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## Spirit's Day Studies

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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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## Notes on the Pearl of Great Price

The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly Pearls: When he had found one Pearl of Great Price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. (Mat 13:45-6)

### JANE LEAD NOTES (JL)

1. Sophia, or Mother Wisdom is called the “Renown Pearl of Wisdom.” (1F 1:11)
2. It is a “rich pearl in the fishes mouth.” (1F 2:17)
3. The soul must “appear for a while as drowned and dead: till we shall arise and swim, with the rich Pearl in our mouths.” (1F 2:17)
4. The soul must dive deep in order to obtain it. (1F 2:17)
5. Is the “matchless Dove and Oriental Pearl” that is so hardly obtained. (1F 4:32)
6. “Now as to the [Zion] Gates themselves, they are of One Pearl, signifying their oriental purity.” (1F 7:19)
7. The Three Zion Pearl-Gates united as in one, “manifest the Trinity in unity. All concluded it is to dwell in one Pearl-spiced Gate, so spiced throughout, as it may smell only of pure Deity, that can never more admit of putrefaction.” (1F 7:20)
8. The “One” Pearl = a Body of Purity. (1F 7:21).
9. “Zion Pearl Ruby Gate.” (1F 7:23)
10. “For in this new risen body, I shall not be ashamed of you; it is so signatred into the Father’s nature of purity, that in it you may freely ascend to me. I will meet with you in the Light Airy Region, and bring you through all the Pearly Gates. O come, resign and die; know me no more out of this dying and resurrection state.” (1F 9:4)
11. “Pearl of the Holy Ghost” is the resurrection-state. (1F 9:12).

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Therefore be not dismayed, though there may happen many assaults and attempts, that will make war against this resurrection-state. These offences will come in through the withdrawing of this inspiring Unction; whose power is arising yet again, for reforming all these abuses, and ecclesiastical disorders in my visible church militant. Therefore, you who have hard and unweariedly sought for this Pearl of the Holy Ghost, and are upon the growing body for it, be not snipped in your hopes, but be of good courage. For whoso shall be worthy thereof, as those, who gradually shall through all sufferings, dyings, risings, ascendings, come up through all a conqueror to me? Truly I say, if you shall appear to me in Mount Zion in such a raised Spirit, you shall have free liberty to take what you will out there, as co-partners with me in the Kingdom of the Father's sovereignty, where I am by all this calling you up. Therefore see, see what I must do further in you, till you are thoroughly assimilated into me. (1F 9:12)

### 12. Where the Pearl shall be found: (1F 9:13)

Now then decry down all reluctance, which yet may be found stirring against this Perfect thing. For my Rising Body will clear itself from all weaknesses and imperfections, to which end I do again descend into nature, to raise this Seed, and to clothe it upon with my own Spiritual Body. It must be put on, jointed and knit together by organical properties and powers, and by spiritual sinews, and veins of life running here throughout, all created and formed of pure and divine matter. This is the New Creature, into which God the Holy Ghost will breathe again and operate freely, and will never more be under any clog, or evil strangling power from any dark magic. For by and through dying into me, all are acquitted of that nature. I will spring out of you as a New Lily Flower: and out of that inward ground, which has been thus tintured, and watered with my all-cleansing blood (that purifies from all that is corrupt), the Pearl shall be found. (1F 9:13)

13. "By no means must we bring here any Spirit that may make mutiny, to break the holy league which must be still maintained with Him, who is the Covenanter; who hereby renews our peace, and joy, in believing without annoy or staggering: which hinders the purchase of the field where the Pearl is found, which field is called Faith's Eternal Ground." (1F 12:1)
14. Those who are called out of the Babylonish country, and into the Land of Immanuel, are to learn how to deal and traffic in that high merchandize of the Pearl of the Kingdom... (1F 12:19)
15. The Lamb's Bride was shown to Jane Lead in vision, as "a Woman, clothed with a Flaming Garment, like the Sun for Glory and Brightness, with a Cup of Pearl-Royal in her Hand, filled full of flaming Liquor of Gold." (1F 16:13)
16. The soul is to contend for the "Crown of Pearl." (1F A:16)
17. The Crown of Pearl "is Christ's perfect deity in His eternal humanity in our souls." (1F A:16)
18. "...and make sure to themselves the Pearl of the Kingdom; for that treasure may go along with them into the Heavenly World when they must leave all that belongs to this outward." (EN 1:6)
19. Mortal death a "Pearly Gate that gives entrance into the New Jerusalem State." (LF 66)
20. "Pearl-Seed" is located at the "center," and the soul must overturn ground upon ground in order to find it. (3F 3:7)
21. The Lord refers to God's Elect or Firstborn, also called Wisdom's Children, "are as the Pearl in my Eye." (2F 21:12)
22. Jane Lead was given a "Vision of the Pearl;" and the interpretation followed on September 15 & 16, 1677 (2F 23:19-21).

23. [The Pearl] is the “Principal Fruit [from Faith’s Tree], in which is to be tasted the strong Spirit of the Life-Essence of the Deity, will be of another effect: to wit, Eternal Life will be sucked in verily by that.” (2F 23:19)
24. The Pearl is located in the higher branches of Faith’s Tree. (2F 23:19)
25. Translation possible only through the eating of this Pearl-fruit. (2F 23:20)
26. This choice Pearl-fruit is protected by the Flaming Sword. (2F 23:20)
27. Comes only by way of a gift. (2F 23:20)
28. Represents the precious Pearl of Faith: (2F 23:19)
  - ♦ Will be given to the Saints for working miracles by.
  - ♦ Given to those who in long Patience, and Hope, have waited for the manifestation of such Powers and Gifts, as become the Glory of the New Creation to shine forth in.
  - ♦ This goodly Pearl is the Stock and Merchandise that Wisdom bequeaths.
  - ♦ Given those who “are found on the other side of the Glassy Sea.”
29. The Pearl is the “Golden Grain of Faith.” (2F 24:11)
30. Is “the product of the Deity” (2F 24:11)
31. Is the rich talent that is not to be hid (2F 24:11)
32. Is a “creating breath.” (2F 24:11)
33. Is “a high extracted Spirit of Faith” (2F 24:11)
34. “Only a mighty vehement Spirit of Love shall bring forth the Life-acting [Pearl] Body of the Holy Ghost.” (2F 24:11)
35. Where this choice Pearl will be found; the mere strength of Love must give entrance, where this Almighty Dowry is. (2F 24:12)
36. The Pearl will raise Love up to its first Virgin Purity, [and] will make Faith descend in all its assumed Majesty. (2F 24:12)
37. Is a “pure burning breath of Love.” (2F 24:12)
38. Is the “Rock of Pearls.” (2F 27:8)
39. The Pearl of the Kingdom is formed within the furnace, by the Seven Spirits before the Throne of God (the Seven Burning Lamps), within the house of the Holy Ghost. (3F 13:12)
  - ♦ These Seven Spirits (Lamps) are the Seven Principle Counselors (3F 15:3).
  - ♦ These Seven Spirits (Lamps) are the “Everlasting Counselors.” (3F 15:20)
  - ♦ These Seven Counselors “will not forsake those who pursue the most hidden Pearl of the Kingdom” (3F 15:20)
40. The soul is to follow (pursue) this Pearl most eagerly. (3F 15:20)
41. “As we are found after His (Lord Jesus) heart, the Pearl of the Kingdom will break through in power and dignity.” (3F 16:16)

