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## Spirit's Day Studies

The Writings of Jane Lead

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*Shake, shake your earthly dust away  
Now it's the Spirit's Day,  
that will admit of no delay.*

The Eight Worlds

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Q & A

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- 43) **Waiting in Jerusalem:** Why do you say that students just coming into these truths should “wait in Jerusalem,” when we know those [various] worlds grow up into us...as stages into maturity.

As we are presently in a *transition* from the Church Age to the Kingdom Age, therefore the ministration of the Holy Spirit is also moving from Age to Age. Thus “waiting in Jerusalem” can be understood as either for those in the Church Age, or else those transitioning to the Kingdom Age. For the Church Age receives the Holy Ghost as a *showering* Gift. Those under the Kingdom Dispensation receive it as a *Birth* of Christ within,<sup>1</sup> or, the opening of *Paradise* within the soul.<sup>2</sup> While we indeed have the various worlds within us (see [The Eight Worlds](#))—yet they must be opened *in us* one by one. It is not merely a *realization* or *understanding* and *acceptance* by faith that they are in us. Neither is it a growth in maturity as some believe. We must go through various purgings, as well as *many* deaths, in order for Paradise to open within;<sup>3</sup> and then proceed to have the next world opened, and the next.<sup>4</sup> The [Heavenly Cloud](#) describes the process. The [Tree of Faith](#) details the various degrees of *faith* within that process. See also [60P06-Pt3 Mystery of Redemption – From Age to Age](#).

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- 44) **Serpent Seed:** What is the Serpent's Seed in Jane Lead's teachings? Some claim that the great sin in the Garden was actually a sexual union between Eve and Satan, and that Satan sired Cain. Did Jane believe and teach that?

In Jane's writings the Serpent Seed is strictly a metaphor for the *Indwelling Sin-Principle*, also called the *Body of Sin*.<sup>5</sup> It is named *Serpent* to identify the Person who is the *cause* and continual instigator of sin. It is called a *Seed* to portray the sin-nature as an indwelling principle that all mankind receive as a result of that first sin.<sup>6</sup> Thus it has *nothing* to do with a sexual union between Eve and Satan. Nor is it associated with a tainted *Cain bloodline*. Neither does it have anything to do with a superior [Aryan race](#), [Christian Identity](#), or [British-Israelism](#)—which are all dangerous teachings that lead to confusion, prejudice, and antisemitism, and bring hatred and *division of races* into the Church—which is to be made up of *all true believers* in Jesus Christ, both Jew and Gentile, and ALL peoples, and *races*, and nations, and tongues.<sup>7</sup> Those who accept these doctrines are urged to thoroughly investigate their veracity, and to carefully reevaluate those that promote them.<sup>8</sup>

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- 45) **Predestination:** You are tragically mistaken in your view of Predestination ([60P07-Pt1](#)). There are numerous Scriptures that say that all true Christians are predestinated to salvation!

It's not easy to go back and reevaluate doctrines and opinions we've held dear for so long. But as we are on a treasure hunt,<sup>9</sup> and since the Lord gives us instruction according to our ability to receive,<sup>10</sup> we are thus commanded by the Lord Himself to *ask*, *seek*, and *knock* for every bit of insight, learning, and growth in God's Kingdom—*until we find!*<sup>11</sup> Otherwise every believer would become a *mature* Christian immediately upon conversion to the faith, and there would be nothing more to learn.<sup>12</sup>

I appreciate your concern, having had to reconsider many things myself. But as you did not provide any Scriptures, I cannot offer any answers at this time. But you are welcome to write back.

**46) British Israelism: What is British Israelism and why are some associating it with Jane Lead?**

British Israelism (or *Anglo* Israelism) is the belief that the people of Great Britain and Europe are "genetically, racially, and linguistically the direct descendants" of the Ten Lost Tribes of ancient Israel,<sup>13</sup> having migrated over the Caucasus Mountains and spread throughout Europe after the Assyrian Captivity.<sup>14</sup> The doctrine can be traced to the mid 1500's, and grew as a *distinct* movement in England in the late 1800's.

British Israelism is yet another attempt to abscond with the eternal and unconditional Covenant Promises that belong *exclusively* to the Jews and the Nation of Israel.<sup>15</sup> Mrs. Lead never even hints at such a doctrine. Therefore, other than the fact that British Israelism arose as a movement in England, and Jane Lead was born and raised in England—*there is no connection*.

