

The Tree of Faith

by Jane Lead

Jane Lead's sermon, 'The Tree of Faith,' emphasizes the importance of spiritual growth through faith and the establishment of a community rooted in divine support and guidance.

Scripture: Romans 6:4, 1 Corinthians 15:42, 1 Corinthians 15:51, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 3:22, Ephesians 4:22, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:1, 1 John 3:2, Revelation 21:1

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Description

Jane Lead preaches about the deep mysteries of faith, emphasizing the need for a spiritual transformation and the importance of dying to the earthly self to rise in a new life of divine essence. She highlights the process of passing through various baptisms symbolized by pools of conviction, repentance, renovation, dedication, blood, oil, and fire, leading to the attainment of a deified body capable of living in the celestial realm. Jane Lead envisions a future age where faith will transfigure mortal bodies into immortal ones, bringing about a radical transformation and the manifestation of the glorified presence of Christ and the saints.

Transcript

T O T H E

R E A D E R.

HAVING given an Account of the Confusion of the Babylonish Forms, being rejected by the head Shepherd; from whom an angel is gone forth that hath sounded the Trumpet, to proclaim, That all Formal Worships set up by Man, and constituted by Rational Inventions, as a Shadow must pass away: For nothing in this Day shall stand but the Power and Spirit of the Lamb; that will cast up his Church into no other Mold, but that in which he himself in his Resurrection-State did Appear. So that the Gathering together of his flocks from all Parts, shall be for the making up this Resurrection Church, as new born into the Faith. For which Reason I have here superadded a Manifestation, which some Years since was given me; which I judge may now be of as General Use to make Publick, as it was first for my own Particular Information and Instruction: whence it was never design'd to see the Light. But seeing that this Church that hath been describ'd by the Spirit of Christ, is to consist of the Branches of Faith, growing up from the Root and Stock of Abraham; it was found very Expedient that this should follow the foregoing Treatise; Because the New Creation which is to be brought forth, must have their Consistency of Life, by the Faith of the Son of God; that as he was in this World, so may also his Bride and Spouse be, acting in the Holy Ghostly

Property, to do the Wonders which the Last Age of the World is to produce. For it is expected that mighty Deeds and Works shall be wrought by this New Risen Virgin Church, such as have, and such as never have been: For the Patriarchs, Prophets, and most highly Spirited in the Faith and Love, Power and Purity, shall again descend, to assume Persons that are of this Resurrection Life, so to do all the Worthy Exploits, according to the Lot in which each Ancient Saint did stand. All which shall be renewed again, for the state of the Prophecies relating to Christ's thousand Years Reign: which will overspread the Earth with the Kingly, Prophetical, and Priestly Train.

I had some thoughts of Obliterating the beginning of this little Treatise, being only a Private Recollection of my Spiritual Travels, which I have used to make from Year to Year; but I quickly check'd my self herein, for that it was mov'd upon me, that it might be Useful and Beneficial to some Souls, and for a Pattern to excite them to the Recollection; Wherefore I resolved to let it go, without any Alteration, according to its full and Genuine Sense.

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Tree of Faith, &c.

§ 1. BEING come to the Conclusion of this year 1686, recollecting and making Observations from one New-Year to another of what hath passed both in reference to the Internal Attainments, Growths and Degrees arrived to in Spirituals, and what hath happened by special Providence concerning the outward Bodily Man, both which I have for some Years kept a Memorandum of, for my own private satisfaction, taking special notice how the Work of God hath gone on in order to the perfecting of what my Soul hath been these many Years in great travail for, but in special for what hath been in sight and view through the Spirit of Prophecy, declared unto me since 1670, in the which Year, and so forward on to this time, entering upon this New Year, I have found the working Wheel from the strong Hand of the Most High, and have driven hard on for the bringing back of my Soul into Eternal and pure Nature's Originality again: the which to be plain, is no less than to be Born again into another World, where this visible Birth in Sin, with its world, is as forgotten, and shut out: no otherwise remembered, but to give occasion of the greatest Wonder, and admiration of that great and infinite goodness that hath unfettered and set the Soul free to be born into a divine and spiritual Body, so to dwell and inhabit in the high and heavenly World, where my Correspondency hath been maintained much since the Year 70, gaining Year by Year some increase, and higher degree of Wisdom and Understanding in the secret Mysteries of Eternity, as to what doth lie hidden there: which through our abstraction of Mind, and watchful Attendance, in new Varieties from that World do present themselves.

§2. Now as to this last past Year, many have been my Internal provings, and secret Combats that have followed me hard, to shake my Faith as to the great and wonderful Revolutions relating to the accomplishment of a full and perfect Redeemed State among Mortals, here to be seen and known, in order to which I have been followed with renewed Predictions and Promises for the keeping up and open the Springs of Faith, which otherwise would have been stopped; therefore I must proclaim the goodness of God, who hath kept the stock of Faith going on in me, for the hopeful consummating of what is yet behind,

which are great and weighty things, worth waiting upon; which if successfully I may attain, will quit all suffering loss of what ever can be called Earthly and Terrene in sensible things, which are of this World, only among Mortals seen, from all which I have been much called from: as finding every Year hath renewed upon me great abatements, and weariness of Life and Love to all perishable things. A good reason there is why; because the Heavens do before me open stand, by which my Mind and Spirit is so well entertained, by the Objects there seen with all substantial Varieties, that I need not care any more to look out for these.

§ 3. When at any time drawn and pluck'd away I am by strong motives from this World, then great Wo, Pain and Trouble do me possess; for so it is when at any time I am out of the Heavenly Places, where now only my Life doth lie, within that secret Cabinet of Eternity, preferring that as my chief and only Excellency. So I resolve to go forward by the Power of the Most High this ensuing Year, for what of this kind may multiply and prosper in my Hand Mightily. For the which all care and strict Watch I see must be, that so I may not overslip my Day, acting accordingly as Power doth move and rise, the which is to be attended upon Day by Day, as God shall clear up the way, otherwise all Attempts are but in vain, which set upon may be, as I have proved by what hath been undertaken contrary to this all high and approving Eye. Therefore Wisdom doth me teach in a passive brokenness of Will to stand, till my God shall come forth with the Express Word of Command; that so the Heavenly Plantation may go on, and nothing it withstand: for lets and interposing have got in: as I have from Year to Year seen, and will be still, I do find, until the Spirit of Faith do get the upper-hand, which in God the driver on is to be, that so the long set back Work in Pentecost Day, may after so many Years delay come forward once again. For the which I have been a private and earnest waiter and diligent seeker, where ever I might find Spirits that hereunto were inclined, to wait in a pure Temple-mind unitedly for the great Dowry of the Holy Power again to rise: but to this Day a scattering and dividing among the Holy People hath been; who hitherto are scared and affrighted away from each other, upon poor, low and worldly Circumstances; so as no Body of Saints can yet get together. The which hath been very grievous unto me, carrying a secret Sorrow and Mourning in my soul here for: I having according to the power given me, made offers here and there; but oh how little hath this Call been understood? No not even by those who might become of the high and holy waiting Disciplehood; so as that upon this account, in long-suffering I have been looking this way, and that way, for the most holy Wind to blow some one or other in for a beginning, into this great and Spiritual Gathering.