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42. The strong seal [that hides the Pearl] is to be dissolved by the fervent heat of the zeal of Love. (3F-Pt 2, 5/29/1679, 17CV)
43. Called the “Pearl of Charity.” (RR 24:1)
44. Called the “Resurrection of Love.” (RR 23:17)
45. Is the “the Lost Groat.”<sup>1</sup> (RR 24:1)
46. Natural self-love (the great opposite), must be swept out before the Pearl can be found. (RR 24:1)
47. The Pearl is the entrance of the “King of Love,” with His train. (RR 24:1)
48. It is called the “plant of Love’s Kingdom.” (RR 24:1)
49. This Pearl must reach a height of perfection. (RR 24:1)
50. Has many subtle enemies. (RR 24:1).
51. This “Seed-Pearl” lies smothered in the low and deep valley of a renewed Earth. (3F 20:8)
52. It is brought to life by “one magical breath.” (3F 20:8)
53. “The Twelve Gates of the New Jerusalem, or the Magical Gates of Wisdom,...are to be studied by every child [of Wisdom], that seeks to attain her wonderful Pearl.” (3F-Pt 2, February 1680, 17CV)
54. The [Pearl] is “that Stone which is rejected by the wise men of this world.” (3F-PT 2, February 1680, 17CV)
55. The “Pearly Jewel” lies behind a secret cabinet. A privy key is needed to open it up. (3F-Pt 2, November 1, 1681, 17CV)
56. Must be sought by “vehement love” as a “Pearly Treasure.” (3F-Pt 2, August 17, 1682, 17CV)
57. Both “eye” and “key” are required to find this treasure. (3F-Pt 2, August 17, 1682, 17CV).
58. The “eye” is to pierce as deep as the Deity; the “key” is to unlock that principle, out of which wonders must be acted forth. (3F-Pt 2, August 17, 17CV)
59. [Wisdom’s] Pearl must be sought by true seekers and lovers who out-bid all for her Pearl. (RR P:1)
60. Wisdom’s Pearls can be “traded” (RR 17:31):  

And are there Merchants then not Transitory,  
Trading in Wisdom’s Pearls, Coelestia Manufactory.  
That secretly improve their Talents Store,  
And keep Inestimable Treasures more and more;  
Unwearied till that (a) Union-Gem<sup>2</sup> they reach,  
That brings Redemption full to Nature’s Breach.
61. Is a “union-gem.” (RR 17:31, *Verses*, footnote on “unio”)

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<sup>1</sup> [Groat](#): A large English silver coin worth four pence, used from the 14th to the 17th century.

<sup>2</sup> The Latin Word *Unio*, signifies a rich and precious Pearl: as well as Union. Both senses here Accord together. The secret and inestimable Pearl, is the Blessed Nuptial with *Christ*; which opens among the Saints on Earth in the Latter Day: through the Return and Manifestation of the divine Wisdom; which is the Female, or *Virgin* Nature in *Christ*.

62. Is the “blessed nuptial with Christ.” (RR 17:31, footnote)

63. The word “Pearl” appears nine times in the Bible:

No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies. (Job 28:18)

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. (Mat 7:6)

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: (Mat 13:45)

When he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. (Mat 13:46)

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; (1Ti 2:9)

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: (Rev 17:4)

The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, (Rev 18:12)

And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! (Rev 18:16)

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. (Rev 21:21)

## JOHN PORDAGE NOTES (JP)

64. Jane Lead wrote that John Pordage was a successful finder of that rich Pearl of the Gospel:

“[He was] evermore employed and busied in an internal contemplative life: the Spirit in him still searching the deep and hidden mysteries of the Kingdom, and truly he was not only a seeker, but a successful finder of that rich Pearl of the Gospel.” (TM P:3)

65. This Pearl is “the Desire of all Nations.” (ET 52)

66. Is hidden in the rubbish of Eternal Nature’s [fallen] essence. (ET 52).

67. “Is the innermost kernel of the Holy Trinity in pure Deity.” (ET 52)

68. “Eternal Nature's principle is the field wherein is hid the inestimable Pearl of the Holy Trinity:” (ET 120)

69. [Eternal Nature’s principle] “is the cabinet wherein is contained the jewel of wonder, viz., the Deity in pure humanity.” (ET 120)

70. Whosoever finds this Pearl does, together with it, find all the wonders of the Holy Trinity. (ET 120)

71. The Pearl indeed is one thing and the field, or rich cabinet another, yet is both field and cabinet very useful to keep and conceal the precious stone [Pearl] of Eternal Wisdom. (ET 120)

72. This Pearl “is fast locked up in this cabinet, and lies deep buried in this field, and whosoever will find it must dig deep for it.” (ET 120)

73. Is called “the Precious Stone of Eternal Wisdom.” (ET 120)

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74. Is the Deity in pure humanity. (ET 120)
75. Is the Jewel of Wonder. (ET 120)
76. The field (Eternal Nature's principle) is within ourselves. (ET 121)
77. The Pearl is the "divine nature and glory of the Deity [that] is hid in nature, as a jewel in a cabinet, or as a treasure hid in a field." (ET 145)
78. The Pearl is the baptism into the nature of the Father, Son, and Spirit. (ET 145)
79. Represents the high union to and with the divine nature of Love. (ET 145)
80. "Yet some holy souls have found this Pearl in their own fallen nature, and thereby have attained to the possession of the Blessed Trinity in themselves; and through their baptism into the nature of the Father, Son, and Spirit, are arrived to perfection by the redemption, purification, and transmutation of their impure natures, and so restored again to their original purity. These were called in those days wise men, and lovers of Wisdom, and holy souls, form their high union to and with the divine nature of Love." (ET 145)
81. "In pure nature this jewel [the Pearl] is easily found, for there it lies open, and sheds its lustre, whereby it discovers itself;" (ET 145)
82. "But in impure nature it [the Pearl] lies deep hid and buried, and cannot be discovered, but with great pains and difficulty." (ET 145)
83. "Yet some holy souls have found this Pearl in their own fallen nature, and thereby have attained to the possession of the blessed Trinity in themselves..." (ET 145)

