

# Jane Lead's Journal Entries: 1670-1675

by Jane Lead

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*Jane Lead's journal chronicles her spiritual revelations and encourages readers to seek deeper understanding through the Holy Spirit's guidance.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 2:6, Proverbs 3:13, Proverbs 8:11, Proverbs 16:16, Matthew 7:14, 1 Corinthians 2:10, 1 Corinthians 3:16, James 3:17

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## Description

Jane Lead preaches about the journey of seeking divine wisdom and revelations, symbolized by passing through three gates of difficulty and progression, leading to a place of infinite blessings and wonders. She emphasizes the importance of embodying virtues like humility, meekness, and purity to attract spiritual growth and transformation. The sermon delves into the mystical journey of becoming a 'magician' in theosophical wisdom, where the inner and outer worlds align to manifest divine miracles and treasures. Jane Lead highlights the significance of transmutation, purification, and spiritual alchemy in the process of attaining divine knowledge and enlightenment.

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## Transcript

A Bundle of Revelations Untied,

And to be Dispersed to such as are Impartial Seekers, and Unwearied Searchers into the Deep Things of GOD: Which are only Knowable to that Holy Spirit, that diggeth into the Rich Mines and Treasury of WISDOM: Of which the Author hereof was under a Powerful Driving for the Space of about Thirty Years; keeping a Private Recollection to her self, as they did from Time to Time open, and come down as a Burning Shower; not knowing whether they should have been made Publick in her Age, but thinking rather they might be kept as a Garden Enclosed, and as a Fountain Sealed.

PROVIDENCE having opened a Door unexpectedly, through the Strong Instigation of an highly Worthy Person, truly enobled in the Spirit of his Mind, who having had a savour and Relish of some Foregoing Books that had been Printed, did make a generous offer, to have the Bank and Stock of what the Holy Unction had dropped in, brought forth into Manifestation; for the Universal, Enlightening, Leading and Refreshing, for the Dove-Flocks belonging to the Great Shepherd, to whom such Pastures lie open to be freely fed upon; I think my self obliged to Publish for these Ends, what can be recovered of the Process and Diary of my Life, since I have been under these Love-Visitations from the Spirit of my Lord. The Time being now accomplished, wherein the Hour-glass of the Spirit is a second time turned up, for the which

there is a Call from the New Jerusalem World, that all Persons of every Quality, Rank and Degree, under what Denomination soever, they be, throughout all Nations, Peoples, and Languages, do give ear, and watch every Golden Sand that this Glass doth run, that nothing of it may run waste. For it is the Morning-Watch and Day-break of the Spirit, that is to spread forth its Light and Glory, whereby is to be enlightened the Dark Ignorant State of the World, who have sat in the Region of Traditional and Literal Knowledge, according to the Rational Wisdom of Man, which through the Inundation of the Spirit must all be drowned, and a New Earth prepared, wherein the Sowing of the Spirit is to be with one pure Golden Grain, that can admit of no mingling, of what is from Man; for another Time is now at hand, wherein nothing but what is purely taught of God shall abide and stand. Therefore as one that hath obtained through Infinite Love, and large Grace, to be Baptized into this Glorious Manifestation of the Spirit, I do beseech and excite all to whom this Journal shall come, that they do well observe and take diligent notice of the Method and Way, which God took with me, in order to the bringing me forward to the Arrivement at the manifold Degrees and Growths, which is here in a most simple and undres'd manner brought forth, without any Alteration; but just as the Spirit was pleased to render it self in its own Cloathing. So in obedience to the Call of Wisdom, may the same Visitation of Immediate Divine Teaching, as a Day-star in your Hearts appear, which may your Souls greatly revive and cheer.

Now give me leave to tell you the Beginning of my Way that the Spirit first led me into. In the first place then, after some Years that I had lived in some good Degree of an Illuminated Knowledge, setting under the Visible Teachings of Men, that could give no further Light than that they had arrived from others, through all of which I traced as a wandering Spirit that could find no Rest: but something still I found within my self that did open to draw in from a more pure Air, than I could meet without me: Whereupon I introverted more into my own Inward Deep, where I did meet with that which I could not find elsewhere; except it were with such as were brought under the same Dispensation of whom a few names were made known unto me.

Wherefore I do give my own Experience, that I would have every one that desires to be Sealed with the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, not to take in any Fears, Jealousies or Prejudices, concerning the Emanations and Manuductions that the Holy Ghost will dispense forth, as any shall be found Lovers and Waiters thereupon. For I my self found all other Grounds and Pastures dry and barren, as a parched Desert; until I came to this Fruitful Lebanon, where all Variety of sweet scented Flowers, did as another Eden flourish pleasantly.

Which were known and enjoyed by giving up to the Teaching of the Holy Unction, which as the Waters of the Sanctuary, will never cease springing, till they become an Overwhelming River, which is the true Baptizing Water of Life. This you will find to be true, as you seriously apply your self to this Way and Method of God's Immediate Teaching: Which then you shall find to open in the Center of your own Soul. And this way manifesteth it self in a various Dispensation. Sometimes this is by Inspeaking from the Essential Word, which giveth its own certain Sound, as different occasions do offer, upon a Soul's waiting thereupon.

For it would be a very deplorable Case, if Christ should leave his Flock, and seal up the Fountain of all Future Revelation, that is now necessary to be Renewed in every Age of Time. Therefore he brings us to lie at the Mouth of this bubbling Well of his Spirit, for to drink in what is New and Fresh, which doth greatly delight the Soul; that would otherwise be apt to faint and flag, before it come to the end of its Race. Wherefore he doth strow our Way, with fragrant Flowers, all sweet and pleasant, and of many and beautiful Colours; as you may observe when you read the Similitudes and Visions which are here

Published; God many times coming down to unfold himself in this Figurative and Parabolical way: and yet more Essentially and Deeper, above and beyond all Figures and Representations, of which I shall give you some account as being under Command not to keep back, or shun to declare the whole Purport whereinto I have been carried; for the universal Refreshment and Benefit of such who are as weaned Children from every other Breast, but that of their Eternal Mother, whence all Wisdom and Understanding doth stream forth Intellectually, which is the growing Nutriment, as it doth pass Radically into the Soul, as the Blood doth into the Veins.

Now here is a Cessation of Sensible Images, for all is turned into an Intellectual Sight, Operation, and Sensation. From this Center of Light, though no visible Images are impressed or raised thereupon, yet here is the true Ground and Substance of all which are in an Interiour Figure portrayed in the Spirit of the Mind, and brought out no further, but do remain an Invisible Idea, just as it is with God himself, before he formeth out of the Essential Ground, Shapes and Figures of Things.

So as these may conduce as much to the Informing and Enlightening, Renewing and Comforting, and even Essentializing of the Spirit into God, as any of the other; nay I know it to be the more Sure Ground, and Concenter of the Spirit: and if it should never know any of those other figurative Visions: yet keeping to the Center to drink in the pure Streams of Revelations, as they arise herefrom, it shall give them an Access into the Full Body and Center of the Trinity; which swallows up all of Shadows and Pictures, and terminates into the very Essentiality of a God-Formation, into Substantial Powers acting in, and from the pure Essence of Spirit in Transnewed Nature.