**47) Universalist: You stated that Jane Lead was not a Universalist but a Universal Redemptionist. But isn't that the same thing since she believed that everyone will be saved? Either way doesn't that make her a Universalist?**

When we examine her salvific views, her writings are the clearest recorded evidence of what she believed and taught. As mentioned before, Jane Lead was a *Universal Redemptionist*—not a *Universalist*, according to the well-accepted definition and view. A Universalist believes that everyone will be saved—regardless of their religion or beliefs. And while Jane taught that non-Christians and even the irreligious will ultimately be saved, she states that salvation is—and always will be—based on the *Redemption* that is available in Christ Jesus, through His *Atonement* for the sins of all mankind.<sup>16</sup> She taught that one day *everyone* will bow the knee and confess Him as Lord.<sup>17</sup> Therefore, to call her a Universalist would be to separate her from her faith—which I am not willing to do.

To further justify her doctrine of salvation through Jesus alone, she mentions His name nearly 600 times in her writings. If she believed in many paths to salvation (Universalism), she no doubt would have acknowledged them. Neither did she mention or else promote any of the following:

Ancestor Worship: 0	Evolution: 0	Necromancy: 0	Serpent-Seed <u>Race</u> : 0
Ancient Knowledge: 0	Folk Religion: 0	New Age: 0	Shakras: 0
Animism: 0	Freemasonry/Masons: 0	Nirvana: 0	Shaman/Shamanism: 0
Antisemitism: 0	Gnosis/Gnostics: 0	Numerology: 0	Tarot: 0
Aryan Race: 0	Greek Gods/Mythology: 0	Occult: 0	Universal Brotherhood: 0
Ascended Masters: 0	Gurus: 0	Paganism: 0	Universal Consciousness: 0
Astrology: <sup>18</sup> 0	Hinduism: 0	Palmistry: 0	Universal Salvation: 0
British/Anglo Israelism: 0	Horoscopes: 0	Pleroma: 0	Valentinus: <sup>21</sup> 0
Buddha: 0	Indigenous Religion: 0	Pantheism: 0	Visualize/Visualization: 0
Charms: 0	Islam: <sup>19</sup> 1	Pyramids: 0	Voodoo: 0
Christ Consciousness: 0	Karma: 0	Race of Seth: 0 <sup>20</sup>	Witchcraft/Wicca: 0
Confucius: 0	Krishna: 0	Racism: 0	Zodiac: <sup>22</sup> 0
Cosmos: 0	Maitreya: 0	Reincarnation: 0	Zoe: 0
Cult: 0	Mantras: 0	Roman Gods/Mythology: 0	Zoroaster: 0
Dalai Lama: 0	Mystery Religions: 0	Runes: 0	Etc., etc.
Esotericism: 0	Mysticism: 0	Self-Realization: 0	

- 48) **Still Eternity:** What is the Still Eternity that JL mentions in [The Eight Worlds](#)? She says that while the Father's royal and principal seat is found in the Third Heavenly World, the New Jerusalem, there is yet another world above that called the Still Eternity, out of which all the other worlds were generated. But how can there be yet another world above that in which God rules as Master, Creator and Lord over the entire universe?

In *The Eight Worlds* Jane Lead lays out her clearest teaching on the unlimited extent of God's Love, and His glorious plans for the Ultimate Restitution of the entire lapsed creation. She was taken up in spirit and given a revelation of this wonder, which was manifested to her through Eight different Worlds, and gives us a description of those various "regions that are allotted to human souls upon mortal death, according to their several degrees of ascent or descent."<sup>23</sup>

The Elementary Worlds	The Heavenly Worlds
1. This Mortal Visible World	5. Paradise
2. The Dark Hellish World	6. Mt. Zion
3. The Airy Region	7. The New Jerusalem
4. The Watery Region	8. The Still Eternity

The objective of the first seven *created* worlds is to correct and purify mankind, so that they may be completely restored from all the tragic effects of the Fall.<sup>24</sup> Here is a hierarchy of worlds, with varying levels within each.<sup>25</sup> The Hellish World is the lowest; the New Jerusalem is the highest. Upon death of the mortal body, the soul is allocated to a certain world based upon its spiritual state when it passes from this life.<sup>26</sup> After entrance into its designated place,<sup>27</sup> the soul, through the direct mediator-ship of Christ, and through various corrections and purgings, may advance into the higher levels of that world, and then proceed to the next world. The highest state that any can advance to is the New Jerusalem, where the Father and Son personally manifest themselves to redeemed mankind.<sup>28</sup>

In all things there has to be a beginning—not of God for He has no beginning—but of everything God has created. *For all things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.*<sup>29</sup> In the beginning, before all creation, God dwelt in the world called the Still Eternity, which is so named because "nothing but everlasting rest, stillness, and silence is to be perceived there."<sup>30</sup> Here is where the Holy Trinity dwelt "in the meek stillness, enjoying themselves before they brought forth any image or likeness to themselves."<sup>31</sup> It's where God truly was—and is—All in All; and where the Son of God dwelt in His pre-incarnate existence.<sup>32</sup> This Still Eternity is an *uncreated* world—out of which all the other worlds came forth.<sup>33</sup>

John Pordage (1607-1681), the illuminated Englishman, calls it the *Rock of Wonders*, after the five "wonders" he witnessed when taken up there: 1) the Spirit of Eternity, 2) the Holy Trinity, 3) the Virgin Wisdom of God, 4) the Seven Spirits before the Throne, and 5) the Inhabitants of the Still Eternity (also called Simplified Spirits).<sup>34</sup> According to both Lead and Pordage this Still Eternity is where all these Wonders existed *before* God ever created *Eternal Nature*; and that all other worlds were generated *out of* the Still Eternity *through the avenue* of Eternal Nature.