### JACOB BOEHME NOTES (JB)

84. Must not be given to beasts. (EL 48)
85. Lies in the abyss. (EL 145)
86. "The soul is the Pearl, and the spirit of the soul is the finder of the Pearl, and the earthly spirit is the seeker, the earthly body is the mystery...therefore now three seekers belong thereto." (40Q 16:6)
87. The Pearl cannot be found by a lazy person. (3FL 100)
88. Is called "the Noble Stone." (3FL 100)
89. "Only the noble knowledge [which is the Pearl] can bring you to the eternal rest of the eternal soft meekness of Paradise." (3P 9:1)
90. Once received it "will never more depart from you." (3P 9:46)
91. "Where the Pearl is, there will your heart be also." (3P 9:46)
92. "To this end He gives the Pearl to them that seek, that they should impart it to the poor for their health, as He has very earnestly commanded." (3P 10:1. See also Mat. 5:15)
93. To receive the Pearl is to become "regenerated." (3P 10:5)

94. “If you be regenerated from God, you may see the old and new man into the very heart, because you have the Pearl.” (3P 10:5)
95. Without this Pearl of Regeneration, “you shall scarce see the old Adam, and you shall not so much as look upon the new.” (3P 10:5)
96. Without this Pearl, the soul cannot know what Adam was before his fall. (3P 10:6)
97. “Without the Pearl, you shall not be able to take away the vail [of Moses].” (3P 10:6)
98. The Pearl must grow inside you. (3P 10:33)
99. The “Lily” buds forth from out of the Pearl. (3P 10:33, 12:1)
100. The Pearl can be defiled. (3P 12:43)
101. “The Pearl is clothed [covered or veiled] with a dark [cloak or] garment.” (3P 12:48)
102. The Serpent can darken the Pearl. (3P 12:48)
103. “The Light of God [should be] the fair [orient] Pearl and Crown, wherewith the virgin would adorn the young man.” (3P 12:52)
104. The Pearl is needed in order to apprehend the Virgin. (3P 12:56)
105. [The Bride] will give Her Pearl and Crown. (3P 13:1).
106. The Pearl can be hidden by the black Spirit. (3P 13:50).
107. The Pearl is discovered through storm and strife. (3P 13:50)
108. It must not be hidden or buried. (3P 13:61)
109. The Pearl is the Light of God, sown in the soul. (3P 23:17)
110. The ministry of John the Baptist as the forerunner to the reception of the Pearl. (See 3P 23:28-50 on Regeneration)
111. “The soul first receives the water of eternal life, and [is] baptized therein, and then God gives it the grain of mustard seed of the pearl...” (3P 23:28)
112. After “the soul is washed in the holy water, and the word is presented to it, the soul stands in the covenant. And now it may reach after the Pearl...” (3P 23:38)
113. “If the new man abides faithful in the body of Jesus Christ, then the noble Pearl of the light of God is given to him, so that he can see the noble Virgin of the Wisdom of God...” (3P 23:45).
114. “You need not in this life seek any further after Paradise, joy and heavenly delight; seek but the Pearl, and when you find that, then you find Paradise and the Kingdom of Heaven.” (CJB 6:11).
115. “None knows what [the Pearl] is but he that has found it by experience.” (CJB 8:10).
116. “It [the Pearl] is a most precious guest; when it enters into the soul there is a very wonderful triumph there.” (CJB 8:10)

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117. The reception of this Pearl is the sowing of the Seed of Paradise. (CJB 8:11)
118. This Pearl does not instantly become a tree; but must go through many storms, and is often overwhelmed by sins. (CJB 8:11)
119. “Though [the Pearl] holds off from morning till night, and still from day to day, if thy earnestness be great, then thy jewel will also be great which thou shalt receive in thy victory.” (CJB 8:9)
120. The Pearl hides itself (3P 24:17; Sig. 49).

Now when the Devil had thus thrown it down, then it was silent, and desired not only to write no more, but the Devil rushed in upon it, and beat it along, and would have broken it. He came forth with his sour Apples, and held them before the Soul of this Pen, and would have it eat of his Dainties; also he strewed Sugar upon them [as he did for Eve.] If he had got the Soul again into his Chains, how would he have been revenged on it! as was afterwards known in the Storm, where his Mind was known very well. Now when it was thus, the Lily faded and lost its fragrant Smell, the Pearl hid itself, and the Virgin of the Pearl stood mourning, and the noble Mind sunk down in great unquietness. (3P 24:17)

121. It is to be sought by a recollected soul. (3P 24:18)
122. “The Pearl grows in the bosom of the Virgin in the soul.” (3P 24:20)
123. The Pearl is in the Noble Jewel (3P 24:32)
124. “The tree of Pearl grows as corn does in the tempestuous storms and winds.” (3P 24:32)
125. The “Garland” of Pearl may be lost through sin. (3P 25:5)
126. “Among many thousands in this world, [the Crown of Pearls] is scarcely known of any.” (3FL 99)
127. Prior to receiving the Pearl, “the vail of Moses” is before the eyes. (3P 10:2)
128. “If you be regenerated from God...you have the Pearl.” (3P 10:6)
129. “Without the Pearl, ye shall not be able to take away the vail.” (3P 10:6)
130. The noble or precious PEARL lies in many a tempted troubled mind, very much nearer than in those that suppose they have comprehended it; but it hides itself. (4C 117).
131. [The Pearl] hides itself, that the soul should knock and seek. For Christ says, seek and then ye shall find, knock and then it will be opened unto you: my father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him for it. (4C 118)
132. “That little Pearl is a sparkle of the Divine Love.” (4C 123)
133. “It is the drawing of the Father in His Love.” (4C 123)
134. God often hides Himself from the soul, that the Pearl-Tree might continue to grow. (2AP 162)  

“Whom doth the Devil assault with despair, but even the Children of God, that they might not be manifested or revealed, and God often hideth Himself, that they might cry aloud anxiously to God, for so the Noble Pearl-Tree Groweth.” (2AP 162)
135. Lucifer and Adam have negligently lost [the Pearl]. (MM 10:24)

