehead, to signify that they are ordained Free Denizens here, to work and act—not by the outward bodily strength, but by the motion, operation, and activity of the Spirit.

The Wonderful Way of Communion between all the Members of this Royal Corporation

[GL 16a] §.Now it may be asked, Whether this is to be understood to be a gathering together of persons to One Place, so addicted and qualified? It is answered: There is no necessity that requires this, because it is from the Divine Principle that opens itself individually. And so each one may have a Paradise opened WITHIN HIM, and become himself a plantation watered from the Golden Circled River, being a Builder, and laying the Foundations FIRST OF HIS OWN WALL, by Him who is the Springing Flower of that Seed of the Eternal God-head, that here sows itself, giving forth its increase and multiplication, as matter and ground shall be prepared. Neither can a local absence hinder the commerce that may be maintained between those that are of the same Sanctuary-Function and order. For it is the property of the Spiritual Part to dart into another as swift as a thought, and for one soul to be essentially present and united to another. THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY, and has been little understood, of the near affinity and conjunction that one spirit may have with another, though even in Different Kingdoms.

[GL 16b] But it may be asked, What is the benefit and use of this passing of one spirit to another, and into another; and what ground is there for it; and what is the benefit of it? It is answered: The great Apostle speaks of being absent in body but present in spirit; and of his spirit being gathered together, and meeting with them to determine matters and things, as one having obtained more eminently the Spirit of Discerning and Judgment (1Cor. 5, 6, 7). So also the Spirit of Elisha went along with his servant, and actually saw what he had done. This is experienced, more or less, according to the Degree of the Spirit poured forth. So that by way of this intercourse of the Spirit, much help and mutual strengthening of each other may be maintained. By this, in a true sympathy, they have a real feeling of each other's sorrows and temptations, and also of their freedom and joy: and particularly of the Powers of the Holy Ghost, moving and acting through one unto another, which is the high and singular benefit through this union, that none can understand or perceive but those that are in it.

Their Assemblies and Colleges, by a Personal Gathering of the Dispersed Members

[GL 17] §.And thus the Temple-body of CHRIST will be built, and the Spiritual Stones will be joined together. And as convenience shall be found, there may be a joining of family to family, for

the holding an holy solemnity and convocation together in one accord; to worship GOD in Spirit, waiting together for a more full inundation of the Spiritual Powers, as sequestering and giving up themselves unanimously for this great and worthy end: that the Dove-spirits that yet may lie scattered in several nations and kingdoms, may have a call to the Temple-body, rising visibly wherever it may be pitched.

Their Manner of Life Here, and their Redemption from the Earth

[GL 18] §. To this end it is required that there be an abandoning and coming out of all immersements in the Common Spirit and Principle of this World. Here must be a ceasing to intermeddle with the Earthly crafts and sciences; entering themselves into a New Way, to be brought up as the Children and Disciples of the Heavenly Wisdom, who will assuredly make all-sufficient provision for the outward bodily part. The seeking after these things is not for the Heaven-Born Soul that is Redeemed out of the world. For these are the things that (as our LORD tells us) the Gentiles seek after. But the Father stands more peculiarly charged for His own family, as knowing what things are needful for them, and by conferring that Princely Gift, which is Faith in Him, as the Key that opens that unknown Store House, where all Treasures shall stand open at the Hand of Faith's command: which must be steady and never wavering, looking upward with a Fixed Eye; not divided between two principles. Then will it be experienced as it was by the great Patriarchs and Prophets of old: who were encompassed with blessings on the Right Hand and on the Left; not knowing which way they would be brought in; confiding in that Everlasting Fountain that was unsealed to them, in all its fruitful springs.

The Disciplehood of Abraham Planted in this New Plantation

[GL 19] §. This is such a dispensation as cannot gain credit with any, but such that are of the High Faith of Abraham, that can go out naked, and be obedient to the Call of GoD: who as a Father did much transcend, in giving him a Lot and Portion, which nothing could parcel withal from this outward world. Therefore he said in confidence of his GoD, that he would not be beholding for a shoelatchet to the Sodomitish spirit.

The Renovation of the Paradisical Life: and the Hidden Fraternity of the Rose of Sharon

[GL 20a] §.It is little known or considered what faith may extend to, in relation to the increase of all temporal blessings. Instances of adepts herein, and also of the deep arcanum of the Philosophers, through their knowledge of the Original Ground of Nature, may be had from a CERTAIN FRATERNITY (however counted fabulous, yet) known to be in existence and being: having thus obscured and hidden themselves, because the universal are not accounted worthy to have it communicated to them. These are planted as in an outward PARADISE among themselves, in some part of this visible world, where they act and bring forth great and marvelous wonders, being Masters of the Treasures of the Mineral Kingdom. THESE are reserved for a GREAT WORK in their time and season.

