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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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The Twelve Degrees of Faith

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Tree of Faith, SDV

[TR 12-1] §. The first degree of this Faith, is to believe the apostasy and ruinous heap and matter of which the Body of Sin is contracted into.

[TR 12-2] §.A second degree, is to believe that this degeneracy has parted the soul from God, and made it a stranger to all knowledge, and possession of those high and precious and choice things, which might have been the propriety of the soul in God, had it not gone out from Him.

[TR 12-3] §.The third degree is to believe there is left a Spark or Seed of Eternity in all mankind, which may incline and turn them in, so to feel after God, as to lament bitterly their own apostasy.

[TR 12-4] §.A fourth degree is to believe the Eternal Word was incarnated in flesh for a universal redemption, and restoration out of this lapsed state, through faith in Him, for the begetting a likeness and conformity through an Essential Birth, brought forth in Spirit, all evidently.

[TR 12-5] §.A fifth degree is to believe that there is an all-sufficiency in CHRIST thus conceived, and brought forth in Spirit internally within the soul's essential part, that may have power to purge, refine, save, and cleanse the soul from all its sins.

[TR 12-6] §.The sixth degree is to believe and expect the Holy Ghost to come to join and co-operate with this New Begetting Birth, for the bringing it up, and securing it from all assaults, perils, and temptations; maintaining an holy clarification, cherishing and strengthening it, till it be strong to go forth for manifestation, to show itself to the world as thus regenerated.

[TR 12-7] §.A seventh degree is to believe and witness that Christ's risen life in the soul becomes a death to the Body of Sin totally, which we may call a *Love-Kiss,* whereby Christ sweetly and secretly draws and parts the soul from all the dregs and relics that appertain to a lapsed nature, which is known by a power working supernaturally.

[TR 12-8] §.An eighth degree is to believe that when all this is finished, Christ will appear in the soul without sin, and so present it unto the Father as a new created wonder, all completed to be His Spouse and Bride, rejoicing that the Marriage of the Lamb is come, all things therefore being made ready.

[TR 12-9] §.A ninth degree is to believe that Christ the Lord will not fail to perform the sacred Nuptial and Marriage-Union, both for Time and Eternity, with the Spirit of the Bride thus made ready; and will own and confess her so to be His choice before His Father and the whole Assembly of Angels and Elders, Principalities and Powers in Heavenly Places: and also here upon the Earth shall so owned be for her excellency, as shall be an all-amazing glory.

[TR 12-10] §.A tenth degree is to believe that hereupon will follow all mutual joys and pleasures, in love festival banqueting which she is so taken up and ravished in, as all former mournings and sorrows are forgotten, coming no more into mind: so ineffable are the Bride's solacements with the Lord her Bridegroom.

[TR 12-11] §.The eleventh degree is to believe that Christ will settle upon this Espoused Bride all that is His: that she shall have a mutual interest with Him, in what the Father has put into His hand, which is all power, and Wisdom to manage that power, which reaches to a dominion in, and over all created beings and things whatever: herein for certainty she will be put into a joint-possession with the Lord her Bridegroom, as her propriety.

[TR 12-12] §.The twelfth and last degree, as the sum of all, is to believe undoubtedly, that after this Representative Bride of the Lamb, so declared in this world to be by her ornamental gifts, and fruitful powers, that will generously go forth for the multiplying and making up of the pure spotless Virgin Church here on Earth, will the Lord from Heaven descend in great and high state to fetch His Bride the Church, up to His Father's House, or Royal City, for the consummating and celebrating such a triumphant glory, in unity with the Body of Saints, that are in heavenly places beforehand, even such a glory through the Spirit, until we come there into the very same glory, as Christ had with the Father before the worlds were, which is too great to be known here.

[TR 13] §.Thus having had all the degrees and branches of Faith's Tree opened, and set before me, for trial, examination, and information: not only in particular for myself, but for such as do agree to ascend with me, and go forward on to all these degrees; for the which God has chosen someone or other, that are made all willing to give up hereunto, by waiting upon it until the great Operator shall bring forth this Tree in its full stature; that the Eagle-Spirits may find all variety of food for themselves, and therewith greatly increase in all kind of substance, without being beholding to the world; for it has been testified unto me, and that from a sure hand, that the Eagle and her Brood shall in all worlds have command, for the which I received an express charge to wait all believingly with such as hereunto are with me to agree, for the full accomplishment of those gifts and miraculous working powers, which so long have been silenced and laid asleep: and by whom are these to be awakened, but by the close setters, and constant feeders upon Faith's Tree, who are not to hitch off and on; for if so, the work of faith will never go on. ✝✝✝