136. It [the Pearl] belongs only unto those whom God has chosen thereto. (MM 10:24)
137. “No searchings of self obtains [the Pearl], but [only] the will freely resigned unto God’s mercy, which enters in by way of earnest repentance, and mortification of its own evil will.” (MM 26:41)
138. “Even the wicked must serve God in the working of his grace, for he is its stormy wind; and his cursing and blasphemy against God's children are the heat and cold, wherewith God stirs His little plant of Pearl in His children, so that it hungers after heavenly sap, and draws it into itself and grows. And this is that which Christ said, He came to set up strife on the earth: for Christ's kingdom is a strife against hell and the devil; Christ strives without ceasing in his children and members, with Satan, about the kingdom. (MM 71:12)
139. “God would not cast the precious [Pearl] before beasts; and ungodly man in his body being a mere gross beastly creature; and though it be of a noble essence, yet is wholly poisoned and loathsome in the sight of God.” (Reg. 71)
140. “But the soul obtaineth not this Pearl of the Divine Wisdom and Virtue for its own property during the time of this life; because it hath the outward bestial flesh sticking to its outward man.” (Reg. 98)
141. “The power of which Pearl of Divine Wisdom espouseth itself in this Wedding of the Lamb, and sinketh itself down into the heavenly image, viz. in to the substance of the heavenly man, who is the Temple of Christ...” (Reg. 99)
142. “For [Sophia] knew how it went with her in Adam, when she lost her Pearl, which is of grace freely bestowed again upon the inward humanity; therefore she is called Sophia, viz. the Bride of Christ.” (Reg. 105)
143. “With such filth the true man is often defiled; that is, the outward man defiles himself, as a sow in the mire, and obscures his noble Pearl. For the more vain the outward man grows, the more dark the inward man comes to be, until at length it disappears altogether.” (Reg. 110)
144. “And thus it comes to pass that the Tree of Pearl in the Garden of Christ is often spoiled, concerning which the Scripture maketh a hard know or conclusion, viz. that those who have once tasted the sweetness of the world to come, and fall away from it again, shall hardly see the Kingdom of God.” (Reg. 112)
145. Men have falsely believed that they have this Pearl. (Reg. 113)
146. “...the false and dazzling light of the outward reason of the soul so deceiveth and hindereth such men, that they suppose they have the Pearl, while they yet live to the vanity of this world, and dance with the Devil after his pipe.” (Reg. 113)
147. This Pearl is “the virtue, power, and Spirit of Christ in us, from a Christian essence and knowledge; not from the husk and history, but from a new-born spirit; from Christ’s knowledge, as a branch growing on the vine Christ...” (Reg. 133)
148. [Wisdom] is the precious Pearl, whose beauty is more glorious, and whose virtue more sovereign than the sun... (Sig. P:4)
149. Therefore none shall find it [this Pearl] but he that loves Christ.” (Sig. 7:46)
150. The Pearl is Paradisical, “which God does not cast before swine, but gives it to His children for their play and delight.” (Sig. 7:74. See also Sig. 16:39).

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151. The greatest Pearl and Jewel lies within the most poisonous Mercury. (Sig. 8:12)
152. “Christ said, He that eateth not the flesh of the Son of Man hath no part in Him; and further He says, He that shall drink of the water that I shall give, it shall spring up in him to a fountain of eternal life. Herein lies the Pearl of the New-Birth.” (Sig. 10:55)
153. “Thus now I live in God, and my self-hood does not know it, for it lives not in God, but in itself (God is indeed in it, but it does not apprehend him), and hides the pearl which I am in Christ; not I, but he in his humanity in my creature in himself.” (Sig. 12:17)
154. “We must take no thought or solicitous care what we are to know, and how we will know. But we must merely enter into the incarnation and birth of Jesus Christ, and into His suffering and death, and continually, with all willingness, tread in His footsteps and follow Him, and think that we are here only upon our pilgrim’s path, where we must walk through a dangerous way, and enter again in Christ on the narrow way, into our native country, whence Adam hath led us astray. In this way only lieth the Pearl of the Mysterium Magnum (or the Jewel of the Great Mystery)—all studying, book reading, seeking, searching, and grounding (on our received principles or orthodox apprehensions) besides, and, without this way, are but dead means, and obtain not the Virgin’s Crown (or the Pearl of Sophia) but gather together heaps of thistles and thorns, which sting and gall the children of God.” (EP 2:41)
155. The Pearl can be “broken.” (EP 15:12)
156. “And being we know that our precious life standeth in great danger (between the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Kingdom of Hell; lying captable to both in this time of life), therefore we must walk warily and circumspectly, that our Pearl may not be broken; we must not let the savour of wrath (sin, iniquity) into us for to corrupt and spoil us, whereby the precious fruit is hindered in the growth, and God should complain of us...” (EP 15:12)
157. “If it come so far that the Virgin's Garland (the Pearl of Sophia, the divine illumination) be set upon him, he shall not need say any more, teach me, etc. For it is written, *They shall all be taught of God.*” (EP 16:11)
158. “Christ said, Seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you: my Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him for it: herein lies the Pearl hidden; He that will have it must thus obtain it, else there is no finding, save only an half [lame] blind knowledge...” (EP 17:11)
159. “In the Pearl there is a living knowledge, where a man need never ask, is it true? For it is written, *They shall be taught of God...*” (EP 17:11)
160. “Also, he that hath not the Spirit [Pearl] of Christ is none of His.” (EP 17:11)
161. “No searching obtaineth or reacheth the Pearl without God’s light.” (EP 18:10)
162. “A penitent, humble mind is required [to search for the Pearl], that wholly resigns itself into the grace of God, and that does not search or will anything save God’s love and mercy...” (EP 18:10)
163. The Pearl is “opened” or received at the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet. (EP 18:11)
164. “Such a Pearl as this, the sound of the Seventh Trumpet opens in the hearts of many who, with earnestness, shall seek it in a humble, and unto God, resigned will.” (EP 18:11)

165. “Much disputing and grubbing in self-reason findeth not the Pearl; but an earnest, fixed, penitent will findeth the same, which is more precious and costly than the world...” (EP 18:11)
166. “The way to seek and know the precious Pearl is very sufficiently opened in the *Book of the Tree-fold Life*.”<sup>3</sup> EP 18:13)
167. “The drawing of the Father *in the Spirit* of Christ continually stirs up and works in [us] a constant hunger after the precious Pearl of the divine knowledge...” (EP 19:2)
168. The Pearl should not be sought out of any mere curiosity. (EP 27:4)
169. Jacob Boehme was given a “sparkle of the precious Pearl.” (EP 27:6)
170. Christ faithfully warns not to put [the Pearl] under the table, or to bury it in the earth. (EP 27:6)
171. “I hope the fair and excellent Lily promised of God, shall spring forth in the coral in His own Spirit in the Children of God’s Love in Christ; for we find a very precious Pearl yet springing; not now known to me in the body, but blooming in the mind.” (EP 27:18)
172. Coral = “Tree of Pearl.” (See EP 31:3)
173. “I heartily desire the continual working of the Love of Jesus Christ in you, that your Tree of Pearl may grow great under the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (EP 35:1)
174. “Through [Jesus Christ] suffering and death into Him, and in the death of Christ subdue thee, though earthly body, that has swallowed up my Pearl from me, which God gave to my father Adam in Paradise.” (Rep. 34)
175. “If ever [any] will obtain the Love and Marriage [Pearl] of the noble Sophia, he must make such a vow as this in his purpose and mind. For Christ Himself saith, He that forsaketh not wife and children, brethren and sisters, money and goods, and all that he hath, and even his earthly Life also, to follow me, is not worthy of me.” (Rep. 38)
176. [The Pearl is] “The Love of the noble Virgin Sophia, in the Bud and Blossom of Christ, in His tender Humanity in us as to the heavenly corporality.” (Rep. 38)
177. “For this is the Flower in Sharon, the Rose in the Valley of Jericho, wherewith Solomon delighted himself, and termed it his dear Love, his chaste Virgin which he loved; as indeed all other Saints before and after him did; whosoever obtained her, called her his Pearl.” (Rep. 38)
178. “The Virgin Sophia espouses not herself to the soul, except in this property, which springs up in the soul through the death of Christ, as a new plant in Heaven.” (Rep. 49)
179. “The earthly body cannot comprehend her [Virgin Sophia] in this life-time; for it must first die from the corruptible vanity; but the heavenly image which disappeared in Adam, viz. the true Seed of the Woman, wherein God became man, and into which He brought His living Seed, the heavenly substantiality, is capable of the Pearl, after the manner wherein it came to pass in Mary, in the end or fulfilling of the Covenant.” (Rep. 49)
180. “Here the Virgin (which manifesteth herself in the dear name of Jesus Christ, the Treader upon the Serpent, God’s Anointed) cometh to the soul, and kisseth it with her sweetest love in the essence most