Thus Intellectual Vision, thus considered, is the very next Step to that Beatifical Vision, or Seeing of God barely, without any other Medium, but the very express Personality of the Lord JESUS; by being so consummated into the Essence of his Spirit and Light, as that whatever is knowable and obvious to Him, may also our Sight of Light be, both here in Time, and hereafter in Eternity. Which is an unknown Mystery; of which an account may be hereafter more fully given, as it shall be entered into.

As to the Other Sort of Vision, that is no New Ministration. For it is of Old that God did thus often make out himself, as a more taking and plain Way, in raising Images distinct, for Teachableness unto us. And this proceeds from another Center than that of the Intellectual: it is more Deep. Some Persons may stand in this Center-Line naturally of Seeing, and Awakening a Formation out of this Center, according to the strong Impression of their Minds, by various Figures. If the Mind of such be Pure, and ardently run into Heavenly Objects, it will raise Appearances suitably: and there will be an Awakening, and Drawing out of various Speculations of Beauty and Glory, as may forespeak what is to be accomplished, in a Particular way. This Way of God's Manifestation, hath been frequent in Former, and in This Present Time: But these are Props for the Weak, that they may not faint in their Way up to God's Mountain of more Perfect and naked Vision. Now of this kind of Vision, I have been much visited withal: but I press to get beyond it. Here is no Stay: the Ground from whence these open is too Shallow. I am driven now to descend Deeper, where the Spirit even level may be with its own Eternal Essentiality; that Power therefrom it may have, to Make and Form whatever it will; in, and from Substance that is Original.

Then as there is of Divine Vision, that opens from the Holy and Heavenly Mind, which draweth in these Presentations; so there is another Sort of Vision that is from the Starry Influence, and Working Power of the Elements, that in conjunction are with the Common Spirit and Mind of a Person. And though there be not any Eminent Work of Regeneration, yet there may be Vision: as Balaam was, and others, had that Gift, and yet were not Renewed in their Spirits, or brought nigh to God thereby. Such notwithstanding may

have Power to raise many Images that may foretell and signifie what is to come to pass. For there is a Starry Magia, that some may have a Natural Property to open in themselves: and it doth sometimes awaken into Manifestation in the deep of Sleep, and giveth Warning of Evil that is to come, and Shews of Good; as relating to the present Manifestation of Time. And this may be, and is, a Common Gift. But where it is in a Sanctified Vessel, it is far otherwise illustrated than in those who nothing of that can give proof of.

So now hence we see the different Nature of Vision, and of Prophetical Intelligence therefrom, that we may watch to every Center opening. For the Serpent's Subtilty stands ready to mingle, where ever he can enter in. For he is a great magical Prince, and the outward Planets are as his Operators in the Constitution of the meer natural Man. Now of all these, the most Safe is the Intellectual and Divine Vision, that openeth from the more profound Center-Deep: but yet not so as that we are to stick here even in this.

For there is a Center Deeper still, where the Deity unmasked is of all Figures and Images, known and seen in his own Simplified Being. And when in Spirit caught up here, we see all the various Wonders, brought forth in the very Life Essential Property, as wrought out of God immediately, and in their Living Figures, as the innumerable Hosts, which do replenish the Heaven of God's Habitation: which is the purest and most infallible Vision, that our Spirits may Eternally concenter in, with all the delightful Satisfaction, that the very Angels before the Throne of God's Majesty do enjoy. So we may this know as often as from all Bodily Sense we can get away. For this kind of Vision highly different is from that which we call Divine, or Intellectual; because it doth all over sublime the Spirit, Soul, and Body, during the time that the Munition-Flame of the Holy One doth as a Pavilion all over spread, and keepeth all of Sense at the Foot of the Mount, while Spirit entereth into the Tabernacle-Glory of the Holy Trinity.

This sort of Vision the Beloved John was in, when being wholly caught up in the Spirit, he saw all the Variety of the Lord's Kingdom, and his express Personality. Since which we have not known any in late Ages that have been in the like Transportation in Spirit, and yet alive in the Body, to declare of what was seen and heard after such a Wonderful Way as he had. But the Author must (to the Honour of God) own, that something, not unlike to this, hath been to her manifested. Such Grace and Love Our JESUS doth again afford, and bringeth himself into our Knowledge, by this Way of the Spirit clear and free; that we may know him that is True, and receive by this Highest Vision-Ministration, the full extent of his Will and Mind: that is, that we may both see, and hear, as if we were out of the Body of Corporeity, while yet in the Body; as Supersensualized to know, and behold purely, through the Organical Properties of the Spirit, according as every Object in Heavenly Places in their Order do move in reference to our Cohabitation within those Circulations through the Spiritual Body.

Thus have I brought forth out of the deepest Deep, what the present Measure of my Knowledge and Experience is, in this Mystical Dispensation. Which hereby is as the New and best of Wine that hath been reserved for this Last Time. Whereby it may be understood, that Christ has not forgotten to make good his Promise, to renew the Spring of his Spirit, by a continued Succession of it. And as we see and hear the Fruitfulness of it doth more generally abound, and find entertainment in the World, by a new Generation of Apostolical Spirits, so doth it presage a New Kingdom and State is near approaching. Which is Argument enough to provoke all that would be Subjects of this Kingdom, which the Lamb has only Right unto, to be preparing and making Ready, as the First Fruits, that they may be Qualified to make up this New Jerusalem-Bride. Therefore as my Fellow Denizens of this City, which is from Above, where-ever ye are hidden, whether as Exiles, or Captives scattered to and fro, I beseech you let your Inward Ear be attentive, keeping Watch and Ward in great Calmness and Stillness of Mind. Then may ye hear the Love-Calls,

passing through that Horn which is filled with pure Oil, that will gather and draw you into the High, Celestial, and Spiritual Pasture, and Fold; where our goodly Tents may be Pitched, and of which we may go in and out, to that rich Sharon, which springs and flowers round about our Kingly Shepherd; that so as his Sheep and Lambs we may be gently led from Fountain to Fountain, and drink and feed together, in the same Harmony and Unity; as do the Saints in the Upper Fold, so we in this Lower.

I shall now wind up all with a Caution to two Ranks: the First shall be to the Unlearned and Ignorant in this Method and Way of the Spirit's Manifestation. Which is, that they do forbear Rash and Censorious Judgment upon those Things that are at present above their Reach. For as they desire not to be prevented and bereaved of the Great Benefit of Divine Inspiration, and the Assistances of the Holy Ghost, my Advertisement to such is, that they become Simple and Child-like, and adventure upon the Conduct and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit, then will they find another manner of fruitful Life will in them spring, and no reason shall they have to repent for Acquiescing to the Divine Will herein. The Second Caution shall be to that sort, which are already Initiated into this our Mystick and Supersensual Wisdom, that may have with me run deep into the Ocean of what is Mysterious and Wonderful for Knowledge. First I must caution you, with my self, to keep very Low, entering into a Self-Annihilation, so as a Nothing to be, with reference to the Creaturely Being, that the All-Deifick Unction may arise as an overflowing Tide: and never to think we have obtained by all that we have yet reached to, what yet remains of those Immense Treasures, which are yet further to be Revealed. For there is still a growing Tree of Life, that reneweth all Variety of Wisdom; as you will in part find by this Present, as well as by some Foregoing Books by me Published.