§ 4. I have often seen my own Angel Spirit fluttering to and fro, from Plant to Plant, and so on to each Lebanon-Tree, to find where the Eagle-Body might make her Nest, her Young there to Hatch and Brood in safety from the ravenous Birds of Prey: but no sooner was I here alighted, after many a long Flight, but the flying Serpent hath with great fury come forth, to prevent, and demolish what was prepared for this intent, and so hath often permitted been hitherto to keep off a selected gathering, as a Heaven-Born Society, which by coming together, may make up the holy Priestly Body, whom God may give witness unto, by pitching with them his Tabernacle-Presence, in great Power and Glory. O for this, how hath my Soul and Spirit been carried forth to seek and wait upon it? and still must it pursue, till my God shall it fulfill, as decreed it is in his Will.

§ 5. Now as to what hath passed this present Year relating to the outward Being, with all Circumstances thereunto relating, it hath been very considerable and worth taking notice of. Wherein my God hath appeared greatly for my support, answering all Bodily Necessities, which hath been brought in by a signal Hand of renewed Providence, as occasion hath required: Although great plunges and difficulties, with Temptations thereupon attending, for my proving, did meet upon me, for the trial of my Faith. Which the

Power of the Most High did still maintain and uphold invisibly, and thereby brought me forth out of all most victoriously. My Tribulations and Distresses were known to God only: For I saw it in vain to complain to any Creaturely Being: but still in all I did apply my self to that Name, Great JEHOVAH: whom I found a Refuge at all times very nigh, procuring deliverance oft-times unexpectedly. For the which great goodness from my God thus by me proved, I have so much to say and make mention of by way of thankfulness and praise, that the number of Times and Days are far too little, to rehearse and proclaim the Bounteousness of this great Love, that hath thus minded me in a desolate Widowhood state. But what I may be short of in Time, let Eternity while in Time, and out, and beyond all time, for ever celebrate one Everlasting Sabbath of Laud, with pure and powerful Praises to thee oh, Holy, Holy, Holy, Infinite Almighty! whom my Soul doth so greatly adore, that Silence must speak much more, with a Life that must excel both.

§ 6. Now waiting still upon thee, O God, for what may further produce this Approaching Year, in order to the accomplishment of what hath been the main drift, and whole Scope of my Life's attendency, since the unsealing of the Heavenly Mystery. By which the obligation hath pressed in so deep upon me, that hath made me to relinquish all impeding Multiplicities which possibly I could wind my self off from, that so I might follow on in pure Heart Spiritual-mindedness, that so I might be a partaker and a possessor of what is to follow, as hath been accordingly made known through the Spirit of Revelation unto me, which have raised all the powers and forces of my Soul for the giving up it self to this high and heavenly Calling, which is the Holy Profession of Faith, which now my Life that I am henceforth to live must wholly consist of; for so my Lord hath averred and established his Word renewedly unto me.

§ 7. The Spirit doth hard upon me for this ply, declaring unto me, that upon Faith's bottom I must stand and go forward on all steadily: the Work is great which I do stand chargable withal, for the which, oh God, my own strength is but small, therefore to thy Omnipotency I do call, for that must be my all in all, to make me a Practitioner in this high and Heavenly Calling. The Matter which I have to work upon, is only from that Word of Faith, which did create all Worlds: the which doth greatly support and satisfie, and support me as a stock of strength and power, that will carry on to Victory, keeping my Eye always staid hereupon, as the Priestly Portion which is set out for me, who no Propriety have among the Tribes, whose Inheritances are of another kind: and therefore the Lord will still my Portion be in full, for all things that shall needful be.

The Vision of the Tree

§ 8. Now in order to this, there was shewn to me a Tree that should all suddenly spring up in me, which spread forth its Branches for increase and fruitfulness: and that no dependency would have upon any other Tree but itself. Which was instituted to me to be Faith's Tree, on which, without fear, the Eagle-Bird may build her Nest, and not be disturbed, while she is hatching her most holy Priestly Brood, who from the Fruits of this Tree are to be fed, and nourished, till unto such strength arrived, as to take their flight transcendently, up unto their own Priestly Thrones near to CHRIST their Priestly Head, there to meet that Company, which of their own Royal sort and kind, in sacred and pure White Robes all cloathed are. So that here a mutual fellowship betwixt the lower and higher Worlds, all agreeably will be, which is the great Wonder that in the Heavens hath lately been opened to me, not for Speculation only, but for Provocation, to set upon this Work, with such as shall hereunto added unto me be. For the which a pure bright attractive Eye is gone forth, to fetch in such as are numbered to stand with me, while the Eagle-Spirit is hatching her Young upon Faith's Tree.

§ 9. Which Tree, I find, can grow upon no other Soil, but a Ground all purely refined with oily Springs and Dews from Heaven, which must its watering be. Then will it spread and flourish all richly, having fruitfulness in it self, without any dependency. Oh! this is the Tree that will us bless, with Wisdom, Strength and Righteousness: for the which I find it in my Heart most earnestly to seek and pray, that it may be most choicely kept, and circled round about, with the pure Love-Fire blown up by the Holy Ghost. Which may its shelter be from all the invading Spirits, that so diligently do watch to break in, to crop and suck away its strength. For this, O my God, an holy awful fear is upon me, because I do well know what damage and spoil it hath occurred, keeping it of low and little stature, to prevent what might be the World's Conquest, and great working Wonder. Therefore now, my God, what is to be done for its preservation? Make me privy in the Secrecy of acting so wise a part, as few, or none have in this later Age found out, and why is it so, but because no skillful Artist in this Mystery of Faith, hath been made to understand the way for the preserving and cherishing this choice Golden Grain, from whence this Tree of Faith might to its full growth attain.

§ 10. For the which such Rules prescribed are, and revealed unto me by the only wise Counselor, my Friend: which if I can observe and obey, I may then win the Day, God's great working Powers thereby for to display, much more than have been in former Days. But the way is such an aversion to what in the whole Universe of Mankind is practiced, that it will be a difficult point to enter hereupon, so as to hold on; for here is required a crossing of the Tide and stem of Nature, in all its motions which do put forth, and generate so aptly. Against which resist in the Faith I must all steadfastly till Conquest be wrought out by the growth of this all-powerful Tree.