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<sup>3</sup> Jacob Boehme, *The Threefold Life of Man*. Pub. 1620.

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inwardly, and impresseth her love into its desire for a token of victory. And here Adam in his heavenly part riseth again from death in Christ. Of which I cannot write; for there is no pen in this world that can express it: it is the Wedding of the Lamb where the Noble Pearl is sown with very great triumph; though in the beginning it be small as a grain of mustard seed, as Christ saith.” (Rep. 52)

181. “Now when the Wedding is over, the soul must take heed that this Pearl-tree, or Tree of Faith spring and grow, as it hath promised the Virgin; for then the Devil will presently come with his furious storm, the ungodly people, who will scoff at, contemn, and cry down this way for madness; and then a man must enter into the process of Christ, under His cross. Here it will appear in deed and in truth, what sort of a Christian he is.” (Rep. 53)
182. Jacob Boehme offers an example of a short earnest prayer asking Sophia for this Pearl. (Rep. 92)
183. Sophia is the Noble Pearl (Rep. 97).
184. “I have kept my faith with thee, though thou hast not kept thine with me; but thou desireth now an exceeding great thing of me, which I cannot willingly trust in thy hands. Thou wouldst have my Pearl as thy proper own. Remember, I pray, O my beloved bridegroom, that thou didst carelessly lose it before in Adam, and thou thyself standest yet in great danger, and walkest in two dangerous kingdoms.” (Rep. 99)
185. The Pearl can be darkened. (Rep. 99)
186. Lucifer had the Pearl, but lost it through pride. (Rep. 99; MM 10:24)
187. “Thou mayest perhaps in thy great Joy bring Earthliness again into my Beauty, and thereby darken my Pearl; or thou mayest possibly grow proud, as Lucifer did, when he had the Pearl in his Possession, and so turn thyself away from the Harmony of God, as he did, and then I must be deprived of my Love forever afterwards.”
188. “No, I will keep my Pearl in myself, and dwell in the Heaven in thee, in thy extinguished, but now in me revived humanity, and reserve my Pearl for Paradise, until thou puttest away this earthliness from thee, and then I will give it to thee to possess.” (Rep. 100)
189. “But I will readily present to thee my pleasant countenance, and the sweet rays of the Pearl, during the time of this earthly life. I will dwell with the Pearl itself in the inner choir, and be thy faithful loving Bride.” (Rep. 100)
190. “Thou must in this life’s time work and bear fruit. Thou art the root of this Pearl-Tree; branches must be produced out of thee, which must all be brought forth in anguish...” (Rep. 101)
191. “But I [Sophia] give thee not my Pearl for a possession during this life’s time. Thou must continue in resignation...” (Rep. 102)
192. The “Crown of Pearl” cannot be a permanent possession until the soul is fully purified: (Rep. 102)

“For this cause it is that I have contracted myself a-new with thee, and set my triumphal garland upon thee; which I have gotten in the battle against the Devil and death. But the Crown of Pearl wherewith I crowned thee, I have laid aside for thee. Thou must wear that no more till thou art become pure in my sight.” (Rep. 102)
193. “If thou wilt not give thy Pearl, I submit to thy will; but give me thy rays of Love, and carry me safely through my pilgrimage.” (Rep. 103)

194. The “Crown” of Pearl can be lost:

No one should imagine himself to be secure after having once obtained the Crown of Pearls, for he may lose it again. (*Jacob Boehme, the God-Taught Philosopher* by Franz Hartmann, M.D.)

### **WILLIAM LAW NOTES (WL)**

195. William Law gives a detailed description and explanation of this Pearl of Eternity in *The Spirit of Prayer*. (SP 2:12-26)

196. The Pearl of Eternity is the “New Birth.” (SP 2:1)

197. The Glorious Pearl is the new birth *in* Christ Jesus. (SP 2:1b)

198. This Pearl is “the rise of Christ’s Spirit in the soul.” (SP 2:1c)

199. “Therefore may this [Pearl or New Birth] serve as a touchstone, whereby everyone may try the truth of his state; if the old man is still a merchant within thee, trading in all sorts of worldly honour, power, or learning, if the wisdom of the world is not foolishness to thee, if earthly interests and sensual pleasures are still the desire of thy heart, and only covered under a form of godliness, a cloak of creeds, observances, and institutions of religion, thou mayst be assured, that the Pearl of Great Price is not yet found by thee.” (SP 2:1c)

200. “For where Christ is born [i.e. the Pearl discovered], or His Spirit rises up on the soul, there all self is denied, and obliged to turn out...” (SP 2:1c)

201. The Pearl is the “Birth of Christ” in the soul. (SP 2:2)

202. “Awake then, thou that sleepest, and Christ, who from all eternity has been espoused to thy soul, shall give thee light. Begin to search and dig in thine own field for this Pearl of Eternity that lieth hidden in it.” (SP 2:10)

203. “But if thou turnest from this hidden Pearl, or tramplest it under thy feet, for the sake of being rich, or great, either in church or state, if death finds thee in success, thou canst not then say, that though the Pearl is lost, yet something has been gained instead of it.” (SP 2:11)

204. “First: it is the Light and Spirit of God within thee.” (SP 2:12; Joh. 1:9)

205. “Secondly: it is the Wisdom and Love of God within thee.” (SP 2:20)

206. “Thirdly: it is the Church, or Temple of God within thee, the consecrated place of divine worship, where alone thou canst worship God in Spirit and in Truth.” (SP 2:23a)

207. “Fourthly: it is the peace and joy of God within thee.” (SP 2:24)

208. The Light and Spirit of God within. (SP 2:12)

209. It changes the desire after the light and spirit of this world to the light and Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. (SP 2:12)