Thus having given you a true narrative of the Several Removes and Risings, from one Degree to another, from Depths to Heights, and from Heights again to Depths; out of which hath been brought forth very Marvellous and Wonderful Secrets: which it was the pleasure of the Fountain of Spirits to distribute and communicate; being such Mysterious Things as haply may be rarely found elsewhere; which hath often me astonished, that such Unusual and Strange a Method the Spirit should take with me, opening such things. But it hath been given me to know, upon a Diligent Inquiry, that there is an Age coming on, the like to which hath not yet been, to whom these Prophecies and Revelations do belong. So that though the Day of my Life is far spent, so that I may not see the full Harvest, of what is by the Spirit sown here, to be reaped; yet assured I am that all is reserved for a Glorious Time, wherein shall arise a New Generation, that clothed upon will be with such a Mantle, as is interwoven with Light, Wisdom, Knowledge and Flaming Power. Among which there may be some that I may bear the Memorial of a Mother to as well Natural as Supernatural; that may possibly succeed in the same Spirit, which I shall pray may be as Wisdom's Key, to go on to open in them the Golden Remains, which are yet to be brought forth, for the promulgation of the Priestly and Prophetical Kingdom, upon the Earth. So now I shall conclude, requesting you as you shall draw in any Light, or feel any Refreshment herefrom, that you would join with me in Acclamations and Praises to the Ancient of Days, who hath put into the Hands of a Good-willer to these Divine Mysteries, to bring forth into the Publick, what might otherwise have been left in Oblivion and Secresie. And it is my peculiar Request, which I this place leave, that the Nations may bless, and pray for such an Instrument that hath given a Proof of so Universal a Love to All. So that the Fulness of all Blessings and Showers from the Heavenly Powers, may descend upon the Impartial and Single-hearted Readers and Good-willers hereof, shall be the constant Invocation and Prayer of her, who while living in the Body, shall never cease to serve all her Fellow-Members, in the Gift of God, Universally.

J. Lead. 1696.

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A Garden of Fountains, &c.

OR

Divine Openings and Revelations since the Year MDCLXX.

The First Vision that appeared to me was in the Month of April, 1670.

Which was on this wise;

BEING my lot at that time to visit a Friend in a solitary Country-place, where I had great advantage of Retirement, often frequenting lonely Walks in a Grove or Wood; contemplating the happy State of the Angelical World; and how desirous I was to have my Conversation there, my thoughts were much exercised upon Solomon's Choice, which was to find out the Noble Stone of Divine Wisdom; [Margin Note: See the Preface to the Laws of Paradise] for by acquainting my self with her, all desirable good in Spiritual things would meet upon me. The Report and Fame that Solomon gave of Wisdom, did much excite me to seek her Favour and Friendship; demurring in my self from whence she was descended, still questioning whether she was a distinct Being from the Deity or no? Which while in this debate within my Mind, there came upon me an overshadowing bright Cloud, and in the midst of it the Figure of a Woman, most richly adorned with transparent Gold, her hair hanging down and her Face as the terrible Crystal for brightness, but her Countenance was sweet and mild. At which sight I was somewhat amazed, but immediately this Voice came, saying, Behold I am God's Eternal Virgin-Wisdom, whom thou hast been enquiring after; I am to unseal the Treasures of God's deep Wisdom unto thee, and will be as Rebecca was unto Jacob, a true Natural Mother; for out of my Womb thou shalt be brought forth after the manner of a Spirit, Conceived and Born again: this thou shalt know by a New Motion of Life, stirring and giving a restlessness, till Wisdom be born within the inward parts of thy Soul. Now consider of my Saying till I return to thee again.

This Vision took great Impression on me, yet I kept it for the present hid, but it Operated so much upon me, as indeed I was incapable to converse with any Mortals; which was taken notice of, that some extraordinary thing had happened; for the which I begged my Friends excuse, and desired that she would give me the liberty to be much alone, and to walk in the silent Woods; where I might contemplate what had so lately happened. Now after three days, sitting under a Tree, the same Figure in greater Glory did appear, with a Crown upon her Head, full of Majesty; saying, Behold me as thy Mother, and know thou art to enter into Covenant, to obey the New Creation-Laws, that shall be revealed unto thee. Then did she hold out a Golden Book with three Seals upon it, saying, Herein lieth hidden the deep Wonders of Jehovah's Wisdom, which hath been sealed up, that none could, or ever shall break up, but such as of her Virgin-Offspring shall appear to be; who will her Laws receive, and keep, as they shall spring daily in the New Heart and Mind. This Appearance, and Words, was wonderfully sweet and refreshing in my Soul; at which I bowed, and prostrated at her Feet; promising to be obedient to all her Laws. So the Vision shut up for that time.

Pondering this in my Heart, with great comfort, that this Day-star had visited me from on high; I returned to London to my own Habitation, retiring my self from all my Acquaintance, saving one Person that was highly Illuminated, who encouraged me still to wait upon this Vision; for he was acquainted with somewhat

of this kind. So after six days the Vision appear'd again, with a Train of Virgin-Spirits, and with an Angelical Host; and called to me to come and see the Virgin Queen, with her first-born Children; asking me, Whether I was willing to be joyned amongst this Virgin Company? At which I reply'd, All willing to offer up my self most free: Then immediatly I was encompass'd about with this Heavenly Host, and made a Spirit of Light. Then these Words from the Virgin proceeded, saying, I shall now cease to appear in a Visible Figure unto thee, but I will not fail to transfigure my self in thy mind; and there open the Spring of Wisdom and Understanding, that so thou mayest come to know the only True God, in and by the formation of Christ, the anointed Prophet in thee; that shall reveal great and wonderful things unto thee, that are to be made known, and publick, in its time and day: Therefore be watchful, and to thy Mother Wisdom's Counsel give good heed, and thou shalt greatly prosper, and succeed the Prophets and Apostles to perfect what was left behind, for compleating as to Christ the Fulness of God's great Mystery: So go on, and nothing fear, or doubt; for I thy Glass for Divine Seeing shall evermore stand before thee. Then my Spirit replyed, According to thy Word let all this be fulfilled. And so this Glory withdrew; but an inward Glory did my Heart fill, for a burning Love to all of those Heavenly Beings did kindle within my Heart vehemently.

In the Month of August.

[Margin Note: This having been found without any Date of the Year, and the Author having forgotten when it was, cannot find any one that more nearly succeeds the foregoing one.]

THE Mind of Wisdom thus opened it self in me, as I waited in my Spirit upon her, she did shew me what Key would open the Great Mystery, which lay deeply hid in my self. It was wrought and carved out of such pure Gold, as had passed through many Fires; many Keys I had tryed, but could not turn in this secret enclosed Lock, but still it shut upon me, though I thought I had that Key which was compounded of such Metals, as would have made its entrance, as Love, Faith, Patience, Humility, which with strong Supplication and Prayer, I presented, as the Key of the work.