Therefore God may be understood in two ways: 1. Within (or inside of) Eternal Nature, or else, 2. Outside (or beyond) Eternal Nature. Everything in this universe: worlds, angels, stars, planets, man, animals, etc., are *inside* of Eternal Nature; for they are the products of Eternal Nature, and were generated by the Holy Trinity *through* Eternal Nature. But the Still Eternity was never created. It always *was* and always *will be*. Thus it lies *outside* or beyond Eternal Nature.<sup>35</sup> So when Jane speaks of New Jerusalem as the Father's royal and principle seat, she is speaking of Him *within* Eternal Nature; where God reigns as King over all created worlds, for the express purpose of contact and communion with His creation. Therefore the Thrice-Holy God can have His seat and throne in the New Jerusalem, and also in the Still Eternity.

- 49) **Astrology:** I read John Pordage's Statement of Faith and was relieved to know that he was not a [Socinian!](#) But I had a red flag go up when I read that he was an "accomplished astrologer." But I suppose one could study the movement of the stars and planets and yet not be involved with predictions or fortune-telling.

The word "Mazzaroth" appears in the Book of Job, and is believed to represent the twelve signs of the Zodiac.<sup>36</sup> Countless studies, articles, and books have been written that posit the view that the Gospel message of Salvation appears in the various constellations—and in a specific order.<sup>37</sup> Some conjecture that since the Patriarchs had no written form of the Word of God, they used these *signs in the heavens* to teach their descendants and others about the God of the Universe, and about salvation through the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.<sup>38</sup>

But perhaps an even more provocative reason why these mystics were interested in the planets and stars was to understand their direct influence on man and the world—*within the properties of nature*. Boehme stated that the *natural man* is in fact "under the instigation, government and dominion of the stars."<sup>39</sup> Jane Lead wrote that "Nothing can totally free [from the Beast's Kingdom] but total death, after the way of spiritual dying, which operates both mystically and magically, by and through the heavenly constellations. This is a death worthy of acceptance indeed, which at once shall put an end to all earthly sense and sin."<sup>40</sup>

If the Gospel is truly written in the Stars, it would complement and also validate the passage in Psalm 19:1, *The Heavens declare the glory of God*. Therefore it is not surprising that God would place the Gospel where *the whole world can see!* And while both Pordage and Lead mention the constellations, they do not acknowledge or condone *divination* through horoscopes, or predicting the future through mediums and such—which are all viewed by God as abominable acts.<sup>41</sup>

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- 50) **Dreams:** Jane Lead was given many dreams and visions. God approves of them as a way to reveal His will to someone. This is Biblical. Joseph and Daniel interpreted dreams for Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar. I received a dream which I'm convinced is from the Lord. I'm interested in what you might think it means.

While Daniel and Joseph were both given interpretations of *someone else's dreams*, it is worth noting that they interpreted the dreams of *non-believers*. God gave Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar the dreams—then sent Joseph and Daniel to interpret those dreams. This is confirmation that if God gives the dream, He will also provide the interpretation. When Jane Lead received a dream or a vision, the Lord would often directly give her the interpretation—sometimes immediately; sometimes much later; and she records the times where she waited on the Lord in prayer.<sup>42</sup> At other times the interpretation would come through the illumination given her concerning a certain Scripture.<sup>43</sup>

If you believe the dream comes from the Lord, of course it should not be taken lightly. But if God Himself is the one who has given you the dream, He will also give you the interpretation—either through another direct communication, or else through His Written Word. I pray that the Lord Himself will answer your questions very soon. †††

## NOTES & SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are from the KJV. Unless otherwise noted all references to JL's writings are from the Spirit's Day Version (SDV).