§ 11. This hath been shewn me to branch forth it self in twelve rising Degrees, for the Manifestation of the Ancient Apostolical Faith: which in this Age is to be recovered anew, for the cutting short that Work which in thousands of Years many Holy Souls have been puzzling and striving about, while sticking in the weak and low degrees of Faith. From the consideration of which Relapse a mighty stirring up I feel, so to press on, as to reach to all of these twelve degrees, which from that small Mustard-Grain Seed of Faith sown by the Spirit in me, may to such a great and full increase spread out it self, as may transcend the growth of all other Trees that in the Forest of this World do stand bound down with Iron Yokes, and Bands: now the twelve Degrees of this Tree in their distinct Properties were thus expressed unto me.

§ 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.

2. A second degree, is to believe that this Degeneracy hath 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.

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.

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.

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 as may have power to purge, refine, save, and cleanse the Soul from all its Sins.

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 shew it self to the World as thus regenerated.

7. A seventh degree, is to believe and witness that Christ, his risen Life in the Soul, doth become a death to the Body of Sin totally, which we may call a Love Kiss, whereby Christ doth sweetly, and secretly draw, and part the Soul from all the dregs and relicks that appertain to a Lapsed Nature, which is known by a power working supernaturally.

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.

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.

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.

11. The eleventh 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 hath put into his Hand, which is all Power, and Wisdom to manage that power; which reacheth 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.

12. Twelfthly and Lastly, 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 Fathers 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 before hand, 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.

§ 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 my self, but for such as do agree to ascend with me, and go forward on to all these Degrees; for the which God hath chosen some one 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 hath 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.

§ 14. The Spirit of my God hath opened this Sense deep upon me for the bewailing of Faith's apostasy, and how that the Jerusalem-waiters in this Spirit have been a long time scattered, and carried captive into Babylon, and the most holy Vessels and Things profaned, (so considered in a Spiritual Sense) and the anointed Holy Place, where the great High Priest's entrance should be, is greatly demolished, and made common for unclean and worldly Spirits to pass in, and so hath brought in great confusion. Now it is much set upon me to strengthen the feeble Hands of Faith, for the recovery of this All-commanding and Powerful Life, which may bring us back from so great a Relapse: for the which end, it is averred by the Spirit, that there is to be maintained one continued Act admitting of no Cessation, as to what may be agreed upon, to have Faith in God; either for binding up what hurtful and pernicious is, to hinder the process or going on of those perfect things yet behind; then again for the unbinding and loosening of those mighty, great, and Heavenly Powers that may make us terrible as an invincible bright Army of flying Banners, which as light Flashes may go forth, on this hand, and on that; as directed they shall be for the securing, saving, and delivering those who sorrowing and mourning are under Sin's oppression, and the worldly captivity.

§ 15. Now hereupon followed this Vision, there being put into my Hand twelve Arrows, and a Bow, the Bow seemed to be of pure Gold, and the Arrows tip'd with Gold, and directed I was to make my aim at this Tree of Faith, which was the Mark to shoot at. Which keeping my Eye upon steadily, the true Archer, the Spirit in me, did let fly one Arrow after another, till I came to the ninth Arrow, which all did well hit: and then there was a stop, and I could to no higher degree go; but was commanded to gather up those Arrows, and give them into the hand of them, who were to come up to the Unity of this Faith. With the same Bow and Arrows, one, who designed in special was, did follow on to try, with great industry; and did hit the first and second, and then attempting the third Degree, the Arrow fell somewhat short, for want of a fullness of Faith. Whereupon I standing by, directed the holding of the Bow; so heeding and observing well, she reached the third Degree. Then the other one came on to try with the same Arrows, appearing in great resolution, and hit the first Degree, and going upon the second, was pulled away, which made a present delay. Then did the other that had shot to the third Degree, stick to it, and after one or two onsets got to the fourth Degree, then saw I her stop: and is was said, Be not hereat dismayed, for Strength will renew, though the Arm too weak may be, yet lay not down the Bow, but hold it steadily, and through constant Exercise, the Arrow will not fail to fly from the hand that diligent shall be, till it do attain to all Degrees. For it was testified unto me, that there must be a continual keeping up, and bending the Bow of the Mind; that so we may all of this Faith's Treasure find; and although to the Eye of the World nothing of this is seen, they looking upon the true Archers of Faith in great derision, saying, That they are come to be desperate indeed, that have nothing to live upon but what Faith's Tree must bring forth: for such are look'd upon as a forlorn hope. Oh far be it, that this any discouragement to us should be; for the Lord hath said it again and again, that if any can hereunto reach & come to an all-full persuasion, then the whole World could not contain the Treasures, which this Tree of Faith for us should command; that so proved it may be who are the wise in Heart, who have made it their choice to learn, and exercised be in the Art of Faith only.

§ 16. At another time I was alarm'd out of my Sleep with a Voice that cried in me thus, O the Restorative Tree of Faith! And when I came to consider of the Word, and the Meaning of it, Wisdom's opening Key was put into my Hand, to unlock that Place where this Precious Tree doth stand. It did now appear to be enclosed by it self, and a most lovely fair Tree it was, the body whereof seemed to be all of sweet smelling Cinnamon, and in the Hollow of it there was a strong scented perfuming Oil, which did produce fruit of the

same Kind, all of a spicy Nature; the which was shewn me to be of Twelve Sorts. But this Fruit appeared different and more various, then what I had ever seen in all former Representations. Which made me very Inquisitive, praying that I might know the Mind of Divine Wisdom in that Surprising Word, which came so suddenly upon me: For I could no way be satisfied with any Visions, or Magical views of things barely, and without Interpretation.

§ 17. Which through a renewed Glance of Light, from her Orb I obtain'd an Understanding of: And it was thus said to me, O Spirit, what makest thou here? How dost thou think to live now that thou art departed out from the Earthly Region, where thy Sensitive Life was maintained through the industry of the Rational Mind? From these pleasant Things of the Earth thy Soul is now gone out, and thou must eat of them no more: For here is quite another Way and Manner of Living; which thou, and those that are with thee united, must fashion your selves unto; living only upon what Fruits this Holy Land, which is by thee now seen, doth afford. Therefore did I call thee to come to this Tree of Faith, not only it to view, but, having hit the Mark, thereof to feed; that so a Spiritual Body may to thee renewed be, of an Incorruptible Nature and Kind, answerable to the various sorts of Fruits, which will restore Nature to its Ancient and Vigorous Beauty, that hath looked to be altogether withered and consumed.