All which was too short to reach it. Whereupon I was put to a loss altogether to seek how this Gate should be opened, having compassed the Holy City, and waited and tryed every way, where I might find passage. Circling from one Path to another, from Prayer to Prayer, and from Faith to Faith; so that in good earnest I began to consider I had not found this wonderful Key, for want of which I might run out in waste all my days, and grope as in the dark, yet never find the Door which opens into my true Shepherd's Fold.

Whereupon being cast into a deep astonishing silence and stillness, the Word of Wisdom thus opened it self unto me; Oh thou deep searching Spirit, marvel not thou hast been so long frustrated, for as to thy present state and dispensation, thou couldst never reach me to all Eternity, for my Birth in thee lies deeper than thy present Gift of Faith and Prayer can open; thou hast with many others been in a great mistake. But in as much as thou ownest and bewailest thy unskillfulness, I will make known to thee what Key will turn this great Wheel of my Wisdom, so as it may move, and manifest it self in thee, through all thy Properties, if thou canst bid up to the Price of it.

For understand that it is compounded of all pure Gold, subsisting in a burning Furnace of many Fires: And although this wonderful Key is of Wisdom's carving out, and her free gift, yet, O thou seeking Spirit, she will cost thee very dear, if ever thou obtainest her. Yet she goeth about seeking such as are worthy of her, and will shew her self within the Walls of the Mind, and meet them in every thought that waits for her Laws and Counsel, and brings a Kingdom which will be well worth thy selling all for.

But the great thing, saith Wisdom, now is to discipline and make thy Spirit a cunning Artist, to give it Knowledge of what Matter in Number, Weight and Measure this pure Key is made up of, which is all pure Deity in the Number THREE; which is weighty indeed, being one exceeding weighty Glory, sitting in the Circle of the Heavens within Man's Heart, measuring with the Line of his Power, the Temple and inward Court, with the Worshippers therein. This is Wisdom's Key, which will make our Hands drop with sweet smelling Myrrh upon the handle of her Lock.

Which while I was opening her Privy-Door, with this Key, my Soul failed within me, and I retained no strength; my Sun of Reason, and the Moon of my outward Sense were folded up, and withdrew. I knew nothing by my self, as to those working Properties from Nature, and Creature, and the Wheel of the Motion standing still, another moved from a Central Fire; so that I felt my self Transmuted into one pure Flame. Then came that Word to me, This is no other than the Gate of my Eternal Deep, canst thou subsist in this Fiery Region, which is Wisdom's Mansion, where she meets with holy abstracted Spirits, and gives forth a fiery Law, which if thereunto thou canst give heed, so as to come up to her Requirings, then no Secret shall be with-held from thee. Thus far am I admitted to come into the entrance of her House, where I must stop till I hear further from her.

Now as I was attending to obtain a fresh Visit, being entered into this first Mansion of her House, to hear and learn further, she said on this wise, That I was greatly beloved, and she would be my Mother, and so should I own her and call her, who would now be to me as Rebecca was to Jacob, to contrive and put me in a way how I should obtain the Birth-right-Blessing. For if I would apply my self to her Doctrine, and draw my Life's Food from no other Breast, I should then know the recovery of a lost Kingdom; At which Salutation I was dissolved and melted, the fervent heat of this Love strongly impulsing me to a resolve, for to obey her in all things.

Which pure Oil from Wisdom's Vessel stopping, it opened again not till October the 20th in the Morning-Watch; then heard I her Voice thus; Sequester and draw out of thy Animal Sensitive Life, that is too gross: I cannot appear till that disappear. There must be Spirit with Spirit, Light with Light. No sooner had I this caution, but I felt Power which suspended the active busie mind, which for a time was expired into silence: Know then (said the same Voice) thou shalt supplant thy Brother Esau, who according to the Figure, is a cunning Hunter in the out-birth and field of Nature. While he with his subtilty seeking it abroad, in the wild Properties of the External Region; I will now help thee to it near at Hand, even in thy own enclosed Ground. There the true Scape-Goat feeds, of which I will make savoury meat, such as God thy Father loves. Hearing this Salutation from my late known Mother, I was deadly ravished in the Spirit, in the Light of the Lord, and feared to return to the dark House of my outward Senses again; which opened a spring of Intercession in me, that as one of the Friends of the Bridegroom, I might hear his Voice still, which indeed was so pleasant and sweet, as I could well have admitted of a dissolution of my Elementary Being, rather than this Conference should not still be maintained with this renowned Pearl of Wisdom. But I have learned to observe her Time and Seasons; I witness her opening as in the twinkling of an Eye, a pure, bright, subtil, swift Spirit, a working Motion, a Circling Fire, a penetrating Oil.

November the 10th. 1673.

IN the Morning, about the fifth Hour, my Spirit was called forth to attend Wisdom's Oracle again, to know further into that mysterious thing, she discoursed with me, in order to the obtaining the Birth-right-Blessing. Oh thou Fiery Soul, know thy self now out of thy own Creaturely Being. Whereupon I was environed with sweet burning Flame which devoured and consumed all the Bryars, Thorns, and accursed Emanations

that did offer to put forth. So that Scripture was witnessed, feeling God's being a Wall of Fire, which separated the Earthly part from the Heavenly. Then uttered Wisdom her Voice: Oh thou solicitous Spirit, I am now come to shew thee what is required of thee, as in the beginning of my parling I shunned not to declare, what it would cost thee to purchase the Key, that unlocks the Gate which gives thee entrance into that pure and transparent City, where thou art to be an Inhabitant in the Lamb's Nature for ever. I tell thee, God requires an Offering from thee, as he did of Abraham, there is no sparing any part; an whole Burnt-offering through the Eternal Spirit must be given up. Understand me thus, thou hast an Earthly Principle that hath dilated and overspread thee, and got into dominion, and covered thee safe from my Heavens within thee; but these Thrones and Powers must be cast down; their Place must be found no more. Thou hast made great Complaints, for want of constant near Alliance and Freedom with God thy Creator: but marvel not the Cause lies here in dying, yet thou art not totally dead. This is the first Baptism thou art to know, and how many have herein fallen short in not giving their earthly Self a Thorough-wounding and killing Blow? Therefore to thee, O beloved of thy mother Rebecca, I commend to thee my flaming Sword, be thou now valiant, and let it do full Execution in the Camp of Nature; slay utterly Old and Young whatever in thee bears not my Mark and Name, which is my Image. Few in this Latter Age have come thus far. Therefore I have had so little pleasure to inhabit with, and to reveal my self to the children of this Generation; in that a pure Crystalline Mind is so rarely to be found, and in no other will thy God appear. Therefore hear and learn of me, who well knows what will qualifie thee for the reception of thy Fountain-light and Joy, which may be an abiding Friend and Comforter to thee, which was the Heritage of Jacob, thy fore-runner in the Line and Blessing. Now having made known what thy Offering is to be, which is one remove that makes way for the return of thy Bridegroom; the second thing required is the Venison that must be presented to thy Father, that he may eat thereof, that so the Love from his Heart may flow into thee, wherein the Blessing will be known; but of this thou shalt have my Counsel, as thou art faithful in answering to this preparative Work.

