

# December 20. 1678. the Rules That Are Taught in Wisdom's School.

by Jane Lead

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*The sermon teaches the importance of Wisdom's School and the rules that must be followed to learn the deep process of Theosophical Art and to promote learning in the supernatural philosophy.*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 1:25, 1 Corinthians 2:14, Hebrews 11:1-12, James 1:6, 1 Peter 1:7, 1 John 5:4, Revelation 3:18

**Topics:** "Spiritual Renewal", "Divine Wisdom"

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## Description

Jane Lead preaches about the drawing power of the Holy Anointing, providing rules for proceeding in the study of Divine Philosophy to overturn the deplorable state of humanity and transform mortal dust into the gold of Ophir, fulfilling the prophecy in Isaiah. She emphasizes the need for individuals to be born anew and enter Wisdom's Theater to flourish in the age of Solomon's Day. The sermon delves into the importance of understanding God's name, the acts of faith, and the purification process to attain supernatural wisdom and perfection.

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## Transcript

THE drawing Power of the Holy Anointing being come to give further Rules, forward to proceed, in the Study of the first Ground of Divine Philosophy, through which the present deplorable State may be overturned, whereby the Mortal Dust may be turned into the Gold of Ophir. Which will make good that antient Prophecy in Esaiah, That Man shall be as refined Gold of Ophir. Oh where hath this great Secret been hid? And how is it, that none have been found worthy of so many Ages, to find the entrance into the Eternal Magical Eye? Though Christ the Lord hath made the way, yet the World of Mortals continue at a stay. But it must not be always thus and for ever. Wisdom's Theater must be known by her own, that are born again anew. For the Age of the World is far spent, therefore a Solomon's Day must be expected: in which Wisdom shall flourish from the Life-Magical Tree, whom for shelter, all Nations shall come to. But it may be asked: Where is the Ground for this Life-Tree to take its rooting new again? The Answer is ready, Search each One, and no longer be ignorant of the Seed-Pearl that does lie smothered in the low and deep Valley, of a renewed Earth. It's Life by one Magical Breath, may soon be blown up. Therefore let us not stay for a future time: for the Holy One doth haste us to come to the Circle-Mount. Where Wisdom hath her School Erected: It is a place remote from all the common earthly Structures, where Mortal Essences do dwell. Which do make Mutinies and Noises in and about, the Trafficks of this lower Region. Therefore all here are quiet and still: nothing to be heard, but what tends to the promotion and advancement of

Learning in the Theosophical Art. This is one considerable Rule to be observed, in order to the deep Process, which is to follow.

The First Rule, The Mind and Heart is it, that is to be the separated Place, or Holy Island, according to that Scripture, the Multitude of Islands shall wait for the Word of the Lord to be revealed unto them. That is, every individual holy prepared Spirit and Heart shall become Wisdom's spring of Holy Understanding, and Theater: Where in the diversity of her Proverbs they will become knowing. Therefore in this School be waiting.

The Second Rule given forth as a Law from this University was. That whosoever enter themselves Students here, should not go out hence, till they had taken all Degrees, and come up to the full point of the Supernal Philosophy. For this School is not for any such, as stand divided and wavering in their Minds, betwixt two Worlds. There must be a Resolution taken to stick to One only Study. Then entred we may be, as New-Born in this High and Coelestial University: Where an Infinitem of Magia may be understood.

The Third Rule brings us to the first of the Alphabet, which is the beginning of that Name ALPHA: For this is the first Number. We are to find out God's Name, both in Unity and Diversity. The two first Letters we have received, as the first Rule to go upon: A.L. Which signifies the whole Number or Unity; from whence the generating Spirit doth proceed, and opens it self into Variety: piercing and begetting it self in Nature's Properties, in order to its restitution. And this is from the A.L: to which we may add the mighty Creating Fiat. That now is the beginning of a new Creation, and the end of the old. Who hath been, and is to be known, by that Name I AM: and whatever is not found here must moulder and dye. For in the ALPHA the Model of a new World is formed. From whence we learn, that the Alpha is calling that, which doth belong to the Heavenly World: that so the good Essences, that have been troubled by the jarring Elements might now pass, through the separating Fire, to their own Mother-Element; wherefrom it may be brought forth again, in another consideration, so that it may be consisting with the I AM: As having the pure Theosophical matter Consubstantiated in, and through, the generating property of the Eternal Spirit. Now then from hence we see, what we are to learn, to wit, to Spell out the beginning of God's Name, that will bring one to the Magical Art. Whoever can draw this Number-Figure upon their Heart and Mind, they will soon expel the venom of the Serpent's Sting, which hath got therein, to infect the whole part. No other Spell but this Name will ever cure Mortal Man. Through whom the incorporating Power of this Name will run as burning Gold: that all the Waters from the troubled Sea of Nature, can never quench it. For it is of that high and pure quality, as it drinks up all Contrarities, and devours them. When this Mystery is well learned and understood, so as to become practiced from the Intrinsic sense and feeling of it, then we are come to the very Ground-matter of the Supernatural Philosophy. Then it will be very easie to reduce and sublime, that, which hath lain in Putrefaction: and all Impotencies, Weakness, and Imperfections will be from this infallibly recovered to Strength and Perfection.