[GL 20b] This WILL BE when such a Generation shall rise up, that are born into the more refined and spiritual part of Divine Philosophy, growing up and taught in the School of Pentecost, in the Ghostly Faith. This is the Kernel and Seed from which may grow that Spiritual Body, that answers to the Express Similitude of CHRIST after His Resurrection Appearance: who ascended into *Paradise*, preparing Mansions for all such as should be Quickened into the same Resurrection-Life with Him,

and as He was parted from the Visible World. So Mystically and Spiritually will He gather up into Himself, that they may live after the *Paradisiacal* Manner and way as the first *Adam* did before his lapse. So CHRIST the Second, being made manifest in our human form, paying the full price of our Redemption, has opened that Gate, whereby we may return to our native country again.

[GL 20c] For all such that have put Him on as their essential Paradisiacal Body, though they may yet be inhabitants in this world in their outward figure, yet they may maintain their intercourse and conversation in the true liberty of the Spirit: CHRIST in the Divine Mystery, opening and dilating Himself IN THE SOUL, in all its virtual powers and properties, in such a Divine Sensation and Enjoyment, so as that Blessed Principle is recovered and possessed again. The evidences are by the immunities and privileges that belong to the Paradisiacal Life, which is such a pure climate and Heavenly air, from which the soul maintains Breath of Life, that nothing of death is to be tasted there. Because here the Tree of Life stands open to them, without any guard upon it. For none are incapable of feeding on this Tree, but such as are DIFFIDENT AND FAITHLESS. But to every Believing Plant, here it offers itself all free.

The Admission of the Inhabitants to the King's Presence and Favor

[GL 21] §. Thus as Princely Spirits they shall have their *Tents* pitched near to their Kingly Shepherd, as encompassing His Throne-Glory. Here shall be no need to be inquiring for; here they are no longer turning aside from the flocks of His companions, neither need they say, *Tell us, O our Beloved, where thou feedest, and where thou makest thy flocks to rest at noon day?* Because you have sent your Dove Messengers, not only to give us intelligence, but to lead and bring us up to OUR *Ancient Primary Rest IN YOU*, as making us Partakers of *the same Glory* which you had prepared for us *IN YOURSELF before the Foundation of the World*.

The Separation Required in all, to obtain this High Honor

[GL 22] §.Now it may be queried further, *Upon whom this Paradisiacal Principle may be made manifest?* §.In answer to this, they are such as have *a Peculiar* and High Degree of *FAITH, to set themselves apart for it:* keeping steady in a watchful posture, which has been known already by some, both in ages past and also present, that it has not been without effect. They have witnessed the opening of the spiritual temperature and climate, where all peaceable, fruitfulness, and pleasurable conversation with their Princely Lord and King is enjoyed, Who is returned IN SPIRIT to keep His walks in the INWARD new planted Earth. And as the Visible *Paradise* was separated from the grosser part of the world, so it is to be understood in the GARDEN OF GOD ENCLOSED. And as *Adam* went out of *Paradise* into this world, so now in the Restoration or returning back again, through Union with the Spirit of CHRIST, there is an abiding in this place, in a most free and glorious liberty.

A Needful Caution to all the Candidates that would be admitted into this New Sharon

[GL 23a] §.But caution is given, that after once being situated here, there be no turning the Eye out or off from this Tree of Life. For we are not exempted out of all danger of being tempted, Nor are we beyond all probation, till we come to be established, rooted, and grounded so firmly into the Tree of Life, as nothing may shake or unsettle these Living Plants. Thus when we have passed our Probation-State in Both these Principles (the Outward and the Inward), then will be the Season to any that are

thus far advanced, to expect the Mighty Ghostly Powers will be poured down, as a Rushing Wind and Warm Penetrating Showers, which will bring up the fruitful pledges or tokens of CHRIST'S presence, returning and resting for the distinguishing marks of another Apostolical Resurrection of those various Powers and Gifts that the Apostles were endued and replenished with: as, the Spirit of Prophecy, which will show things both present and to come; Also the renewing of the Healing Medicine or Balsam that shall be sent forth from the Internal Word, incorporating itself into nature's property and form. But this is not commandable at the will of the creature, but as the Oily Pool is moved by the Angel of the Covenant. Then Virtue may be sent forth, for the Cure of Mortal Infirmities, as the Faith of the patient concurs, upon whom the Cure may be performed. So the corruptible is healed by the Incorruptible Tincture penetrating through, which is attributed to the Deified Blood of CHRIST, the Lord's humanity.

[GL 23b] Also may be mentioned are those other Gifts that were exhibited in the Apostolical Day: as the Word of Wisdom, and fresh centers and Springs of Revelation, that shall open what has been shut up and Sealed from the Knowledge of any, except such as are set apart to wait upon the Ministration of the Spirit. It shall especially be given to them to know the Deep Mysteries that are needful in this Latter Age, for help and direction to the Builders upon this Foundation; that have a Call at this time, more immediately to set upon this Work from the Flaming Ardency of Love, to carry on and not stop till the Top Stone be laid, as a covering that shall appear in the Triune God, in all splendor of majesty and glory.