At these Sayings of my Mother I well pondered all, tending to the refining me out of my Earthly Life, seeing I must offer it up, and that time of my departure out of the first Principle, is drawing nigh upon me, as Wisdom has plainly shewed me; that though I had come with many Offerings, yet till all was consumed by that one whole Burnt-Offering, I could not be made perfect in the Virgin-State, where Christ's Second Birth in pure Spiritual Humanity should appear in me. Which Wisdom told me, was the true and right Venison, that God my Father would receive from my Hand, who could savour no other Meat Offering but what should be made up and dressed by the hand of Virgin Wisdom, who further shewed me that place, where she would make ready this savoury Meat, which was in the fiery Essence of my Spirit. Which in very deed I did feel going to work in her own kindled Furnace, where she shewed me her Golden Pot. No Vessel was to be used but of that pure Metal, wherein was ordered all the several Ingredients, which I implored her Friendship to let me see; which was granted unto me, who owned that her Fear was with me, and hitherto I had observed her Charge, and her Secrets should be with me, and that I should know such things from a deep Ground, as had not been broken up of late Ages: if I could bear that hot fiery Furnace, which should boil away the Scum of all that which of the earthly part had yet its remainder with me. Which Counsel begot this Exploration with my Mother, as fearing I should not come up to these her pure and high Accomplishments.

Desponding therefore, I said, Oh my Mother-Wisdom, the terms of thy Requirings are hard, considering I constrained am to reside in the Out-Birth of a Mortal Shadow, where Millions of Spirits do me tempt to keep me from this high and noble Ascent. What an overturning must here be made, that so a Renewing may be on the face of my old Earth? Which Renovation well answers to that Scripture, We shall not all

dye, but suffer a Change, or Translation. Oh how little did I understand, till Wisdom unsealed and opened her Testimony, lighting my Lamp from her Seven Pillars of Fire, which now go before me, that my Way may no more be dark: Who hath made good her Promise, for I felt her strong Impulse, and her Furnace prepared, burning as an Oven.

By which I well know what that Word of Record means, The Day comes that shall burn as an Oven. She told me, She was now come to make ready the Venison, that I might have access to God my Father with it. While I was pondering, seeing only the Vessel and the Fire, with Isaac I was ready to say, Where is the Lamb? Then uttered she this Word, Thou thy self must be this Paschal Lamb, which must be slain: Then was I taught to say or pray, strike upon that Life-Vein, which may abundantly return again; thus yielding my self up to Love's Flaming Sword, I felt a separation was made.

Oh how sweet is it to feel the Life's Blood run into the Fountain of that Godhead, from whence it came? Let none henceforth fear in the Lord to dye, for Life shall spring again as to one that awaketh out of a Sleep, into another Principle, or begotten into a New World, in which with other Inhabitants, with whom I now my Conversation have, in the Light of the Deity I do dwell. O dear Sophia, what am I, that hitherto thou hast me brought, that I should know of thy Magick-Art, and from thy holy Flames be inspired, which foreruns the Day of Pentecost, which shall known again be to those who follow hard the Prize to take.

This feeling, the Divine Power had me touched as the Key that unlocked the Gate of the Eternal Deep; I further emboldened was to ask my Mother Wisdom, how and when she would compound that savoury Meat, on which the blessing entailed is, for I as one impatient am till the Birth-right confirmed be to me. Upon which there was presented as in a Charger, a Kid lying in a Composition Liquor of Milk, Oil, and Blood with several Spices, as Spikenard, Myrrh and Cinnamon, giving forth strong Odours.

Then Wisdom called to me. O go and see what I have compounded and prepared a Banquet-Feast, whereto thy Father will come down with his dear Son thy Elder Brother, and I thy Mother, and will hereof take and feed, so that the Fountain of Jacob may be thy Blessing, which the Eternal Father accordingly pronounced, saying, From the Upper and Supercelestial Planets let thy Eternal Nativity again renew, as from its own Originality; by which the lower Constellations and Elements shall to these subjected be and bow; as a Globe upon which thy Feet shall stand; and both the upper and nether Springs command.

The Dews of Heaven, and the Fat Things of the Earth shall together upon thee meet: This is the Fulness of all Blessings, wherewith the Triune Unity do thee greet. Henceforward now observe, and obedient be, to what shall be further Communicated to thee.

After this my Spirit still attended, eagerly longing to lay my Mouth to Wisdom's Breast, from which the Word of Life so sweetly did flow. Then she with her Flaming Heart did present her self to me. Out of which Heart sprouted forth a Tree, with Twelve Branches having upon the Root of it engraven, GOD is the Pith, Life and Virtue, that maketh the Heart thus Fruitful, in various opening and quickening Powers, giving forth according to each Branch, a different and peculiar Fruit. Then said she to me, Here doth lie the Mystery: do thou it come and see, how out of the Flames these Branches put forth green and palpable Fruits, that are not yet grown, yet thou with Patience must still wait till to perfection of ripeness they be grown in thee, then of the first Fruits of this Tree thou shalt bring to thy God as an Offering, who will accept it as a pure Offering, that will draw down the Life's Blessing; read and see what engraven is for thee, and let thy Mind be staid a while, till thou to this ripe Age shall arrive and comforted be, that this shady Heart as a fruitful Vine shall overspread within the Walls of thy Mind, a River of Oyl shall here outspring, which will make thy

Flames burn still, till so hot the Furnace may come to be which as the Sun for vehemency shall transmute this Fruit to a Golden Colour. Then thou with savoury Meat to thy God shall come, who will him self feed upon their pleasant Fruit, which nourished has been from the Life's Blood; Come now and into Love's deep descend with me, that thou mayst know the various operation of this Tree, and every Branch thereof, namely as the living sense shall spring in thee according to which thy lot will be, as relating to the Blessing promised, the which will require perseverance still in the Faith, till to perfection in Colour this Fruit be brought. No other charge I shall leave with thee, but to abide within this shady Rock, where Love's Flames shall be thy Food continually. Oh how pleasant is it here to be, all encircled with Love's flaming Breast?

January the 22d. 1674.

WISDOM'S Word opened yet again to me saying, Arise, swiftly follow me: I will shew thee Greater Things than what hath yet been known to thee. Whereupon I felt a mighty attractive Power drawing up my Spirit for Ascension; but surprized I was with a potent Enemy, which did me encounter highly, charging me with a breach to Nature's Laws, and how I stood obligatory to her, in as much as I had an outward Body, which I ought to take in the Sense of its Elementary requirings, and accordingly make Provision, as the rest of my fellow Creatures in the World, which were under the Government of that great Monarch Reason, to whose Scepter all must bow that live in the Sensitive Animal Life. These and such Arguments I was assaulted with, and pursued as Jacob was by Laban, when he took his Flight to return to his Father's House. So greatly distressed was my Spirit, seeing itself so oppressed that it could not tell where to make its escape, or how to discharge my self from being a Subject to his Starry Kingdom: as I stood in the Line of Nature. I was under the dominion of the Starry Region, in the strife of the four Elements, which brought in the Curse, where Care and Fear, and the toil and labour of the Body did consist. Saith the Prince of the earthly Life, How wilt thou acquit thy self from my Laws, and break thy Brother Esau's Yoke from off thy Neck?