210. It redirects the reason, senses, and heart passions away from the poor concerns of this life. (SP 2:12)

211. It is the means by which the soul is able to worship God in Spirit and in Truth. (SP 2:12)

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212. “This Light and Spirit, though always within us, is not, cannot be found, felt, or enjoyed, but by those whose whole spirit is turned into it.” (SP 2:12)
213. More according to William Law on *The Pearl of Eternity*: (SP 2:12-24)
214. It is the Light and Spirit of God within (SP 2:12)
215. It is a principle of Heaven (SP 2:12)
216. Is always within us. (SP 2:12)
217. Can only be found by those whose whole spirit is turned toward it. (SP 2:12)
218. It is a treasure hidden in the center of the soul. (SP 2:14a)
219. Can “discover” itself. (SP 2:14a)
220. Can open itself by degrees. (SP 2:14a)
221. Can open itself in proportion to the faith and desires of the heart. (SP 2:14a).
222. Is called “Gift or grace of God to fallen man.” (SP 2:14a)
223. Is “the supernatural gift.” (SP 2:14a)
224. It is the power of God in the soul. (SP 2:14a)
225. It is the first seed of life sown in the soul. (SP 2:14a)
226. It is the Bruiser of the Serpent. (2:14b)
227. It is common to all men. (SP 2:14b)
228. It is the Life of God. (SP 2:14b)
229. It is the Light of God. (SP 2:14b)
230. It is the Spirit of God. (SP 2:14b)
231. It is the soul’s power of becoming born again of God. (SP 2:14b)
232. Is the Seed of the Spirit and Light of God. (SP 2:14c)
233. Is not to be quenched. (SP 2:14c)
234. Is not to be resisted. (SP 2:14c)
235. Is not to be grieved. (SP 2:14c)
236. This Light and Spirit was natural to man with he first came into being. (SP 2:12)
237. This “natural” Light and Spirit of God was no more natural to him when he ate of the earthly tree. (SP 2:13)
238. After the fall, this Light and Spirit of Heaven was no more natural to him, and no more rose up as a birth of his nature. (SP 2:13)

239. The loss of this Pearl left [man/Adam] solely to the light and spirit of this world. (SP 2:13)
240. The *retreat* of the Pearl (which is the Light and Spirit of God) is that *death* which God told Adam he should surely die, in the day that he should eat of the forbidden tree. (SP 2:13)
241. The Bruiser of the Serpent brought the Light and Spirit of Heaven once more into the human nature, not as it was in its first state, when man was in Paradise, but as a Treasure [Pearl] hidden in the center of our souls. (SP 2:14a)
242. “As this [Pearl] seed grows and increases in us, to unite us with God, and get power over all the lusts of the flesh, then we are born again, the nature, spirit, and tempers of Jesus Christ are opened in our souls, the Kingdom of God is come, and is found within us.” (SP 2:15)
243. This Pearl is a “spark of the light and spirit of God.” (SP 2:16a)
244. Is a supernatural gift of God. (SP 2:16a)
245. Is given into the birth of the soul. (SP 2:16a)
246. Brings forth “by degrees a new birth of that life which was lost in Paradise.” (SP 2:16a)
247. Is a holy spark of the divine nature within. (SP 2:16a)
248. Is a “natural, strong, and most infinite tendency, or reaching after that eternal light and spirit of God, from whence it came forth.” (SP 2:16a)
249. “The Gospel is the history of this Love of God to man. Inwardly he has a seed [Pearl] of the divine life given into the birth of his soul, a seed that has all the riches of eternity in it, and is always wanting to come to the birth in him, and be alive in God. Outwardly he has Jesus Christ, who is the Sun of Righteousness, is always casting forth His enlivening beams on this inward seed, to kindle and call it forth to the New Birth, doing that to this seed of Heaven in man, which the sun in the firmament is always doing to the vegetable seeds in the earth.” (SP 2:16b)
250. The Pearl is “the Wisdom and Love of God within us.” (SP 2:20)
251. In this Pearl of thy Serpent Bruiser, all the holy nature, spirit, tempers, and inclination of Christ, lie as in a seed in the center of thy soul. (SP 2:20)
252. “Divine Wisdom and Heavenly Love will grow up in thee, if thou givest but true attention to God [the Pearl] present in thy soul.” (SP 2:20)
253. This Pearl is “as a light unto thy feet, and a lantern unto thy paths.” (SP 2:21a)
254. “It [the Pearl] is there as an holy oil, to soften and overcome the wrathful fiery properties of thy nature, and change them into the humble meekness of Light and Love.” (SP 2:21a)
255. [The Pearl] “is there as a speaking Word of God in thy soul, and as soon as thou art ready to hear, this Eternal Speaking Word will speak wisdom and love in thy inward parts, and bring forth the Birth of Christ, with all His holy nature, spirit, and tempers, within thee.” (SP 2:21a)
256. This Pearl “is suppressed and kept under, either by worldly cares, or pleasures, by vain learning, sensuality, or ambition.” (SP 2:21c)

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257. “On the other hand, wherever this Seed of Heaven [the Pearl] is suffered to take root, to get life and breath in the soul...there this new born inward man is justly said to be inspired, enlightened, and moved by the Spirit of God, because his whole birth and life is a birth from above, of the light and Spirit of God.” (SP 2:21c)
258. Pearl-Seed → Takes root → Given Life & Breath == The New Born Inward Man (SP 2:22)
259. The New Born Inward Man: (SP 2:22)
- ♦ Has an unction from above which teaches him all things.
  - ♦ Has a spirit that knoweth what it ought to pray for.
  - ♦ Has a spirit that prays without ceasing.
  - ♦ Has a spirit that is risen with Christ from the dead.
  - ♦ Has a spirit that groans and sighs with words that cannot be uttered.
  - ♦ Has a spirit that travaileth and groaneth with the whole creation, to be delivered from vanity, and have its glorious liberty in that God, from whom it came forth.
260. [The Pearl/Seed] cannot have its effect, till the husk and gross part of the grain falls into a state of corruption and death. (SP 2:19)
261. “In this Pearl of thy Serpent Bruiser, all the holy nature, spirit, tempers, and inclinations of Christ, lie as a Seed in the center of thy soul, and Divine Wisdom and Heavenly Love will grow up in thee...” (SP 2:20)
262. “There is hidden also in the depth of thy nature the Root, or possibility of all the Hellish nature, spirit, and tempers of the Fallen Angels.” (SP 2:20)
263. “For Heaven and Hell have each of them their foundation within us. They come not into us from without, but spring up in us, according as our will and heart is turned either to the Light of God, or the Kingdom of Darkness.” (SP 2:20)
264. “But when this life, which is in the midst of these two eternities [Heaven and Hell] is at an end, either an angel or a devil will be found to have a birth in us.” (SP 2:20)
265. “Thou needest not therefore run here, or there, saying, where is Christ? Thou needest not say, who shall ascend into Heaven, that is, to bring down Christ from above? Or who shall descend into the deep, to bring forth Christ from the dead? For behold, the Word, which is the Wisdom of God, is in thy heart. It is there as a Bruiser of the Serpent, as a Light unto thy feet and Lantern unto thy paths.” (SP 2:21a)
266. [The Pearl] “is there as an holy oil, to soften and overcome the wrathful fiery properties of thy nature, and change them into the humble meekness of light and love.” (SP 2:21a)
267. [The Pearl] “is there as a speaking Word of God in thy soul; and as soon as thou art ready to hear, this eternal speaking Word will speak Wisdom and Love in thy inward parts, and bring forth the Birth of Christ, with all His holy nature, spirit and tempers within thee.” (SP 2:21a)
268. “Hence it was (that is, from this principle of Heaven, or Christ in the soul)...that so many eminent spirits, partakers of a divine life, have appeared in so many parts of the heathen worlds; glorious names, Sons of Wisdom... ( SP 2:21b).