A General Invitation to all Persons to Accept and Press after the Same

[GL 24a] §. Who then would not now think it worth their time to come out from the Babylonish Land, and cease to be Traffickers in that which is only vulgar, gross, and carnal, and enter themselves as Divine Maguses in that Inward and Holy Court, where only the Anointed Priests are to exercise their Function and Calling. These differ from others, who yet remain only in the first rudiments of a Christ-like profession in the outward and exterior part of knowledge, having not pressed yet forward into the Internal and Essential Formation of a CHRIST in them. He prepares His own Paradise for Habitation, as the Land of all Spiritual Fruitfulness and Blessed Stores, which gives ease and rest from the burdens, and cares, and encumberings from the Worldly Principle, which is the peculiar privilege appropriated to the Inhabitants, who are the traffickers here, and exercise themselves quite in an other way: That is, from a Stock of an all-Springing Powerful Faith, which is that Golden Coin that bears the Inscription, The Lord God Omnipotent here reigns over all worlds, centers, and principles, the blessings from the heights above, and the depths beneath to command.

[GL 24b] And as Joshua had the Commission and Power given him, after he had brought the Tribes of *Israel* over *Jordan*, to divide to each their Lot of Inheritance—so the Great *Joshua-JESUS*, by conquest has brought a Selected and Chosen Number into this Love-paved Land, where each one has their portion divided from them after a Spiritual Manner, according to the free donation decreed from the Council of the Trinity, as persons are found higher or lower in their growth and capacities, to possess some one portion, others a twofold or threefold, or others proceeding till they arrive to a sevenfold portion. This full portion belongs principally to the Holy Anointed Priesthood, as the Celestial Revenues, from the power of which what is Terrestrial for the Outward Form which yet we bear, will be subject to serve, till Mortality shall put on its Immortal Robe. This may happen to such who shall arrive to the highest pitch of Faith, so as to Transmute course and gross matter into Refined and Pure Gold, according to the Divine Chemistry.

PART 2

The Manifestation of Wisdom's Cup

[GL 25a] §. After this opening, as I was recollecting and calling it over, and considering how near such a wonderful time might be, it was replied that there was prepared a Triune Cup, which was as by a Chain let down out of Wisdom's Principle and Land, compounded of rich Deified Matter, to be drank down by such as were denoted principally to go forth in the Spirit of Prophetical Divination. This Cup had Three Bowls upon One Handle, and Three Distinct Sorts of Liquor springing in them. And it was told me by the Spirit of Wisdom, from whose hand it was ministered, that one of these was the Rich Oily Composition. Another was as a Flaming Breath of Fire. The other was the Deep Ruby Tincture of the Royal Blood.

The Three Bowls

[GL 25b] Then it was said in me, "Behold and see what the Sacred Trinity has let down for an Inspiring Dowry, that shall give the distinguishing Seal to such who are Born in Wisdom's Kingdom. And whoever shall first be able and fitly qualified to Taste of the First of these, they shall know a Healing Spring will immediately open and rise, to disperse and dispel the Contagious Venom of the Body of Sin; and from there will go forth to relieve what in Outward Nature may be diseased or disordered. The property of the Second Cup is termed to be the Ghostly Draught; the effect of which will be a Baptizing Power, that will pass through all and every part, producing a Mighty Shine and Ray of Light and Glory. The nature of the Third Cup is the Blood of Full and Perfect Redemption, setting free, and giving a true Spiritual Release and Jubilee, from out of the sore travails, and sorrows, and burdens, which the Outward Birth of Degenerated Nature has involved all in so universally, as well those that are enlightened, and those that are in darkness and ignorance."

An Invitation to all the Inhabitants of this New Plantation to Drink

[GL 26a] §. This metaphorical representation has a most deep and intrinsical signification, containing in it that Secret which has not been revealed in any age of time. But though it was couched in CHRIST (the fullness of the Godhead), yet this Mystery lay concealed in Him, until the Time of the more Full Effusion of the Spirit, and Opening of the Center, where the Triune Power has lain hid. But an Alarm has sounded from the Heavenly World, first and peculiarly to the New Sprung-up Plants that are enclosed in the Sharon-pasture. To them it is given to take and draw in of this Sacred and Sovereign Elixir, that may inspire according to each one's measure, growth, and degree, as faith can extend and reach hereto. So accordingly will the CHRIST-like Form come to be great, mighty and strong, to Transcendently work such mighty acts and deeds, that shall justify those who are the Vessels that are filled with this rich dowry, that pertains only to the Children of Wisdom's Kingdom. Their Birth-Line runs from the Genealogy of Judah, to whom the Scepter of Government and Rule shall be renewed after a Paradisical manner, all being recovered again by Him who is the Firstborn from the Dead.