- 1 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 1:2).
- 2 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:11); See also *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F, Chapter 9).
- 3 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 9:2).
- 4 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 9:1-5); *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 3:3); *Tree of Faith* (TR 46).
- 5 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 19:21); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 6:8-9); *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 17:18); *Living Funeral Testimony* (LF 23).
- 6 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one...For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:10,23)
- 7 After this I beheld a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. (Rev 7:9)
 

What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin. (Rom 3:9)

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (1Co 12:13)
- 8 The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal 5:19-21)
 

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (Gal 5:22-26)
- 9 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. (Mat 13:44)
 

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. (Isa 45:3)

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter. (Pro 25:2)
- 10 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: (Isa 28:9-10)
- 11 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: (Mat 7:7)
- 12 That is, conversion, or, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 13 [British Israelism \(Wikipedia\)](#)
- 14 [Assyrian Captivity \(GotQuestions.org\)](#)
- 15 See Genesis, Chapters 12 and 15.
- 16 She believed that in Jesus Christ, the God-Man (RR 5:2, 18:4; HC 2:10); who was after the way and manner of human nature conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary (EW 1:16c); who lived a sinless life (RR 24:4); who died for the sins of the world (HC 1:9); and was resurrected from the dead (RR 12:3; HC 2:9).
 

She believed that this Jesus is the Eternal Word, who was incarnated in flesh, for a universal redemption and restoration out of this lapsed state (Tree 12, #4).

She believed that the efficacy of Christ, the Second Adam, by the merit of His bloodshed, and His Spirit given therein, will make all

good again, which the First Adam had made evil. (EN I:7; Rom. 6:14-16).

- 17 *Third Message to Philadelphian Society* (3M P:7, 34); *Wars of David* (WD P:14,#9); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 30:4).
- 18 JL does not use the words “astrology” or “zodiac” in her writings. However she does mention *constellation(s)*—but never as a means of fortune-telling or divination. (See 3F 5:14, 16:18, et al; 1F 1:18, 2:6, et. al; TR 22, 50; EW 1:12a, 3:1; LF 16; RR 22:5) et. al.

**Note:** Below are definitions of **Astrology** and **Zodiac** from JL’s time period:

**Astrology** (astrologia) is a Science which tells the Reasons of the Stars and Planets motions. Astrology (says Dr. Bullokar) doth promise by the motion and influence of Stars and Planets to foretell things to come; or (as my Lo. Bac. says) it professeth to discover the influence and domination of the superior Globe over the inferior; and therefore may be termed a kind of natural divination, so long as it keeps itself in due limits, and arrogates not too much to its certainty; into which excess if it once break forth, it can then be no longer called natural Divination, but superstitious and wicked; for the Stars may incline, but not impose a necessity in particular things. (Thomas Blount, *Glossographia, or, A Dictionary...* 1661)

**Zodiack** (zodiacus) is an oblique imaginary circle in the Firmament, dividing the Sphear athwart the Aequinoctial into two points, viz. the beginning of Aries and Libra; in the midst whereof is the Ecliptick line; Its utmost limits are the two Tropicks, Cancer and Capricorn; its length three hundred and sixty degrees, and breadth Sixteen. It is divided into Twelve signs, Six Northernly and Six Southerly; the Northern are Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Gemini, Leo, Virgo; the Southern, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricornus, Aquarius, Pisces; he turns upon his own Poles from West to East. (Thomas Blount, *Glossographia, or, A Dictionary...* 1661)

- 19 JL mentions Mohammadism (Islam) in her exhortation to the “Turkish Monarchy,” urging them to come out of their dark security in rejecting the Light of Christ (3M 34).
- 20 Meaning the *Gnostic Elect*—not the line of the Messiah of Israel.
- 21 **Valentinus**, a second century Egyptian Gnostic and founder of Valentinian Gnosticism, which some have attempted to link to Jane Lead.

22 See Astrology.

23 *Eight Worlds* subtitle.

24 *Living Funeral Testimony* (LF 44); *Everlasting Gospel* (EG 4),

25 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:3b, 8a).

26 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:5).

27 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. (Act 1:25)

28 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:3b,14).

29 John 1:3.

30 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:10).

31 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:18).

32 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:18).

33 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:19).

34 Pordage, John. (1681) *Theologia Mystica, or, The Mystic Divinitie of the AEternal Invisibles.*

35 *Eight Worlds* (EW 1:18).

36 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? (Job 38:32)

[Mazzaroth \(Wikipedia\).](#)

See also Chuck Missler video [The Mazzaroth.](#)

37 Beginning with Virgo the Virgin (*a Virgin shall conceive*); and ending with Leo (the *Li-on of the Tribe of Judah*).

38 See *The Witness of the Stars* by Anglican clergyman E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913).

39 [Lexicon 7: A Jacob Boehme Dictionary](#) by Wayne Krauss, jacobboehmeonline.com.

40 [Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1](#) (1F 11:10)

41 Deuteronomy 18:10-14.

42 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 10:15, 17:3); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 16:17); *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 9:22).

43 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 9:7); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 5:1); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 3* (3F 1:11); *Everlasting Gospel* (EG 3-4); et al.