269. “These [Sons of Wisdom] were the Apostles of a Christ within, that were awakened and commissioned by the inward Bruiser of the Serpent...” (SP 2:21b).
270. “These Apostles, though they had not the Law or written Gospel to urge upon their hearers, yet having turned to God, they found, and preached the Gospel, that was written in their hearts.” (SP 2:21b)
271. “Such only are priests and prophets, who have God [i.e. the Pearl manifested] in themselves.” (SP 2:21b)
272. “Compared to a grain of mustard seed [this Pearl] may be, and too generally is suppressed and kept under, either by worldly cares, or pleasures, by vain learning, sensuality, or ambition.” (SP 2:21c)
273. “As this regenerate [Pearl] life grows up in any man, so there grows up a true and real knowledge of the whole Mystery of Godliness in himself.” (SP 2:22)
274. “All that the Gospel teaches of sin and grace, of life and death, of Heaven and Hell, of the new and old man, of the light and spirit of God, are things not got by hearsay, but inwardly known, felt, and experienced in the growth of his own new born [Pearl] life.” (SP 2:22)
275. “He has then an [Pearl] unction from above, which teaches him all things...” (SP 2:22).
276. “The Pearl of Eternity is the church, or temple of God within.” (SP 2:23a)
277. It is the consecrated place of worship (SP 2:23a).
278. It is where alone God can be worshipped in Spirit and Truth (SP 2:23a)
279. “In the midst of this Temple-Pearl is the Fountain of Living Water, of which we may drink and live forever.” (SP 2:23a)
280. In this Temple-Pearl “the mysteries of thy redemption are celebrated, or rather opened in life and power.” (SP 2:23a)
281. “There the Supper of the Lamb is kept [which is] the Bread that came down from Heaven.” (SP 2:23a)
282. All is done and known [through this Temple-Pearl] in real experience, in a living sensibility of the work of God in the soul. (SP 2:23a)
283. “There [in the Temple-Pearl] the birth, the life, the sufferings, the death, the resurrection and ascension of Christ, are not merely remembered, but inwardly found, and enjoyed as real states of thy soul, which has followed Christ in the regeneration.” (SP 2:23a)
284. “When once you are well-grounded in this inward [Temple-Pearl] worship, you will have learned to live unto God above time and place.” (SP 2:23b)
285. “For every day will be Sunday to you, and everywhere you go, you will have a priest, a church, and an altar along with you.” (SP 2:23b)
286. “This Pearl of Eternity is the peace and joy of God within you...” (SP 2:24)
287. “Can only be found by the manifestation of the life and power of Jesus Christ in your soul.” (SP 2:24)

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288. “But Christ cannot be thy power and thy life, till in obedience to His call, thou deniest thyself, takest up thy daily cross, and follow Him in the regeneration.” (SP 2:24)
289. “If self is undenied, if thou livest to thine own will, to the pleasures of thy natural lust and appetites, senses and passions, and in conformity of the vain customs and spirit of this world, then art thou dead whilst thou livest, the Seed of the Woman is crucified within thee, Christ can profit thee nothing, thou art a stranger to all that his holy and heavenly within thee, and utterly incapable of finding the peace and joy of God in thy soul.” (SP 2:24)
290. How to Discover the Pearl of Eternity. (SP 2:25-26)
291. “Thy first thought of repentance, or desire of turning to God, is thy first discovery of this Light and Spirit of God within thee.” (SP 2:25a)
292. “[The Pearl is] the voice and language of the Word of God within thee...” (SP 2:25a).
293. “[The Pearl is] the Bruiser of the Serpent’s head...” (SP 2:25a).
294. “[The Pearl is] thy dear Immanuel, who is beginning to preach within thee, that same which He first preached in public saying, ‘Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.’” (SP 2:25a).
295. “When therefore but the smallest instinct or desire of thy heart calleth thee towards God, and a newness of life, give it time and leave to speak; and take care thou refuse not Him that speaketh.” (SP 2:25a).
296. “For it [the Pearl]...is the eternal speaking Word of God in thy heart, that Word which at first created thee, is thus beginning to create the second time unto righteousness, that a new man may be formed again in thee in the image and likeness of God.” (SP 2:25a)
297. “Beware of taking this desire of repentance to be the effect of thy own natural sense and reason, for in so doing thou lovest the key to all the heavenly treasure...” (SP 2:25a).
298. “Now all dependeth on thy right submission and obedience to this speaking Word of God [i.e. the Pearl] in thy soul.” (SP 2:26)
299. “Stop therefore all self-activity; listen not to the suggestions of thy own reason; run not on in thy own will, but be retired, silent, passive, and humbly attentive to this new risen Light within thee.” (SP 2:26)
300. “Open thy heart, thy eyes, and ears, to all its impressions. Let it enlighten, teach, frighten, torment, judge and condemn thee as it pleaseth.” (SP 2:26)
301. “Turn not away from it, hear all it says, seek for no relief out of it, consult not with flesh and blood, but with a heart full of faith, and resignation to God, pray only this prayer, that God’s The Pearl lies as a treasure hid in the soul (SP 2:31a)
302. This Pearl is to bring forth the life that was lost in Adam (SP 2:31a)
303. It is “the Pearl of Great Price.” (SP 3:20)
304. Cannot be possessed until the soul “buys it.” (SP 3:20)
305. All that the soul has to sell is “self.” (SP 3:20)