[GL 26b] Now in this New Creation-State, He transfers upon these who are first Redeemed out of the Old Corrupt Earth, various and innumerable powers, for the upholding and maintaining that Glorious Reign here upon Earth, which shall be acted by such Principal, great, and worthy Saints as shall represent CHRIST. He will entrust the Scepter of His Dominion in their hands, till the Time of Restitution of All Things, making ready for His Appearance in His Glorified Person. Though it may seem strange, and too wonderful for this mean and temporal state, as at present it stands in, yet it is verified to me by the Holy Unction, that there is such an Overturning coming on, as will bring forth a New Time such as has not yet been, which will spread and break forth out of the Heavens, little by little, till the Whole shall be brightened by this Day-Break of Rising Light, through those Saints that dwell in the Body of Light. For the confirmation of this marvelous Reign of CHRIST in His saints, that it is to get its footing upon the Earth, take that Ancient Prophecy, And (thou) hast made us unto our God, Kings and Priests: and we shall Reign on the Earth (Rev. 5:10). Which agrees with these latter prophecies that have been brought forth as the renewed Witness and Testimony of JESUS.

The Three Sorts of Wine

The Priestly Spirit

[GL 27] §. The Three Sorts of Liquor in the Golden Cups answer to the Threefold Office and Function of these Love-Elders, that are to be Enthroned with CHRIST the Lord. First Faith is begotten, carrying a Vehement Thirst to drink in of this Living Blood as a Quickening Spirit, which answers to CHRIST'S own Words, Except you drink my Blood, you have no Life in you. The virtue of which must cleanse and take away that putrefaction that sin has contracted, producing a Healing Spring that renews Spiritual Life continually. This is the Blood of the Covenant, and relates to the High Order of the Melchizedeck Priesthood.

The Prophetical Spirit

[GL 28] §. The Flaming Breath is appropriated to the Spirit of Prophecy, that searches into the deep fund of the all-foreknowing Wisdom, wherein lay those Hidden Treasures of Knowledge, making known the mind and counsel of GoD as to things past, present, and to come. And though there has been a great relapse, sinking down, and Quenching the Spirit, even unto Death, now a Resurrection hereof is witnessed, and is upon its further growth and increase, that GOD may be justified in this abounding Dispensation of Express Revelation of His mind.

The Royal Spirit

[GL 29a] §. The Third Draught is of the Holy Composition Oil, which gives the sacred dignification of the Kingly dominion, which the Saints of the Most High have never yet reached unto, so as to Reign over the Earth. Now it may be known what has retarded and kept back the possession of this Kingdom: There has not been a drinking in of these two foregoing high rarified and Spiced Liquors, in that measure as to have it their daily portion. Though it cannot be denied that there are some that have drunk deep hereof, but not being able to maintain it as a constant flowing spring, there has been a stop to the Kingdom fully coming forth. But behold, a cry is come forth from the Mighty Head Prince and King, to them who are found in the believing thirst, to let them know that now is the Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles; wherein the Gushing Powers of the Holy Ghost are offered freely to be given forth, and emptied into the Sanctuary-Vessels, according to this aforementioned preparation.

[GL 29b] Who would now slack their pace upon such a free and generous call? But throw off every heavy weight, and whatever of this Earthly Mold cleaves to them, and shackles their feet. For it is a time that requires all haste. For the mild summer is now breaking forth from the Heavens, in which

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their flight may be easy and pleasant. For the Gales and Wind of the Spirit warmly blows, to wind and draw up from all that is of the Earthly ponderosity. Skip and leap ye Lambs, who are Anointed to this Kingly Fold. And be not any longer supplanted of your right, you who belong to the Christ-like Crown; that in Him you may come to Reign as Princely Powers here over the Earth.

The New Sharon Further Described With its Seven Pools, and the Royal Honors and Prerogatives therein

[GL 30a] §.Behold in the Spirit, and you will see the Everlasting Gates of *Lebanon* stand open and free; where in the paved walks of *Love*, you will be greeted and kindly received by the Kingly Shepherd and His Princely Bride the *Jerusalem* Mother. She has provided here to entertain you the Seven Overflowing Pools which water this Garden, which makes it always flowering and springing. And the continual Descending Showers from the Superior Heavens, give marvelous feeding and refreshing to the growing plants of this New and Blessed Earth, in which only Righteousness reigns. And albeit this Mystical *Paradise*, which may everywhere be dispersed and opened, so that each individual person may carry their New Heavens and Earth within them, and Christ there maintaining His Throne-Dominion; though this be in the midst of this Wilderness, where the Wild Plants Grow, and would Tempt by their seeming fair and deceivable fruits, yet they will have no force or power to corrupt, or draw the Mind from what is relished and enjoyed in this Paradisiacal Land. For the Inhabitants hereof, as the Lily-Purity in Christ their Life, shall come to its Perfection. They shall all be temptation-proof, as Christ Himself never gave place to anything that might derogate from His High Descent, while He conversed upon Earth.