§ 18. Upon my Further Inquiry at Wisdom's Oracle, what might be the Qualities, Properties, and Natures of these Fruits of Faith, and how we might be enabled to take of them, having a Right thereto as Natural Denizens, that have a Dependence wholly upon what this Heavenly Country of Immanuel doth afford and produce; that so we may have no Occasion to look back from whence we come, or to be tempted to lust again after Mortal Fruits, among the Fallen Spirits. From which state we have been called forth to live on this Precious Tree of Faith: the several Properties of which I will now open by Name, according as they have been to me declared, to the end that I and those that with me in the same Spirit cojoined be, may here satisfie our whole Internal Appetite, and in all Parts and Degrees be made complete, as we shall hereof Magically in our Spirits be able to eat. Now the First Quality applicable to this TREE is Majestical Glory; the Second is Fathomless Wisdom; the Third is an Almightyness of Power; the Fourth is Transparency of Light; and the Fifth is Perfection of Purity; the Sixth is Sovereignty of Will; the Seventh is an All-excelling Goodness; the Eighth is Infinite Natural Knowledge; the Ninth is an All-seeing through the Incomprehensible Eye, the Tenth is an Essential Generating working Spirit; the Eleventh is an Omnipotency of Creation, giving New Existences, where nothing did visibly appear; the Twelfth is Immutability of Love, which worketh in, and through all these. Thus have I given a true Dimension, and Description of this Immense and Restorative Tree, springing up from the Seed and Root of Faith; which will bring Dead Souls to Life again, and do all the Wonders of the new Creation Church by the Great Philadelphian Worthies, when they shall be made to appear. On it the First begotten Son of Wisdom did continually feed, which made him a God-Man indeed: who is not contented of these unknown Sweets to taste alone, but cries, and calls, to his Sister, and his Spouse hereof with him to partake; that so it may have the same operation and effect on her, Godlike to be, according to the Pattern of her Lord CHRIST,

Whose Image lively drawn I may thus see,

Through Participation of this Spicy Tree.

§ 19. Some considerable time afterward, I was again call'd in Spirit to view this Tree of Faith, and the Tree now seem'd to be enlightened with a bright Body, which appeared standing in the midst of it: and it bore all those several mentioned sorts of Fruits, being therewith most richly laden, but none were yet Ripe, or fit for Eating. But the Bright Body in the Tree said; Go, call such as willing are to wait for the Transmuting

Power, to act forth the Amazing Wonders of a God. Let such, with thee, come, and sit under this Tree, till the Fruit into Gold ye shall see to be turned. Then eat thereof ye shall, and Power will be born suddenly, to do and act in the Property and Nature of the Holy Ghost. For this must Transmute, and alter the whole Inward Part; for that it will be no less than the Leaven of the Deity it self. Whence this hath been frequently repeated to me, that this kind of Power, which we would have, must proceed from a deep Ground, and Root; which is no less than the Godhead.

§ 20. Also at another time, I felt a mighty stirring Life of Faith get up, which did overtop all Self-Reasoning, whereby I found a Pass for my Spirit to enter nearer still to the Aimed Mark, which is the Central Power. And while I was in Prayer, that my Bow might abide in Strength, and that it might also be given to my Fellow Labourers to hold it out with me, for Assurance of this there was shewn me the Bow in a Blew Cloud descending, and it was put into my Hand. All Crystalline the Bow appeared to be, with Seven Golden Arrows belonging to it. Then was it said to me, Arise, Arise, now put on thy Strength; for the Arm of the LORD, in thee, shall stretch the Bow, and make the Arrows fly where the Invincible Power doth lie. For the Work shall not be starved for want of Power to feed and strengthen it, while two or three do stand in one Spirit knit. Therefore to you each one this Bow of Faith is given, with the Sevenfold Arrow: Try, and see, whether at the Seventh Attempt it may not the Power hit, and all the Twelve Degrees of Faith arrive at. Now put thy Hand hereto, and be very nimble and quick: make the first Onset, that those others who aiming are at the same thing, with thee, may also reach this weighty and worthy Prize; That so in the Lord ye may rejoice together, in such a goodly Habitation, and Golden Tent, to celebrate the Praise of Great ELOHIM, who hath this Power down sent to display, and make way for the Gathering in of his Priestly Flock, and Royal Train, that shall no longer at the Worldly Spirits Gate knock and wait. This came to pass in me the 25th of the Month January, in the Year MDCXC.

§ 21. After seven Days, being upon the First of the next Month, the same Vision was renewed to me, and I strongly felt the Impulses of the Spirit driving me forward towards the Mark, which seemed to stand very fair to be hit; as inviting us who in One Faith were knit, to try and prove. Where our Seven Nazarite Locks of Strength do lie, which answer to the Seven Spirits and Powers of the Tri-Un Deity. For the Seven Arrows specified in the former Vision do all of this signifie, as that these are to be a Guard upon each Arrow, according as from the Bow they shall be made to fly. For with my Lord I discoursed this matter, concerning the Thorough-Pass of these Seven Arrows, Querying whether I, or any one that principally aim'd at the same thing with me, had shot them home to the very Center-Point? Then upon this Inquiry the Spirit of my Lord told me, that Five of them had already hit the Mark, but that two yet remain'd; which were to make the grand Breach, and Onset, where the Rich Prize was to be taken. And the Spirit shewed me further what stopped the ascending Might of these two remaining Arrows, which was a muddy Gulf that stood in the way, which I beheld: and it was said, That this did signifie the Lake of Self-Reasoning Spirits; which the Starry World from Without doth qualifie, with what of Fear and Unbelief is stirred up from the World Within us, so as the Power could not arise strong enough for so Great an Enterprize. Wherefore there was all the need that is possible of a strong Guard upon these that were yet to go out from the Bow, that the Gulf might not swallow them up. This was the Counsel given from the Holy Spirit, with this encouraging Word, that strength of Omnipotency should attend us, in whatever our Hand shall find to do, as we go on to pursue so worthy, a noble and God-exalting a Glory, as the Finishing Part will most evidently to all Spectators appear to be, when we shall come to sit under Faith's Tree, having through the seven-fold Spirit and Power of God arriv'd to all its Twelve Degrees, there to feast upon all its Fruits, and to know the true Banquet and Supper of the Lamb.