306. “All this self is to be parted with before the Pearl is yours.” (SP 3:20)
307. “It is indeed great joy, that the Pearl of Great Price is found; but take notice: that it is not yours, you can have no possession of it, till as the merchant did, you sell all that you have, and buy it.” (SP 3:20)
308. “...if thou wilt be perfect, that is, if thou wilt obtain the Pearl, sell all that thou hast, and give to the poor; that is, die to all thy possession of self, and then thou hast given all that thou hast to the poor.” (SP 3:20)
309. “Now self is all that you have, it is your sole possession; you have no goods of your own, nothing is yours but this self.” (SP 3:20)
310. “All this self is to be parted with *before* the Pearl is yours.” (SP 3:20)
311. “This selling all is the measure of your dying to self.” (SP 3:20)
312. The “wealth of the old man” is to be given up/sold for this Heavenly Pearl.” (SP 3:40)
313. “Christ the Redeemer is the First Seed of the Woman, or Power of Salvation inspoken into fallen Adam; the Immanuel; the God within every man; the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world; the Holy Spirit of God; the Breath of Eternity hath also its Seed of Life in the soul; for where the Word, or Son of God is, there is the Spirit of God in the same state...and these two, thus considered, are the glorious Pearl of Eternity, hidden in every man’s soul.” (SP 5:65)
314. “All the divine truths, that ever came from God, speak only to the Pearl of the divine nature, that is hidden in our earthly field of flesh and blood, because nothing wants them, or has any capacity to receive them...” (LWL 6:12)
315. That which is divine, can only receive the divine things from God [via the Pearl], and thence it is, that unless a “man be born again from above, it is not possible for him to see, or enter the kingdom of God,” that is, the divine life must rise again, in the power of a new birth, or there is nothing in fallen man, that can partake of the Kingdom of God. “ (LWL 6:12)
316. “God...restored to him a power of being again his creature, or a power of knowing and finding him to be his God...He redeemed him by communicating to him a capacity to enjoy him as his own good, by sowing into him a seed of the woman, a spark of life, an instinct of goodness, a taste of heaven, a principle of holiness, a touch of love, the Pearl of the Gospel, the pledge of immortality, the hidden kingdom of God.” (DE 300)
317. “Now in this degree of redemption is every creature that is born of Adam; he has this Kingdom of God in his soul, as a grain of Mustard Seed, as a Spark of Life, as a Pledge of Immortality, as his attraction to God:” (DE 320)
318. “If he trample this Pearl under his feet, if he will choke this word, if he will put out this spark, if he will resist this attraction, then his destruction is from himself; and when the carcass of flesh and blood falls off from him, he must find himself in his own hell, and must have the misery of a darkened, anxious, fiery, self-tormented nature forever, that would not suffer itself to be redeemed.” (DE 320)
319. “The humility and penitence of the gospel, the mercies of God in and through Jesus Christ, are as agreeable to a man in this state of heart, as food and water to the hungry and thirsty soul. The gospel presents everything to him that he wants; and God is thereby become all that to him, which the

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miserable state of his soul stood in need of. And so when he finds the gospel, he finds the pearl, for which he gladly sells all that he hath.” (DE 409)

320. “And when you once feel it thus proved to you, by its agreement with the state of your own nature, then it becomes a Pearl that is deeper than your life; and what is best, it is then a pearl which no one can rob you of.” (DE 449)
321. “St. Paul says God hath chosen us in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world. Now from this eternal, foreseeing goodness of God towards all mankind, it is, that a Root or remains of the First Divine Life, called a Seed of the Woman, the Engrafted Word, a Kingdom of God, a Pearl of Great Price, a Treasure hid in a field, was foreordained to be preserved, and treasured up, though hidden under that death, which Adam died in Paradise.” (NB 154)
322. The Pearl is The Seed of the Woman that shall bruise the Head of the Serpent;” (NB 154)
323. “It is not a foreign Seed, to be sown into thee *from without*, but a remaining, preserved Seed of thy *first Life* of Christ.” (NB 154)
324. It is hidden, and securely treasured up under thy own fallen earthly Nature, as a Pearl hidden in thy own Field. (NB 154)
325. “For this heavenly Pearl called by St. Peter, ‘The Incorruptible Seed of the Word,’ shall surely come forth again out of its state of hiddenness and death; shall quicken and revive into its first glory, through Christ, who is and ever shall be the Resurrection and Life of all that which was hid and lost in the death that Adam died.” (NB 154)
326. The Pearl is the Seed of a New Birth, or Light of Life. (NB 155)
327. [The Pearl] is the “First Seed of a new birth in all men; so this seed of a new birth is quickened, strengthened, and brought forth to its full stature or highest degree of perfection, by acts, or rather habits of repentance and faith.” (NB 156)
328. [The Pearl] shall be “quicken” and “revive” into its first glory, through Christ, who is, and ever shall be the Resurrection and the Life of all that which was hid and lost in the death that Adam died.” (NB 154)
329. Other names for the Pearl of Great Price, from William Law (NB 154):
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| ♦ The Seed of the Woman                        | ♦ A principle of holiness            |
| ♦ The Engrafted Word                           | ♦ A touch of love                    |
| ♦ The Kingdom of God                           | ♦ The pledge of immortality          |
| ♦ A Treasure hid in a field                    | ♦ A fund of everlasting happiness    |
| ♦ The Root or remains of the First Divine Life | ♦ The Incorruptible Seed of the Word |
| ♦ A preserved Seed of thy First Life of Christ |                                      |

### Other Writers

330. “Break through the same in the victorious name of Jesus: whereby the precious Door of Pearl will be made to fly open, and a free entrance given into this divine plantation...” (SE 6)
331. The Pearl is the prayer of truth. (SMP 20:6)

332. “[The prayer of the heart] is the Pearl of Great Price; the hidden treasure which, whoever findeth, selleth freely all that he hath to purchase it.” (SMP 20:4; Mat. 13:44, 45)
333. Is “worshipping God in Spirit and truth.” (SMP 20:6)
- ♦ “In spirit, because we enter into the purity of that Spirit which prays within us, and are drawn from our own carnal and human method;”
  - ♦ “In truth, because we are thereby placed in the truth of the all of God, and nothing of the creature.
334. The Pearl is the “hidden treasure.” (SMP 20:6)
335. Prayer is “Pearl of Great Price.” (SMP 20:6)
336. “[Through this prayer of the Pearl] the soul ascends to God, by giving up self to the destroying and annihilating power of Divine Love.” (SMP 20:4)
337. “The Pearl is not a stone, because it is produced in sea shells.” (Paracelsus, *Coelum Philosophorum*)
338. “It is of a white colour. Seeing that it grows in animated beings, in men or in fishes, it is not properly of a stony nature, but properly a depraved (otherwise a transmuted) nature supervening upon a perfect work” (Paracelsus, *Coelum Philosophorum*)

### Spirit's Day Observations

339. A Pearl is produced through *agitation*.
340. Books that should be studied more carefully regarding the Pearl:
- ♦ Spirit of Prayer by William Law
  - ♦ The New Birth by William Law
  - ♦ Epistles of Jacob Boehme
  - ♦ Signature of All Things by Jacob Boehme
  - ♦ The Incarnation of Christ by Jacob Boehme
  - ♦ The Prophecies of Paracelsus
  - ♦ Alchemy by Paracelsus
341. Study also The Philosopher's Stone.
342. Study also The White Stone.
343. Study also Wisdom's Pearl.

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