The Fourth Rule. But before we can attain to this high Work, we are to be exercised in the manifold Acts of Faith, as another Rule preceding hereunto. For if the true right Magical Ground be broken up in us, then it will first come to put forth the pure single Acts of Faith in the Alpha-Name, without mixing the least contrary Grain with it. No other Letters must be joined with the A.L. And the I am will be All the mark in the Eye. For the Bow of Faith will fly to the Circle-Eye.

The Fifth Rule. Before we can reach to Wisdom's Center, it is revealed that of necessity, our outward Man must sink that degenerated Name adam: with all the Wo and Misery it hath brought in with it. But so strong is the Circle of this sensitive Nature, that it may properly be Objected, The outward Spirit without the

Power of working Miracles, cannot get out; there are so many hangers on, that do claim Alliance with him, while appearing on this Mortal State. Now as to this the only remedy prescribed is, that we learn to dye out of every Letter in Adam's Name. And how is this to be effected, but by the awakening those living Essences of Faith, which have Power to enter into God's Name. Then Faith hath got into its strong hold, where no subtile Arguments of reason shall bear sway, to make and raise Questions, Doubts, and Contradictions, to this all-working Power of the God-Mighty Name JEHOVAH. Now then all expedient it is to abide yet a while under the teaching, nurturing Spirit of Faith, which verily is a purifying State, that will make us meet to enter among Wisdom's deep Practitioners of Supernatural Philosophy.

The Sixth Rule. But before we can here come, we are to remain in the School of Faith with the outward Man, and there learn the high Rules of Faith, which are annexed to the high Magia Divine. Not to mention here those lower Acts, which the Leaden Plummet of Sense pulleth down again: so frequently mingling those gross Mettals of Sense and Reason, with this pure Gold of Faith. And so this hath made it as a drug: and it is set light by. Because it is not of that currant kind, that will pass through the Probation Fires, that of several kinds are prepared to examine it by, in the very way, before we can come to Wisdom's Land, where the Springs of Gold do it overflow.

The Seventh Rule. Query, What is the first high Rule of Faith, that the outward Man must learn, that must admit of no drug of Sense.

Answ. It is the Faith of the Son of God, the pure Quintessence of his Name, burning as a Flame, that is a Spirit that springs from the Eternal Central-Being of God, come down into Nature, for to change and renew, by the Spirit of Faith: that draws one strait Line from this invisible Sphear to the invisible Principality of Sophia.

The Eighth Rule. Or, Second high Rule of Faith, to the outward and inward Man is this that follows. It hath been clearly shewn to me, that now are required those clear and pure Acts of Faith, that must have no props either on this hand, or that, to lean upon, but venture must upon the greatest Perils, and in no wise be daunted, keeping steady to the strait Line of Faith. Which was shewn to me by way of Similitude (See this December 24). And so we are to become tractable to the Pass of Faith, that will Land us in that all wealthy Land, where all complaints are silenced. And verily this, and no other, is the way for the outward Man: as the Unction of the Father hath been very clear and plain; which would stir up our pure Minds hereunto.

The Ninth Rule. Or, Third high Rule of Faith, for the outward and inward Man to walk in is to know, That the pure Quint-Essences of Faith are so pure, subtile, and thin, as they can (nor will) fear none ill; but look all Famine, Nakedness, Scorn, and Reproach out of countenance: Because it doth not act now upon an Object only Without it self; but upon and from the Essential Name of the Alpha, that springs as Golden Oyl, that makes Faith run swift and smooth, to incorporate with the Object it self. That so there may be a constant stock to employ Faith's out-going Acts upon: Which will bring in good returns from Wisdom's Land. We have no just cause to mistrust the Revenue there. If our Faith were grown to this ripeness from God, the Essential Ground, we then should know, what is our own within those Magical Walls of her rich Territory, where Princess Wisdom doth stand ready prepared for Faith's Conquerors. This word of Counsel and Charge is from the Holy One, that we do not adventure without this Rule.

The Tenth Rule. Or, Fourth high Rule of Faith is this, That we do venture upon the Narrow Bridge of Faith, without fear or reluctance. For it is the direct Way or Pass into that wealthy place, where the very

substance of things hoped for, shall be all fully entred upon, as the due reward of Faith. Let us henceforth, make it our whole living: for what so pleasing is to our God? It wins his Heart: we make him our own; that we may be, in the way of all freedom, with our God in all Spiritual blessings. Even so: Amen.

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