[GL 30b] Such a Christ-like Generation is now upon their coming forth, to whom He will commit the Reins of His Government, and who shall be Princes, each one in this *Lebanon*-Kingdom. These shall have all free commerce and correspondence with CHRIST, and the highest of those Saints that have put on the Robes of Glorification. And as sin and all the evil properties have reigned with innumerable evil effects, after the similitude of the First *Adam's* Transgression, so by the Second shall the Righteous Nature come to bear the Sovereignty and Dominion, in the Microcosm within them, and in the Great World without them. For the Covenant of Faith will be firmly established, whereby the Princes of this *Lebanon*-Court shall live above all fear; for the *Lion-Spirits* shall be made to couch to the Lamb's Mild Nature in them.

[GL 30c] And such gifts shall be conferred upon them, and such Divine Wisdom manifested in them, that the *Nebuchadnezzars* of the Earth shall entreat their friendship, as they are evidenced to be the great favorites of the Most High GoD: who may be assistant to them, where all the power or Wisdom of their Kingdom shall be too impotent to help and relieve them. Then shall the proud *Haman* spirits also know that they must become Servant-Leaders of that *Horse*, upon which CHRIST has mounted His Saints, all clothed upon as with the Heavenly King's glorious apparel, and the Golden Chain of Divine Honor about their Necks; those going before and proclaiming, *Thus shall it be done to those whom the Head Prince of the* New Sharon-Paradise *shall delight to honor*.

The Ministers of State that Attend the Prince: their Singular Wisdom and Power

[GL 31] §. These are those that shall be the First Springing Fruits of the *Sharon-Glory*, Separated and Redeemed out of the Earth, to bear Dominion over it. For the Ghostly Powers, from this Seven-fold Pool into which they are Baptized, shall expressly show forth what they are designed for—not

only to go forth to make report of the Kingdom approaching, but to be active Instruments in the establishment of it, by overpowering that which is Babylonish and Earthly, and making discovery of all false appearances of such as pretend to own that Spiritual Kingdom, but are found as hollow and empty trunks, that bear a Name to Live when they are Dead; not having the Sap of the Spirit springing in them. Upon the plains of Sharon, where the Spicy Plants grow, it will be given to them to discern what shows itself under this Face of Covering. So that by the rising of this Apostolical Spirit, all the False Maguses will be tried, that they may no more go forth to deceive the simple and ignorantminded, which will prove a Terrible Shaking to their Old Heaven and Earth, which must have an Overturning. And may it rather be by the most Sympathizing Sense and Love-Compassion that this Holy Priestly Order have for them, than by the Severe Vindictive ustice going out against them, that if by any means they may be in time deterred from being supporters of the Kingdom of the Beast, and the Spirit of Fallacy.

Their Commission to Proclaim the Time of the Lily

[GL 32] §.Now, while the Love-Trumpet sounds, let all that have drank only of the Bitter Waters, and have satisfied themselves only with the Outward Husk of the Grape, but have not tasted the Sweet Royal Blood of it, that it might become a Fountain of Life within them: let these make their pursuit to be Transplanted from their Wild and Barren Soil, into this Fruitful Land of all Blessed Store, to partake of those Immunities, which the here First Planted Worthies do really possess and enjoy. And it may be told you, that there is no care or turmoil, no vexing thorn nor prickling briar, but the Lily-Time, which springs up naturally of its own kind, in which shall be no taking thought for the morrow, because GOD here undertakes to Feed and Clothe those that belong to His Own Family and Household. For the Eternal Rock of the Spirit shall still follow for their nourishment and refreshing, both Internal and External.

The Union of the Lily and the Rose: their **Royal Generation Produced**

[GL 33] §.But now, it seems to me there is an Echo crying in my ears, saying, Here is made mention of a strange and wonderful time and state to be made manifest in this Visible World. But when shall it be? The answer from the Spirit of Truth and Prophecy is: the Time is Present, as well as to come. The Fire-Sparkles from the Holy Ghost have been sown, and are still sowing in the New Refined Earth, that has been fitly prepared in Persons scattered and dispersed here and there: in some of them lying still underground, in others putting forth, but yet young and tender; in others grown up to a good degree, as being under a more fruitful and thriving climate; in such as have weathered out all storms and shakings, and have stood their ground. These are those that have come near, and shall be the First Lilies that shall put on the Rosy Crown in the Nuptial Tie, from which will be produced Births of a God-like Spirit and Nature, that shall go forth in that Nazarite-purity, as shall be accompanied with an all-Commanding Power, that shall not fail to spring from the God-head Root within: and shall stand in these Latter Days to Judge the Earth, and to Bind Down the Oppressors of it. For that Prophecy must be fulfilled—I will make your officers peace, and your exactors righteousness. Such shall be the eminency of Wisdom, for government in these first ripened and grown up plants.