§ 22. Now turning again into my Watch for the Inspeaking Oracle, to satisfie several Inquiries which arose in me, one of which more particularly was with great submitted Humility, an Inquiry Why the Expected Power of Faith in any one yet could not go forth; albeit so many Promises have been Renewed and Repeated upon one, and upon another of us, that have been kept up still in the Infallible Word? And it was hereupon Answered me thus, saying, Do ye think it a light or a small Thing which ye are aiming at? Know this then, for a present Stay to Thee, and to the Waiting Spirits with Thee united in the same Eternal Band, howsoever and wheresoever dispersed they may be upon the Face of the whole Earth, that there is a Sphere, which must be cut through, that so the Spirit may pass to find the Central Power, which this Starry Sphere and Outward Constellations do yet stop and hinder, who would hold their Dominion still up over the Mortal Man. For if this Circle be broken through by any [Margin Note: See Enochian Walks, p.39] Mighty Champion, in the Faith of God himself, opening in the Soul, then all of that Opposing Kingdom falleth: and till then the Kingdom of the Power can have no Place. Therefore fly ye, and get above the Starry Bindings, and all that is of this lower Elementary World: Mount, mount above all the Elements ye Flying Archers, and shoot the last and Seventh Golden Arrow, which hath on it the Emblem of an Eye that is all-seeing, and two Wings that are over all Gulfs to fly, and so to pass God's secret Treasury; then the Power will be set free, and effect what each one of you have desired so exceedingly. This gave for the present some satisfaction to my Spirit, and an Encouragement to press forward to the Mark of the High Calling of Faith.

§ 23. But having pressed on, for some considerable while longer, to this Mark, and being still kept back from it, I have been frequently casting up my Accounts in the Trust of the Heavenly things, which have been to me committed, and considering that the Thread of my Mortal Day was near spun out, it hath often drawn my Mind and Spirit into God, my Deep, for Inquiry to find out, what it is that hath so very long kept me from hitting the Mark of High Faith, and that hath obstructed the Reigning Life in the Power of the Holy Ghost, by one continued Motion and Act from the Deity; that so I might know my self to be thereinto Baptized: being no less than what I have been caused to Hope, and Believe, that I am to possess and enjoy, through great Strife, and Soul-Travels tending hereto; as no way to be Pacified, till I had brought forth in me the Mighty Birth of Faith, the Heir of the Promise, and the First-born of the Power, Actually and God Manifestatively.

§ 24. Now as I have been in this Inquisitive State, and Unsatisfied, that I had reached no further with my Arrow, I have still found fresh Manuductions and Encouragements to lead me higher, and nearer to the Last and Utmost Degree of Faith. But more particularly, while I was, about the middle of April in the ensuing Year, thus bemoaning and lamenting the melting and passing away of Time, without any thing of a God-working Power that is seen as it was in the Day of Christ, and of the Apostles; I had this spoke in me from the Only Revealer of Secrets. Who in Plainness of Speech discoursed the matter, and caused me to receive right Information concerning the with-holding of God's wonderful Appearance throughout Soul, Spirit, and Body. And it was thus made out, that the separation from the corruptible Matter was not yet wrought out, for there was yet a dividing to be, as of the pure from the impure, in the very original Ground, and Essence of the Soul. For all is there to be consumed, which is not clearly of God: and this is to be done by the eternal purging Fire, from that one pure Element, which at first produced the Eternal Angelical Natures: and as thus it was then, so the same Motion of the Deity must in the Chosen hereunto be made manifest in its residing power, which will multiply it self into a Heavenly and New Born Generation: Which will be the fulfilling of the universal, and particular Prophecies concerning the Reign of Christ in the Spirit. For which now the Trumpet soundeth, for the gathering the Tribe of Judah, to whom the Scepter and Ruling Power of the Holy Ghost will first come, in the waiting and separating Ground-work, as hath been

described by Judah's Law-giver: Who hath said that a Body of Virgin Spirits he will rear up, that shall renew his great and mighty Works, which all of former ones are to excell. Therefore said he to me, Go on to perfect that which remains in the Soul's ground, from which may spring that which will multiply Numberless Powers.

§ 25. Upon which Word of Counsel, great and strong drivings I felt still following me for the very Body of God, which is Christ, to be manifested in a growing Substantiality, from the first Eternal Nature, without the which Deifick matter do again spring, and feed and maintain it self, by and from it self, it cannot otherwise live separate, and be free to act and do after its own kind supersensually. And that it may thus get the upperhand, I was taught here to sink away from the old Creaturely Nature, with all its sensible Passions, and Affections; that so losing that Life, I might come to find my Eternal Native Life, from its own Original to put forth, which is God in a fixed Body, created and brought forth from the first Creating Word, which is to restore the Lapse again.

§ 26. So that this is the work and business that my Lord of Life doth set before me to practice constantly, and is the true meaning of Christ's Doctrine of Self-denial, which teacheth me where lies the Vein of corrupt Blood, that must be let out, whereby the precious Life may be secured and saved; that so the Blood of Spirits from God may circulate pure and free. This will renew Incorruption, where the Selfhood of Corruption hath so long reigned; for my Lord hath said this to me in solemn Verity, henceforth therefore I see what it is which must be dismissed, before ever I can come to say God is in the Act of a continued flowing Spring from the Express Deity, passing through the Image of the Anointed Christ into me, distinct from all creaturely Images that are raised otherwise in the Mind.

§ 27. This is the summity of the Everlasting Gospel, that some Angels, who thus qualified are, shall as flying Messengers from the Heavens declare: Then said my Spirit, which was taken up into the Lord, Oh who, and where are the Angels of the Power that have prepared their Trumpets to sound? No Tidings of them yet can be heard. No, said my Inspeaker, they have not yet acquitted their Earthly Tombs, nor put on their Resurrection Bodies, that so they may have boldness to be witness-bearers to this Gospel-Revelation, which yet to very few is made known, and but darkly understood, because there hath not been Credit given to that still Way of the Holy Spirit's infusion and dictation; which requires great heedfulness, and an interiour watchfulness within the Mind, at all times.

§ 28. While thus I was entertain'd with a pleasant Internal Conference in the Spirit with my Lord, I moved on the behalf of a Person, Whether or no he might not be designed to go forth in this Everlasting Gospel-Message, as having been a waiter with me for this? And it was Answer'd me, It might be his Lot if he could fix to it, and observe the Method and Rules now given, not digressing or dividing in his Mind, but sticking close to the One Thing, as gained to it he hath been: for the Ministry of the Spirit was a very nice and pure thing, that did require extraordinarily qualified Persons to speak God forth therein; for if any thing of Self-hood should intervene, it would quench the fiery Lamp of the Spirit, and make it burn weak and dim. This is caution for my self, and Friend, and such also who do separate themselves to this end, to build up an Holy Priesthood and Tabernacle, in which the Holy Ghost may come to Evangelize with a new Spring; which will work away the pudled matter of every Selfish born thing, that hinders the Live Coal of the Spirit from Burning.