Thus in obedience having drawn up my Charge, and having good proof and witness hereof, I presented it to the view of my Mother, who said, Are these things so indeed? I shall advise with the Deity how to destroy them out of thy inward Coasts, seeing thou dost not join or take any part with them; but hast brought in Evidence against them as Traytors to the Crown, Dignity, and Dominion of the Lamb, whose Power they would depose him of, in his chosen and elect Seed: and though these evil seducing Spirits think their Mountain so strong, that it is never to be moved, yet know their Day of Judgment is hastening on apace, and they will be given up to be tryed by the fiery Law, which issueth forth from the Ancient of Days, who hath appointed a Day, in which he will avenge his Elect, that cry mightily to him, as oppressed by these invading Spirits. Be of good Comfort, the Judge is nominated, the Jury is chosen, by whom the Verdict will be given; therefore be true to the Interest of my Son, who is appointed to judge the World in thee, and to cast out Hell, Sin and Death, the Beast and his retinue into that Lake, where there shall be no return out thence, to assault thee more with their Dregs and Poysonous Floods. This is to be done by joining Issue and Power with me, who am come to help thee against the great Leviathan, who makes War most, where he sees his Time of Reigning is almost worn out, and that he must have no more place; who thinks it very great Injustice to be cast out of Man's Nature, before the laying down the Mortal Body. But oh, to thee let me commend this present state, that in my Virgin-Purity thou mayest still be found; for I delight thee all fair to see: then with my presence frequently I would visit most satisfiedly, wherein you tell me all your Joy doth lie: Then droop not, but most pleasant be, as those whose Name and Place is ever with me. Call in also those who of doubtful Heart are apt to be: Unanimously go forward, remembering what the true Nazarite is to be, of Holy Courage and Divine Magnanimity: no more must such hang down

the Head, or to feebleness of Mind give way, but the Power display, which in the Seven Locks concealed are; it is but needful that you all Force do draw out; for while these Earthly Spirits do border upon your Land, they will be scouting out: therefore without my proved Armour dare not with them to parley; this is the Charge I shall leave with thee.

August the 10th.

OH the Wrestling Wheel that I did feel moving, to grind the Earthly part down; setting all at Variance in me, that so it might still keep uppermost, and subdue the numerous Hosts that would my Will have forced; for did that but yield, then the Field where the Treasure and Substance is concealed, would obnoxious to the Robber, and Spoiler be, who hath watched the Prize to take from me. Therefore in variety of Temptations I placed am, to prove whether or no I can stand, and let the Waves still beat and go over me, and no ill fear while the Ark of Faith about doth inclose me; the great Swellings of Jordan shall not afright me, while I do see the strength of Salvation so nigh, that willeth and bringeth to pass according to the out-flowing of the Omnipotency, which from the new-born-Will most prosperously effecteth all things.

Then will it be seen what the Conjoyning of the Eternal Constellations bringeth forth upon the hidden Man through their Fiery Drivings which now thrust forward for Consummation, that I might see the issue of what I have been made to hope and believe, and pray for: Though Prophecies and Revelations do for a time most delightfully entertain the Internal Senses, yet short they are of the Body which consisteth of the Heavenly Things themselves: as it is well said, Prophecies, Tongues, and Faith, and Hope shall have their Cessation, but the Kingdom of the Love, all Concord, the bright Bodified Spirit that hath received Dominion as a super-addition, is beyond the Priestly and Prophetical Office.

But while I was reaching after, and inquiring when I might expect the coming down of the Seven-Throne-Powers which are the Pillars of this Kingdom, by whom it will be established for ever in the Perfection of Righteousness, the Word said to me, Rest a while, these two are the foregoing Ministrations that will make much for the third, the Holy Order of a Priest to give attendance in the Tabernacle, is no light thing to be near to the Majesty of Purity, which requires a perfect Consecration.

For the Holy Being will have none about him to minister to him, but anointed Ones, from whom may be smelt the Spicy Perfume, that so nothing of the dead unsavory part may be felt; this will qualifie for the Ordination of the Power. Here wait till made perfect, then thy own Hands shall be sufficient for thee, whereby thou wilt find ability to fetch in out of the secret Tower, where is kept for every full grown one, this presented great Jewel of Power: which I dare not to any commit, till they perfectly become wise, of a sound and unchangeable mind to keep secret what the will-pleasure of the Deity is to have from the unworthy to be concealed; no unfaithful Delilah ever more shall herewith be intrusted, which of a double mind be, which goeth after any Lover besides me; therefore make proof of Truth, Love and Loyalty in a fixed Virginity, before this discovery be made forth in Verity: but this know, the true Nazarite is with Him who will not be deceived in his choice, as the figurative Sampson was.

This mighty Man of strength will take none into his Bosom, but such as may be confided in. Therefore if thou wouldst his Delilah be, of perfect Beauty with spotless Chastity, which will well please this mighty Prince of Peace, who will not thence refuse thee, when well assured that thou hast declined and forsaken thy Father's House and Kindred, never to turn back to them more, but constantly to him cleave: then his Head on thy Lap he will repose, and his hidden Strength to thee reveal, and nothing from thee conceal, being in Joint-Union, no more twain, but one Spirit: The Seven Locks of his Power he will suffer thee to

unloose, and draw out therefrom such Might, as may slay and overcome the Philistines Host, which such prickling Bryars have been to invade thy inward Coasts, and most holy Place, which is appointed for the Ark of the Covenant, there to rest.

But behold now is risen a Judge and Law-giver, one that is mighty to save and deliver out of the Hands of all thy Enemies, who thy true Covering in the Day of Battle will be: Therefore henceforth fear not those Warriours that come forth with the Goliath's Spear and Shield; the Champion which keeps within, shall make them all to stagger, kill and fall, for the true Sampson will maintain Victory over all; it is well worth the sheltering under his mighty Wing, here with safety thou mayst set, and upon his Love do thou inroach still, who will not offended be, though thou intrude thy self, his Dalilah, to draw out his Heart more to thee, till he shall make known his great Secrets unto thee.

I well know this is the only precious thing, no one can ever privy here unto be made, till Wisdom be the Bride-Garment upon their Eternal Man, then ravished with thy Beauty, and with a pleasant Aspect will Emmanuel look towards thee, and give thee to read within the seven sealed Book: There is the interpretation of all in the History, as from whence I give thee to understand the Mystery of the Nazarite's seven Locks, they answer to the seven Seals of this Book of Life, which only is to be opened by the Virgin, completed in the seven number of Spirits, which are the seven All-seeing Eyes that only can read in this Book, which is the true Ground-work of all those wrestling working Properties, which moved are by me, as thou dost in thy self feel, a new Frame and Model for great and precious substance to be taken into: therefore take heed now, and for no common use let thy inward part any more be; for these Throne-Powers which have visited thee, will admit no mixture of company: all of one sort in pure Harmony will meet in this Love-paved Sanctuary, where thy all desirable fellowship will there in the free Liberty dwell, and where opportunity thou wilt have in Love's Sanctuary, to dive and search, till thou findest out what lieth hid within the Breast of thy worthy Nazarite, who now hath received his full Dowry: the Father hath invested him with all Power, to a full and perfect state of Glory he is now instated; then doubt not but he hath wherewith abundantly to gratifie thee: a higher and greater Match I could not contrive for my self in thee; consider hereof well, and carry it according to my Counsel, then shalt thou his Heart still draw down, the Tabernacle of witness in thy Heaven, the Rainbow in the Cloud, which thou hast seen, as the Mark or Seal of the Covenant betwixt God and thee, according as it is written in the Prophets, He shall be given for a Covenant: What to do?