The Variety in Unity, and Unity in Variety within this Blessed Plantation

[GL 34] §. These are they that are Born out of the Womb of Eternal Love, as Wisdom's Royal Offspring, to whom the name of the *Philadelphian* Church rightly belongs, so they can admit of no jar or disharmony, for their consistency of being is all made up of that Perfect Love, that casts out all enmity and envy: each one manifesting and putting forth their Gifts according to their various measures and growth. The infancy of one plant does not grudge at the higher grown stature of another; and the highest advanced do not disesteem that which is more weak and low in its minority; but all appears in that Lovely Valley of Meekness and Humility, as from One Eternal Root, growing up together to make up that Pleasant and Sweet-scented Rose, from where the Spicy Savors of the Deified Nature are blown up; so that the variety of the Gifts and Powers that so manifest themselves among these Sharon Inhabitants, do not impair and lessen, but greatly illustrate the beauty and glory of the Unity. Thus avoiding all contest or strife with any, of whatever kind of profession they be, offended at nothing, but where the Evil Properties of Sin do bear rule and dominion; and detesting all reconciliation with that, the seed of which breeds and nourishes all bitter enmity, each one against another; let us go on to draw out of the Rock the Honey and Milk, that will make us mild and sweet, and of a Peaceable Spirit. According to that which the Royal Prophet has declared, Behold how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell in unity. O blessed are those that shall herein excel.

The Conclusion, being Addressed to All Sorts of Persons

[GL 35] §. Thus has been truly figured out and set before you the true resemblance of that Sharon-State, to invite and provoke such as yet grow in the Babylonish Land (as Sapless and Dead Plants); as feeding and being satisfied with the Dust of Corrupt Earthly Things, which is no better than Serpent's Meat. Haste, haste, therefore, and come away, and understand the Spirit's Call this Day. For who would not be of the Number of these Renowned Plants, that shall bear and carry the glory of the New Havilah Land, where Rivers of Pleasure and Endless Joys shall be your portion; walking among the Fire-Stones that shall burn and devour the Briars and Thorns that stand in the way to oppose them.

[GL 36] §. Now as to those that have this Precious Grain sown in them, but yet being under the Earth, and liable to the stiflings of the Contrary Principle, which may protract and delay its coming forth, this is the Word of Counsel: That they take care to dig and pare away what has imprisoned this Precious Grain, that it may put forth its Head for increase and growth.

[GL 37] §. And for such as have cut their way through, and are sprung up in a good degree, advertisement to them is: that they awaken such a Thirst that may draw down the Heavenly Mists and Dews, till they abound as a Mighty Shower, that they may spring up as Anointed Flowers. And thus being beautified and replenished, what less shall be their entertainment, but the glorious LORD overspreading them with His presence of Endless Love, Pleasure, and Joy: that they may spend away time in a Parallel State to what the Saints in Eternity enjoy.

The Prize

After the tedious years of sweat and toil In this vexatious cursed fruitless soil, How pleasant do the gracious tidings sound Of Sharon's glory, and lost Eden found? Where the Cherubic flaming sword must prove Resistless, yielding to victorious love. Come, holy warriors, and behold your Prize, All-glorious, dazzling e'vn the enlighten'd eyes, Come on to blest triumphant victories.

Hark! how the heavenly-sweet, yet loud alarms, Call to the holy warriors successful arms. The ethereal arch-angelic trumpets sound; And spread the ringing heavens and Earth around, Sounds that magnanimous souls inspire, Breathing Divine heroic martial fire. On, then, and fearless hell's last utmost rage, And the world's enchanting sorceries, engage. The Spirit's bright burnished sword of flaming love, And Faith's unknown Divine *Magia* prove. On prosperous, trampling down the insulting foes That would the Kingdom of the Lamb oppose. Seize the fair lily's virgin-crown, And crop the *Sharon-Rose*.

As once the Christian hosts, while near they drew Th' engagement, saw the holy plain in view; With fresh redoubled vigour on they fell, And bore down strait the routed Infidel: So while we here, as on Mount *Pisgah*, stand, And prospect take of the New Canaan-land; What life, what zeal, what valorous flame inspires; What pow'rs can o'er resist such ten-fold vig'rous fires! We fight like famed heroic lovers true That draw their conquering Swords With their fair Prize in view. Say, dear *Sophia*, wilt thou lead us on? For never can we lay our weapons down Till we're possess'd of thy bright sun, And wear thy starry crown, Enthron'd wilh our IMMANUEL dear, All conquerant! born in us, thy Spouse and Son, In blissful love's seraphic union, The lily thou; the Rose of *Sharon* he. Hosanna: Hallelujah: praise to thee! Already Faith presages, and assures the victory.

All hail, all hail, then, from the God of Love, Cries the all-charming Virgin from above: Your claim great champion-victors we approve, Possess the happy plains where nature grows Eternal pure; where milk and honey flows; Rivers of oil, and the new Kingdom's wine In fair meanders run; and fruits divine On silver-branching trees of life depend: All-plenteous bliss luxuriates without end. Seven mighty mountains here transcend in height, Flowering with roses and with lilies bright; To fill our darling heroes with delight, Roses and lilies twine, in one combin'd, And shall *in* you unite.