§ 29. Then was I minded also of our Nazarite Vow, whether or no we had kept to it; for default herein found might keep back the Crown of Anointing, which is, and ever will be the true Mark and Character of Christ's anointed and most Holy Priests who are called, within the Vail of the most Holy Place ever to

attend. There is no going out, to pollute our selves with dead and unprofitable things, as we would succeed and prosper in this High and Honourable Profession of Faith, which by holding fast to, my Lord hath it verified, we shall become his anointed Priests and Kings, being empowered to work the New Creation-Wonders according to the Holy Ghost's pure Act and Will in us.

§ 30. This is the great encouraging Motive which the High Throne and Kingly Priest doth set before us to enkindle fresh Love and Zeal to complete, what lieth yet imperfected in the Ground-work in us for further purification, so as passing through to the very root Essence of the Soul by the Hand of the Separator, whose Love-Fire it is that cleareth the morsy rough Metal from the Golden Ore, that lieth so deeply hid; which O God, is that we would no longer be at a loss by seeking for, and not finding: But through the lustre of thy shine and Glory,

We in our selves this Golden Deep may find,

Still Watching to the Furnace of our Mind.

July the 26th

§ 31. THE Eternal Word did open it self thus in me, how that the Spirit from this Word of Life, had at sundry times, and diversly by Vision and Prophecy been opening the Mystery of Faith unto me, for the end that I might a skilful Practitioner in it come to be, and now again a Live Coal was put into my Hand with an inspiring Breath that I did feel as Wind did blow upon it while I held it in my hand, so as that many Sparks were blown from it. Which observing and inquiring into, it was revealed that those Sparks were the Seeds of Faith that had been already in me sown, which had for several Years been putting forth only as Sparks, but the Live Coal it self which is the Root and Body of the Sparks of Faith had not till now been given; the Power, Nature and Quality of which I should well understand, for it was designed I should still carry it in my Hand to go forth to touch such as called and chosen are to wait and live with me, in Love's Burning Bush, being thereto invited with my fellow Believers hitherto to turn in; for out of this Flaming Body the Wonders of Faith should evidently be seen.

§ 32. And it was further denoted unto my Intellectual Mind, that God is upon Spiriting some in special to be as Moses and Elijah, to act in the Spirit of Faith, to deliver as Moses did God's Israel out of the servitude of the oppressing Pharaoh. Whose Spirit in this day doth trouble, molest, usurp, oppress, and trample down the Holy People: and no deliverance there will be till the lifted up Standard of Faith's Power shall into the Hand of some be put: who set apart, are to go forth in the Power and Spirit of Elijah. The which Manifestation of Faith is to be set afoot and revived now in this present time, for which purpose the Revelation of it is renewed.

§ 33. The mighty Powers from the Heavens do in me roll with the mild and sweet, yea thunder Cries; which from the Heavens I do hear to call, and gather in the dispersed of the Dove Flock, who in Thrall and Bondage have all their days been locked up, that now into Faith's School they may come there to be taught the true Ancient and Eternal Freedom. Of the which, I shall as I my self have been taught by the great Master of this Divine Mystery somewhat thereof declare from that Scripture which was brought, and opened unto me, Gal.3, 22,23,24,25 For being all included under Sin, this brings cursed Miseries, as Cares, Toils, Sorrows, Fears, Distresses in Mind, and upon the Soul's account also Clouds, Doubts, and Anxieties. So that both inwardly and outwardly here is a sunk deplorable Case; and what must relieve, and redress, and redeem Souls out of all these Evils, but Christ, who is the saving Ark of Faith, giving himself to such as can receive him to be the Body, in which the Live Coal of Faith by its Heat produceth vigorous

Acts of Faith? Now before this Faith is received, or Christ who is the Power and Spring of this Faith: we who were as the Scripture saith, under the Law; Under what Law? even that Law of an Earthly carnal Sense, that is ever more warring against the Law of Faith; and next to this is the Law of Righteousness, which the Apostle mentions. And which must also give place unto the Law of Faith: All Righteous Works must be excluded; for only the Righteousness of Faith must here stand. Now if we look in, and examine how it hath been with us, we shall find we have been in bondage to both these Laws, which have carried it very severely towards us. So that before Faith came to be revealed, in what a dark imprisoned Life were we kept? There was no Comfort, nor Satisfaction in all strict Observation of the Law of Righteousness, no more than in the Law of Sin and Carnal Sense; so that it is time for us to look out for another Law, which may redeem us out of both these: which is this revealed Law of Faith. Which will become a New Birth-Nature, as is mentioned in the 26th Verse, becoming all the Children of God by Faith in Christ Jesus, and so Born from the Virgin-Womb of the Jerusalem-Mother.

§ 34. So that you may plainly understand the drift of God our Father, is to bring us up in the Faith, from the very Day of our being born into it; so that we as little Children must learn the Rules of Faith, like as in the first and natural Birth we were brought up habitually, and inherently, in the rational corrupt sensibility, and indeed were bound by that Birth, and under the Laws also, of righteous Rationality and sober Sensuality. Which although good, in its kind, and to be obeyed and subjected to, till such time as the Royal Birth of Faith comes to be Born: then is to be sounded the Jubilee Hour, the Hour and Day of our Release is come, then no longer are we under those Laws which was the manifestation of bondage, curse, sorrow, heaviness to Death. From this first Husband we are by the Law of Faith set free, that so we may gradually come up to that Unity of the Faith, as to come to be in great solemnity married to him, who is the full Body, Life, and Resurrection of this Faith; so that by this divine Matrimonial Continuity fruitful Births of Faith may be, that may bear the Name of God's Angelical Hosts; For none else can ever be capable to do the great Works and Wonders which are to be manifested in him, while under the covert of a Mortal form: but such as have the Live Coal of Faith conceived in their Hearts, and put into their Hands, whereby they may go forth to tincture and to touch, and leaven from the Virtue, of the central Marriage-Union, which may bring forth the flaming or blown-up-Coal of the Holy Ghost, which always the Birth of Faith doth precede as a Forerunner. By which all Miracles may then most easily be wrought, which must the last redeeming part of Mankind clear up and finish. For all Dominions and Powers in the Worlds of Death, Darkness, Wars and Strife shall and must evidently, by the Holy Ghost in Faith's Power and Might, be put under and to flight: Even so let it be in Faith's Spirit pray we.