Not to read over as a dead Letter; no, thou shalt witness him thy Prophetical Spring, a Book written within thee, to which now with all those seven Eyes do thou turn in, that this Rainbow in thy New Heavens, as a Throne-Circle may inclose thee with him as a secret Pavilion, where no adulterated thing can break through to disturb, while thou art looking into this New Testament, which shall never be trusted out of this pure Circle of the Life's Covenant, into which by my Virgin Purity thou only canst pass in, if I were not at hand all over in an Oily Pool, to bathe and drench thee throughout, that so the glorified Eye may think thee all fair, & send forth a Spicy Breath of Air, which only agreeable is for thee, with thy fellow Branch, as not only worthy yet may be, but also bold and free to take and read this Book of Life, which now upon the opening is, as I this Day have shewn to thee with that other Book, which wide open in common and outward place always is to be found, to which thou art by the earthly dark part invited thereinto to look: and it would there retain thee, but out of this Book of Death thou mayst not look, which is a flowing Source of strong reasoning, that as a Wall, would inclose and captivate thy Mind, that it should need only the Death's Lines, that hath the putrefying been, that have kept the whole Universe Prisoners in the Black Dungeon of Sin: Now to this end I have presented thee with these two Books, that henceforth thou mayst avoid

consulting with that which always is at hand, and so readily doth offer it self unto the view.

But I am come absolutely to forewarn not only thee, but such as are growing up with thee, upon pain of my displeasure, you would not turn your Eyes out any more, for great is your danger, if under the Law of this first Covenant, wherein Eternal dying is, that you still, in parly therewith should be found; but come now, draw in, my wise and obedient Children, I have provided this other Book, to be unloosened: The Seven Seals no longer shall before it stand, because I in favour am with the Lamb, who from his Virgin-Spouse will nothing hide: Therefore in my Light you may in this Book see where you may come to your lost dignity.

It may well be Wisdom's Book of Revelation entitled; for without me you here could nothing understand, though it stood all open to you, the Interpreter I my self must be, to tell you Letter by Letter, for you know not yet what number it is that makes up your New Name, which till you do see, what challenge can be made to the rest of the whole inrolled Mystery, but as in a Metaphorical Look through my Glass, in the first Leaf unfolded thou wilt see the engraving of that Name with Letters of Gold.

November the 3rd.

The Divine A N G L E R.

THERE was presented to me a Person, Angling upon the Brink of a River, to catch Fish; but his Labour was fruitless. So that he gave off, being hopeless. Then came another Person and said, Be not Discouraged, but follow me: Behold, and see, I have got an Angle that hath such a Bait, as all the Fish in the River will fall upon it. And accordingly I beheld multitudes in a cluster brought up by it. Then cryed out that first Person, Surely the Lord, who is the great Fish-taker, in verity is come here, and hath wrought this Miracle indeed. Whereupon the Person went into the Deep, and having vanished down into it, drew up the Fish: and cryed, If ye will here follow me, ye shall the Principal Fish take; but under Water ye must learn to Dive, and again know how to Rise. Consider, and find out this Parable: for here is Meat for the Strong.

November the 4th.

The Opening of this Parabolical Vision.

IT was now given me to understand, what this did drive at. The first Angler that went, representeth the Forward and Willing Mind, that a Fishing would go to draw up out of the Broad River; wherein the Everlasting God is to be understood, who is said to be the Place of Broad Rivers; in which holy Spirits, as in their proper Element do live, and swim. Flesh cannot live in Water, but Fish is of another kind: which nature the Holy Ghost doth present, as a Similitude for the New Creation, that will live and move much in the Watery Element, which is a Degree much beyond the Earth, though under Purgations by Fire. Neither is Fish so gross or corruptible: but they are still under a Washing Stream, and therefore not used for Sacrifices in the Old Law. Whereas all that is of Flesh is by that ordained for Burnt-Offerings, that it may pass through the Purgation in the Flames of the Altar. Now what the Sea and Rivers of this kind do feed and generate, must signifie a Generation of Creatures, that is nothing so course and brutish as are the Earthly Beasts.

But from this it was shewn me, that this River figureth out God himself, and the pure Angelical Spirits, that move in God as in the Glassy Sea: wherein contained are the vast Riches that none in Flesh can see, nor fathom; till they changed be into such a Body as in God their Watery Element to live, and there to swim, and dive for the unutterable precious Stones, to bring them up, according as need doth require. It is not

the Angling upon the Outside of the River, but the Adventuring into it will obtain the desired Prize. And consider what Bait is to be the attracting Matter, to draw both Spirits and Substances of this unto us. Now then it may needfully be inquired into, what this Bait compounded of is, for drawing Angelical Spirits, that will also soon draw us after them?

It was thus hereupon delivered to me, that it must be the Composition which consisteth of all those excellent Virtues and Properties, that were and are in the Spirit and Nature of JESUS. For no other can attract and take in God, but what is so much like to God; who must be Signatured upon us. For else it will be as fruitless as when the Disciples went a Fishing: till the Lord the true Angler come, no Draught could be fetched up. Even so this is to instruct us, that we examine, whether or no we upon this High and Worthy Undertaking, do carry our full and compleat Bait with us, which is the precious smelling Spikenard of an humble, meek, and clarified Mind, that expressly answereth to the very Mind of JESUS. Then doubt we not, that we shall fail of drawing to us Spirits sublime, that live in that pure Climate, where we shall with them most willingly back plunge in, and in a pure Body swim always under the Stream of these Waterings. Jesus the Lord our Bait and Angle will be: Then in what Riches shall we excell? Oh this all-worthy is of our Consideration, in the Element of this Water of Life how to live, and appear for a while as Drowned and Dead; till that we shall arise and swim, with the rich Pearl in our Mouths. Then will it be cryed, This is the Christ indeed, that hath the great Draught brought up, through sinking down into Faith's Obedience. Who now venture will to walk upon these Living Waters, wherein the Healing Medicine is, but such Hero's in the Faith, as will not afraid be, to dive into the Bottom of this River deep? For otherwise the Rich Prize, which is in the Fishes Mouth, can never be caught up. The Wise in Heart, who by the pure Spirit have been taught, will what is by the Parable meant well understand.

November the 7th.