Your Mother dear, the new *Jerusalem*, Now calls, the *glassy* ocean's tide to stem, She comes to meet your high ascension race, Glancing her jasper light, love's precious grace; And flies with open arms to your embrace. She unlocks her pearly portals; streaming down Celestial virtues from each precious stone, Flaming in her bright-garnish'd rich foundation. Her streets are pav'd with love; her heavenly mold Of living, crystalline, transparent gold. No sun she needs, nor moon's inferior ray: GOD'S presence makes her everlasting day. Nothing profane, no curse can enter here; This clime not one polluted thought can bear, No cares, no sad discordant accent found; All dancing to the sphere's melodious sound, While sovereign over all love's joys abound: They spring in sportful triumphs; swell and float The heavenly orbs around.

When she's enfranchiz'd and install'd her friends, The glorious *Salem* back with them descends; Circled with saints and angels, beauteous train! And opens here her Lord's triumphant reign. Then shall the morning Stars together sing, And echoing loud the new creation ring; The victors both in heaven and Earth are crown'd, And peace and love to man, and glory to the Highest, From every part resound.

Appendix

A Testimony of the Resurrection

[GL A:1] §.While these sheets were in the press, that which follows, coming to the hands of the Author from a foreign part, and being the relation of a most memorable transaction, about the very same time as the Author had hers, and on essential and Living Testimony from the Spirit, to the truths herein declared, for the encouragement of the Warriors of Faith; it seemed as if the Divine Providence had herefore sent it, that it might be published together, for an attestation to the wonderful operation of the Divine Spirit at this time, moving after such a manner, so harmoniously in the most distant places, and in persons altogether unknown to each other. This came to pass last April, upon the 26th day, that is, after *The Alarm* was given, and just before the *Manifestation of the Glory of Sharon*.

[GL A:2] §.Yesterday evening after I was gone to bed, with devout prayer and praise to GoD, in joyfulness, and with a well-conditioned mind, and had slept very well all the night, I awakened this morning about two o'clock; and then my Spirit of Faith raised up itself immediately, in a joyful alacrity to the LORD, giving thanks and praises unto Him. And when in a continual prayer I begged of the LORD instantly and especially for an increasing of the Resurrection Power, that so thereby that which is sinful and unholy might be destroyed more and more, and the Sanctifying Work might be accomplished; the power of *Faith* increased still in me, so that I became thereby exalted, or lifted up quite above and without myself, finding myself as a Pure Spirit (or as All Spirit), wholly in the spirit, in an exceeding great liberty, and in a true Almighty Divine Power. I shouted therein for joy unto GoD, saying, *That in such a Divine Strength of Spirit I would Overcome Sin, Death, Devil, Hell, and every Opposition*.

[GL A:3] Upon which (when I was awake indeed but had shut my eyes) the Devil appeared to me in the terrible shape of a Dragon, having a long neck, and Dragon's Head, four feet, and a long dreadful thick Serpent's Tail. But with a great incredible Courage and Strength of Faith, I laid hold on him, apprehending his neck with my right hand, casting him to the ground, trampling upon him with my feet, and stamping him into a great Opened Hole or Dungeon. And though many other Horrible Devils presented themselves round about him, in the shape of dreadful Dragons and Serpents, which opposed themselves, with a terrible moving and winding themselves in each other—yet with an inexpressible heroic courage and strength, I trampled them all down with my feet into that Opened Hole; out of which a great astonishing multitude of Fire-Sparks fled up into the air. But at length this Hole was shut of itself, and I stamped upon it with my foot, in an incredible power, saying, *Hereby they are now sealed upon*. When now after this I raised up, and displayed myself again in the Spirit, and remembered immediately the Omnipresence of the Eternal, Infinite, Invisible, and Incomprehensible GoD; I turned to Him with the deepest, and yet with a very joyful approaching or introversion, and gave Him thanks for His great ineffable mercy, and victorious overcoming, which now by His Omnipotent Power He had made me to experience.

[GL A:4] §.And besides this, I called with great power all the Holy Angels that stand before GOD, that they altogether with the Spirits of Just Men Made Perfect, should assist me in adoring, honoring, praising, magnifying, and giving thanks to the Great, Infinite, Most Holy and Majestic Being, as the

Creator of us all (which word was so sensible and living in me, that it is unutterable), because of His great grace, deliverance, victory, and liberty of spirit, wherein I now find myself. But now, thereby this work, and this grace of my deliverance became so living in my inmost memory, that I said to the Holy Angels with a great commotion: O Holy Spirits, you can indeed with me praise and glorify the Great, Most Holy God, as the *Creator* of us all; for so far you are obliged to Him, in the same duty, love and thankfulness, in which men are. But because you always kept constantly to your Holy Station, you cannot therefore know, or be sensible so well as we, of what the Divine Mercifulness is; which has delivered us from our poisoned, corrupted, and darkened state of sin and condemnation; and has restored unto the Child-Like State, of the Liberty of Spirit, wherein I now find myself with you again. And therefore, we are infinitely more than you obliged to this Most Holy, Loving, and Merciful GoD; and are bound to a far greater thankfulness and Love. And I wish and desire therefore to be holy and most intimately united with, and obliged to this Most Holy Divine Being, in such a resignation and obedience, as is vastly greater than yours can be.