§ 35. Waiting further in Spirit upon this High Matter, the Oracle of Witness again open'd in me after Three Days, and it said: Go forward, & do not slack to promote, and to draw forth for an United Body, in the Faith together to stand. For hereunto are ye called, to Accord and Believe in the One only Saving Name JESUS: and such as with thee so shall avouch the Everlasting God, their God only to be, the Blessings of Faith upon their Heads shall flow. Then hold forth do ye mutually a clear Testimony hereof, by giving up your selves in way of Pure Separation, as in a Silent Wilderness, there to attend, for what is yet to come from the Seven Fountain Throne Spirits: Which way being to light such Precious and Unutterable Things, as have been kept from all vulgar sight. Therefore I say in Faith's Tent together abide, and to no other Business your Minds apply, that so a Praise ye may be to Elohim Great; who will assuredly own and stand by you, in the Work he hath appointed you to: which followed is to be close, and uninterruptedly. O therefore Courage take, my Called and anointed Ones, that hereby raise up ye may that Glory which under a Cloud of Apostasy hath lain: and withal count it all Joy, that ye who thus agreed are together, to see and obtain that high Love-Prize, which others have negligently lost, and which a warning may be to

hold out, and to Conquer the Temptations of a Mortal State.

§ 36. As this Word came in, the Figure of a Crown was lifted up upon the end of a Scepter, which cast from it a Glance of Transparency of Glory. And then the Word came anew, and said: Behold, and see, this shall be the Reward of Unwearied Waiters in the Faith, who for a Kingdom are seeking, and deserting all Visibles. Such as these who seek out and wait Believingly, and who through this Belief are made to forsake all, shall come infallibly to inherit, and possess the Scepter and the Crown, with CHRIST their Head Prince of Righteousness. Wherefore gird up ye who are Lovers of, and Waiters for, the Lamb's victorious Day, to be revealed in you; that so glorious Representatives in his Life ye may come to be, in the Kingdom of Conquest and Victory. The which holding out to, shall and will endear you to the Heart of your God and Father actually, who hath waited for to see, who so Valiant could be, as to break through every Cloud of Temptation, and in no wise be prevented of the great Felicity, which by this Victory of Faith is to be.

§37. Then was I for some time afterward followed still with this Word, saying: Fear not, but go on to perform what hath been in the Platform presented to thy Mind. For the Heart of thy God will strengthen, and cojoin such with thee, as of a Gideon-Might and Spirit approved are in Valiantness, for that which undertaken is now to be. Thus having been encouraged to stand up unmoveably in that Faith, which is of Divine Operation, and not to be afraid in the least, or wavering in the Belief of the Promises, which have been given of Old Times, and which have powerfully been renewed to me; I have been made to hasten from one Degree of Faith to another, and to shoot continually Arrow after, that so at last I might obtain the Prize, by aiming at the Unity of it, in hitting the Point which for these many Years I have been Aiming at.

§ 38. Thus having received Line upon Line, and Prophecy upon Prophecy, for my Encouragement, I was still upon the most inward Debate with the Lord Christ, or rather with his Agent the Spirit, why the Word of Revelation and Wisdom in the Prophetical Sense opened, should not be attended with Miraculous working Powers? For, indeed, that is the great Thing that the Mystery of Faith moves hard for, namely to bring the Eternal Working Properties to Fix again in Nature's inward ground. Against which all the Earthly Senses conspire to resist, continually raising up Blocks of Unbelief; which hath been the one great Cause of Restraint, as we in God's Light do understand.

§ 39. But it was said to me by the Word of the Lord, that these great mighty Working Powers, that the whole Course of the Visible Reign in the Earth would change, could not be intrusted with any till God becomes Man, and Man becomes God, all throughout in a distinct Personality, as after the Manner of our Lord JESUS. To which estate we are to be Redeemed, that so we may come into a Joint Commission in the Kingdom, which is all Power.

§ 40. For this was the very Word that was given me, Be not solicitous for Almighty working Power, till the Deity hath wrought out Mens gross Essence, that from the Mortal Birth doth spring, and replenished all anew, by pouring in his Baptizing Name, which will the Seal of the Power again engrave. For the Gifts and Powers no more given out will be, till a Fixed Body be all Substantiated with Ingredients pure from the Celestial Orb. Which said the Word, Ye shall do well to believe, and make all Haste after this Hope to pursue it: for it hath its Season to be fulfilled.

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§ 41. THIS Morning I felt the Spirit opening further unto me the Mystery of Faith, of the which I have Recorded much for my own Private Improvement: but this Day much more hath been Revealed, out of the

deepest Ground from its Eternal Originality, God abstractedly; which in a most full Body opens in me, like as in all its Useful Members. Now the Birth of Faith is on this wise shewed to be, full of Life, Motion, and Activity: yet all whatever it worketh and doth, is after an hidden and silent way. For as the outward Man hath all in a Visibility to exercise his Original Faculties upon, so contrariwise doth this Spirit of Faith, put forth all its Powers, and Spiritual Faculties most effectually after a Secret Invisible Manner: and effecteth that which it aimeth at, though no outward Speech or Noise of Words may be here needed, nor visible Hands to work, or Feet to walk; but all lieth hidden in the deep Center of a Pure Mind, which works and performs Great Things on this Hand, and on the other, and yet no Vulgar Corporeal Being can the ground of this way of working find out, or discern. It is only known by the Operator, who can Experimentally tell, that it is Nothing less than what doth lie as Deep as God, there Incorporating with the Soul, and going forth with pure Acts of Power.

§ 42. This Opening and Manifestation concerning the Mystery of Faith; hath been presented to me as the Magical Key, which openeth the shut up Wonders of God's Eternity. Now my Business is to handle and employ This Key, as skilled and instructed I shall be from my Tutoress, the Supreme Wisdom, who hath shewn, and brought me to her several Gates; and hath given forth to every Gate a distinct Key, for the Opening One Deep upon another: Whereinto my Spirit is to pass, which now call'd forth afresh I am to follow. For well satisfied I am, that the Bright Star a Conduct will to me assuredly be, and arise suddenly, after some Years delay, which had made me ready to give up the Ghost of my Hope, in reference to that which in Divine Wisdom's Glass I have seen, heard, and understood, concerning what in my Day is to be Accomplished, and brought into Effect.

§ 43. But at this time the Power beginneth mightily to stir, and the Virgin-Tincture of the pure Spirit of Wisdom, doth in my Spiritual Veins run, that the Revealed Things may into an Heavenly Body turn. For I now do see, and find a Body to its full grown Stature prepared is to be, in wonderful Spirituality, till every Organ, Member, and Faculty be run through with the highest Virtue from the Deity. This my Lord in the Spirit did tell me, bidding me patiently to abide, until this true Shilo-Body in me was to its full height shot up; for that then should the most powerful and Glorious, Holy Ghost, appear to do and act his Part: and after such a long Silence even in the very Heavens, should then Speak through me, not by Voice only, but by pure Act. O this is the Proof that my God will of himself give, when being thus filled with Him, Deeds from a Deified Power and Root shall spring up and manifest themselves. Some Workings in order to this I do already sensibly feel, and therefore encouraged I am to wait, and to give all place for the Fixation of this Holy Being, which will nullify all other Beings; that so entirely I may possess the Great JEHOVAH as my Fountain, continually within to flow, for the washing away of the Impurities, and for the preparing a Body in which the Holy Ghost so Fixedly may dwell, as never out of it to depart away.