### The Magical Journey

§ 1. IN my Spiritual Journey on, to the Land of all Blessed Stores, a figure hereof was acted Magically before me, I being carried to a Gate, which was so narrow and strait, that there was no getting through, but by creeping upon the Knees, and that with great Difficulty too. And so led on was I still, till at length I came to another Gate, which was somewhat more easily to get through than the First; but strait enough. So passing on yet further, there was a two Leaved Gate: but the One Leaf opening was fitted exactly to my Stature in Heighth and Breadth, which gave entrance into a Place, where neither Beginning nor End was to be found. And I said, what make I here alone? and the Invisible Guide that led me through these three Gates, answered, that There would be some others that would come after me, when they did hear where such a vast Plantation was, which was to be replenished with all sorts and kinds of good things: and yet no Toil, Labour, or Care required is. But know that it is appointed only for Wisdom's high Magicians to Act here their Powers, that had passed through all her strait Gates.

§ 2. This Presentation, and the Advice attending it, was very powerful; which still I called over, and searching deeper, to have the Exposition of the Gates given unto me, by and from the dropping Uction. For though my Spirit saw nothing but an Infinite Space; yet such a Perfuming Gale I felt, as if all manner of Flowers were growing. But this Word came also to me, saying, Here is the Place for Love's Kingdom to grow, with its natural Inhabitants, that have left behind the gross selfish Love. That must not come here; for that it is that makes the Passage so strait.

§ 3. For as much as none can come in, till they be stripped and unclothed of the low sensual Nature. For in this Place all that counted worthy shall be, to come in here with thee, must put on Transfiguration, and act in the Supercelestial Philosophy, as holy Magus's that skillful are to work in the Furnace, that maintained is from the One Burning Element; which giveth the High Superelementary Matter, the Composition whereof maketh up the Store of all Acting Wonders. Here then on a sudden did I in my Spirit view, several Persons so Divinely modified in their Bodies, that in this Mystery highly Learned were, that would sound forth such a Spirit from themselves, that might give an Existency and Being to whatever they pleased to will; sometimes raising up Golden Tents to go in and out, and at other times making some places which seemed all empty and bare, to spring up with wonderful Plants, that perfectly did yield their Fruit, appearing in a Golden lustre of Brightness; that was said to be magical Food for the Inhabitants hereof to live upon. In other Places they without digging or moiling did bring up Mines of all precious Stones and Golden Ore; which was at the command and service of these Princely Spirits, that did walk up and down here. And whereas I thought at my first entrance here, that I saw nothing, after a few Moments of time had passed, thus replenished I did see this place with Spirits of such an high Degree, that did attract me immediately to them. Then did they put several Philosophical Questions to me, which I did not comprehend. Upon which one among the rest most Courteously did offer himself to instruct and teach me: moreover saying to me, He would open to me the Mystery of their Art. For he said he found there was that Signature in me, that would take Impression, from the Supercelestial Planets. So he placed me in a goodly Tent, bidding me wait to go forth in the Pure Acts of Faith, for therein I might come an Adeptist to be in this High Philosophy.

Here being a Considerable Defect in the Original, the Author waited in her Spirit to recall the same and upon the 22nd of March, in this Year 1696, she received this further Opening, as also in the following Days, here confirmed.

§ 4. Wisdom appearing to me, I inquired of her who these were; who told me, they were the Ancient and Late Worthies taught by Her, in her Divine Magical Stone, both in the Inward and in the Outward: and that the Time was now approaching, wherein she was to make New Artists in this Theosophical Wisdom, that should put a New Face upon what hath been Disfigured, and under a Cloud of Contempt, Ignorance, and Ignominy. For no other way than this could be found, but as this Deep Mine, wherein this Treasure hath so long lain hidden, should be broken up.

Then the Apostle John to whom this Mystery was well known, and who was the Person that had before spoken to me, spake thus to me, saying, As there is a Natural Stone, so there is a Spiritual Stone, which is the Root and Ground of what is brought forth visibly by the Sons of Art. And as the Outward is Bodily, and consists in a manual Operation, and takes up a considerable Time for its perfecting; so is the inward gradually wrought out, and may require as many Years as the other doth Months, before it reach to its Consummation.

Then I enquired of the Angel, John, How I should go about Working it? He answered me, There must be a Cessation of all Working, as to the Powers of Nature: And I will describe to thee the Method that is to be taken, by the Similitude of the Outward. As there is a Furnace to be Built in that, so the Corporeal Man answers to that, wherein the Fire-seed of the pure Deity doth enkindle it self from the Essence of the Soul, finding a sanctified Vessel meetly prepared herefor. Now as to the Matter which is to be wrought upon, it is the Divine Salt, put into a pure clear Crystalline Glass, that is pure Spirit.

Furthermore, know thou that this Salt is hidden in all Men, but it hath lost its savour, and is the Light Principle that contains all Principles, Man being an Epitome of all Worlds, though unknown to himself. Whence he may find in himself whatever he searcheth for: but this cannot be done, until the Salt-Stone, which hath lain as Dead, cometh to be Quickened by Christ the Fire-Stone, that calcines the Blackness into a jasper Brightness and Whiteness. This is the true Theosophical Medicine that doth gradually work from it self, of it self, and to it self, as a grain of Wheat is sown, and by the Concurrence of the Sun and outward Planets, forms itself into a Body.

It is only to be watched that no Ravenous Birds do come to pick it up, before it arrive to its Maturity. For thus it is with the Golden Stone, which lies hid in the Ground of Nature, which is nourished by the warm fiery influences of the Divine Sun, and watered by the moist Sperm of the Spiritual Luna, which causeth it to vegetate, by the Coagulation of the Planetary Powers of the higher Order, drinking and swallowing up the weaker and lower, by which Dominion is obtained over all what is Astral and Elementary.

Thus the Beloved John did open the Nature of this Royal Stone, as it opened in him in the isle of Patmos, when he was said to be in the Spirit. And he told me further, That where the Universal Love was born in any one, it was the true signature, that this Seraphick Stone would have its Formation.

§ 5. With Great freedom I was made to enquire, well knowing this Celestial Stone had already its Birth and Vegetation in me, whether my Outward Furnace might not break before it was finished? Then replied this dear Saint, Be not solicitous, or concerned about that; but be patient in hope, for the True Philosophers Tree is sprung, and is in a fair way ripe Fruit to produce: Thou hast no other Burthen put upon thee, but to set under it and to watch until the Golden Apples do of themselves drop. Then mayest thou know the Multiplying Vertue, and as Eve did give of the Forbidden Tree to Adam, so possibly mayst thou, by a new created Virginitie of Spirit, give forth to Wisdom's Offspring plenteously hereof, by which Multiplication from this Virtual Tree shall in thee both Spirit, Soul and Body renew. It will be a Dispensable Gift, so that such as have arrived to an high Progress in it, may awaken and multiply the same in another.

§ 6. Then was it further directed as to the Matter of this Stone, that the Composition thereof was the Four-Elementary Matter, which is to be sublimed and calcined by the Superiour Element, in the Tenth Number of Perfection; and separated and sealed up in the Glass of the sanctified Mind; that so the Supernatural Motions according to Eternal Nature may work out Purity, and Leaven that which is gross. So that there is no

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