[GL A:5] §. In this inexpressible free motion of the spirit, I pressed inwards more and more unto GOD, and especially to CHRIST the Son of GOD, praying that I might be wholly His own, as my Saviour and Redeemer who had purchased me with His Blood, to be His own property, and of whom I had received all this Living Beatitude and Heavenly Joy. And thereby I lost myself—nay even the very shape of my own spirit, so much that I retained no other object but a pure, infinite, incomprehensible, divine, spiritual being, which was absolutely nothing, and yet also all; all still and quiet, and yet also all power and life. In this most acceptable state I prayed to the LORD very earnestly, that this now so sensible and essentially experimented Resurrection and Redemption-Power, might not only be a transient and visiting, but a constant and abiding power in me. And when I successively remembered again my body, which as yet I had neither seen or thought on, opening my eyes a little, and taking notice thereof, that all this notwithstanding, my body was not glorified, I prayed the LORD might not only (as I had prayed before) keep this power of His Resurrection (which I now was sensible of) constant in me, but might also strengthen it more and more, that it might work powerfully further, until the Gross Mortal Body through and through might be thereby Glorified and Spiritualized.

[GL A:6] §. Upon which prayer I felt myself immediately let down again from my former exaltation in the spirit, and observed that my eyes, because of the feeling of this great joy, had shed abundance of devotions and love-tears. But my Intellectual Part was immediately drawn up, into a still attention, wherein the LORD gave me to understand, that this Blessed State wherein I now had been, was not yet that Resurrection-State, which could bring in along with it a Glorification of the Body; but that it was the Internal Resurrection-State of the Soul, answering to the measure of the full age of Christ, wherein He stood when He was Baptized. And when I or others had attained to this, that then (like as it was so also done with CHRIST in His Baptism) the Sealing of the Holy Ghost, or a greater, much higher, and more powerful Unction than this is which we have now, should follow thereupon. And thereby this Internal Resurrection-State should be Sealed and Confirmed in us, so that we should sin no more, like as CHRIST Himself, because His Seed should then perpetually abide with us; and through Him we should be enabled to Overcome the Sin, the Devil, and the World, and to discern exactly all the temptations, both within and without.

[GL A:7] §. And because the LORD gave me to understand that the reason that I was introduced into this Actual and Essential Sensibility, and Feeling of this Spiritual Resurrection-State (mentioned in Phil. 3:11) is this: That as a living and experienced Witness and Spy of the Blessed Land, I should not only for myself be the more fully certified and convinced of what I had believed and hoped concerning it, from the Testimony of the Scripture and of the Spirit; namely, that it is such a State of

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Sanctification that can truly be attained, even in a Mortal and Unglorified Body, as the example of CHRIST testifies, to whom we are directed as our Type and Pattern: but also, that by my own experience and feeling, I should better know and understand the peculiar condition and property of that Spiritual Power and Glory, which is to be hoped for and expected therein. And that I should lay down a *certain and credible testimony* of all this before my brethren, and all them that run with me, and press forward to this Glorious Mark of the Perfect Age of CHRIST, for a powerful encouragement and confirmation of their hope and confidence; that *they* may not be discouraged, but firmly believe *The Prize* set before us is attainable in this Mortal Body, and shall certainly be attained by them that abide faithful, and go on constantly and diligently in their sanctification.

[GL A:8] §.But concerning the desired glorification of the body, I was in memory directed to the eleventh chapter in the Revelation, and from that I was clearly instructed that before this comes to pass, we must follow the LORD JESUS, and be conformable to Him in that whole process, which there is described. Namely, when we first have attained to this internal and spiritual perfect resurrectionstate, or measure of the full age of CHRIST, felt and known by me this day; and when we are (like as He) sealed and anointed with the *Holy Ghost*, in a greater and special measure, we must also hereafter, like as He has done in the world, and before the GoD of the Earth, witness and proclaim the truth of the Kingdom of GoD. And this, as He has done, for a time of a thousand two hundred and sixty days, or three years and a half. After this we must be slain with Him, and must abide in such a condition for three days and a half. And then there shall at length follow thereupon such a resurrection, as will bring along with it a glorification of the body, and an ascension in the clouds, like as it was done also with Him. All this was extremely clear to me, and all irresistible, except only that I fain would have known, whether this death of the two witnesses be a corporeal death, and whether the three days and a half are natural days, or whether both this and that might have another mystical sense? But when I for this sake turned to the LORD, to have a clearer opening thereof, the divine light retired and drew back, and so this matter was left with me in doubt, and without opening.

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