§ 44. Some short time after this the Manifold Wisdom did again open it self in me, for my further Information, that so I might hit the Mark, which I have been so longing for, and aiming at. Now that I might be right set in my Way, the Spirit and Bride gave me not only a Call, but a Love-enforcing Pull, from all that is of this low Element, and the Astral Life; and so up my Spirit was presently Caught to understand, and learn, what was to be expressly wrought by the Supercelestial Art, from which Altogether is excluded the outward Hand of Craft.

§ 45. Now the Copy I was to learn by, was that Original Word that was from Eternity; which by entering, or opening it self in that Part which purely doth relate to God, simply, and abstractedly apart from the Lower Rational Consistency, that is from the Outward Elements. For all of this sort must be laid aside in this way of Working, which is after the Manner of him, who hath the Creating Power and Principle, for giving a

Life, and Existency out of Nothing. This is the Celestial School which I am taken into, in order to be brought up according to the Degree of my Eternal Nativity; which I am driving to run back again unto, that so I might understand how to Act from this Supreme Part, even from the Centre of a New Heart, upon which may be written that great Name Alpha and Omega. Which only can renew the Working Power, that shall the Seal'd Testimony open, and get thereby the Crown of Dominion, to enter upon the Lord Christ's Kingly Reign within the circle of the pure Mind; and from thence to go forth to govern in all parts without, till the Wonders of God shall as Lightning fly out, upon the Eagle-Wings of Faith: and the Fruits of this TREE, springing up in the Paradisiacal Ground of the Soul, so plentifully drop, as to convert the howling Desert of this outward Mortal Principle into a pleasant Sharon, and Eden of God. This for certain is the only thing, that will bring the long expected Redemption to its finishing End.

§ 46. After which, as from a New Gust, the Eternal Word open'd it self Expressly in my Heart's Center, informing and declaring the High Prerogative of such a Spirit, in whom the Power of Transmutation did lie. For in whom ever this comes to be witnessed, it is no less than the Seed of the Trinity, retained in the pure Matrix of the Virgin Wisdom, which driveth forth, till it cometh into Transubstantiation. Nothing goeth beyond this, for as much as it is the Beginning, Strength, Might, and Excellency of the Father of all Spirits, who generateth in Nature this High Birth of Power, the true Heir of Faith, as it did appear in the Immaculate JESUS. How great is this Secret, and to whom hath it been Revealed? or who hath found this Wonderful Stone? True it is, that in all Ages it hath had its Seekers: but none have digged deep enough for it. Every Arm for these many Hundred Years hath been too short to reach it. Now unto thee, who art duly upon the Inquiry, and watching for the highly precious Gate to open, while thou art knowing in thy self the Invalidity of all other foregoing Births and Powers: that yet have been rested upon, as if this had been attained to, which thou art now pressing to find within the Borders of Immanuel, where the Seven Baptizing Pools are to be passed through, before this Transmuting Stone comes to its perfection of Colour. And though several of them thou has been plunged into, yet know this that there remain Three. Which were shewn me to be Blood, Oil, and Fire. The Four that I had passed through were, first the Pool of Conviction; secondly, Repentance; thirdly, Renovation; fourthly, passing my Spirit over by pure Dedication. By all which I was made meet to enter upon the last Three Baptisms, which would finish the whole Mystery of the Incarnation. The Bloody Pool is the Dying with JESUS, the Offering up thy self through his Spirit: to which end the many Lives are to suffer Death without pity, or sparing any one of them, as they were allied, and in concord, with the sensitive Root, from whence they all do spring, haply thou mayest believe thy self to have pass'd through every Death. I grant that thou has done so in thy Will; yet thou art not come to an actual, open, and Triumphant shew hereof, perfectly so expiring, as to a Total giving up the Ghost of that Birth, which was out of the Womb of that, which was from the Earth earthly, and into which it must be again delivered up through Death. Now no more would I have thee to draw any Breath of Life, from that Principle which is the Gulf of Separation: but to pass undauntedly through this Pool of Blood, which is the Fifth Circling Pool that surrounds that Wonderful Tree of Faith, and Life, which thou hast seen.

§ 47. Now having after some Years pressing forward, since this last Manifestation, passed through these Deaths in a good Degree, as hath been witnessed; the Lamb having been slain in me, gives a Resurrection of a New Life, which standeth clearly out of all that is of the Out-Birth, and that consisteth of the Astral Reason and Animal Sense, which the being dead to gains the wonderful Conquest, that maketh way for the being plunged into the Pool of Oil. Which Oil is the Matter and Essence from which the Holy Ghost doth spring. Then passing from this to the Pool of Fire, which also opens it self from this, being a Fiery Seed from the Deity, and so coagulating together, it makes up a Deified Body, which only can be

capable to live in the Super-celestial Air of the One Element. This we may entitle the Divine Magical Body, whose Motions and Operations are all subsisting, & going forth in pure Acts of Faith. For that is the Life that the Risen in Christ are called to, to live by alone; for as much as by this they are always ascending above the Earth, as if they had no more to do with it; bringing down by Faith all needful Things out of the Store-house of Heaven, while yet they are in Bodies Terrestrial. Our Spiritual Merchandizing is only to be upon the Fruits of Faith's Tree, which will bring in both for Food and Cloathing abundantly, while there is need for it. But there is an Age coming, as this Tree of Faith grows up in Persons in their inward ground to its full ripeness, when the Fruit being eaten thereof Magically, will Transfigure the very Elementary Body, and give it a Radical Ruby Glory; so that Mortality shall be hid in Immortality; which is the Garment that may last the Thousand Years Reign of CHRIST; and may be said to be the First Resurrection Body, whereby Death shall be swallowed up. All this will be effected by the Mighty Operation of Faith, which subdueth all things to it self, and changeth this visible Body into the Likeness of the Glorious Body of our Lord JESUS. For when this Faith shall be wrought up to its highest Perfection, it will be such a Prospective-Glass through which the Glorified Person of our Lord, and the Father in him, with the Virgin Wisdom, and all the Saints, shall so appear before the Spirit's Eye; that according as it

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