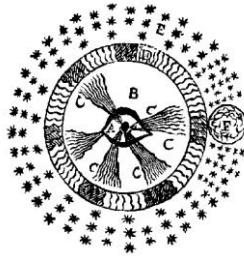


Spirit's Day Studies

The Writings of Jane Lead,
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Jane Lead Chronology

Timeline of important events in Jane's life; will continue to be updated as information becomes available.

1624	Jane Lead is born in Norfolk, England in the month of March. (Some sources give her birth as 1623.)
1640	During a Christmas party at her home, Jane (age 16) hears the Eternal Voice of God and immediately enters a period of darkness and despondency which lasts for three years.
1643	Jane (age 19) is sealed with the Spirit.
1644	Jane marries William Lead, a local merchant.
1663	Jane meets John Pordage, who would become a close spiritual associate.
1670	Death of William Lead on February 5 th . Jane makes a vow taking Jesus as her Everlasting Husband. Two months later in April 1670, Virgin Wisdom appears to her for the first time, and Jane begins writing her spiritual diary, <i>A Fountain of Gardens</i> , which would remain unpublished for many years.
1681	Publication of <i>The Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking</i> in June. Although this was not the first work written by Jane, she is instructed to publish this first, as a foundation for the writings which would follow. John Pordage dies in December.
1683	Publication of <i>The Revelation of Revelations</i> .
1693-94	Publication of <i>The Enochian Walks with God</i> . Jane and Francis Lee meet and begin a close spiritual alliance. He later marries Jane's widowed daughter, Barbara Walton. The Philadelphian Society is formed and begins to assemble privately. John Kelpius meets Jane Lead and the Philadelphians.

1695	<p>Publication of <i>The Laws of Paradise, and The Eight Worlds</i> (Full title: <i>The Wonders of God's Creation Manifested in the Variety of Eight Worlds</i>).</p> <p>Jane goes blind due to cataracts.</p>
1696	<p>Publication of <i>The First and Second Messages to the Philadelphian Society, The Tree of Faith, and The Ark of Faith</i>.</p>
1697	<p>Publication of Jane's spiritual diary, <i>A Fountain of Gardens</i>. Publishing continues through 1701.</p> <p>Publication of <i>The Revelation of the Everlasting Gospel Message</i>.</p> <p>The Philadelphian Society goes public. Publishes five issues of their periodical <i>Theosophical Transactions</i>.</p>
1698	<p>Publication of <i>A Messenger of an Universal Peace, or A Third Message to the Philadelphian Society</i>.</p>
1699	<p>Publication of <i>The Ascent to the Mount of Vision and The Signs of the Times</i>.</p>
1700	<p>Publication of <i>The Wars of David and the Peaceable Reign of Solomon</i>, which consists of two treaties: <i>An Alarm to the Lamb's Holy Warriors</i>, and <i>The Glory of Sharon</i>.</p>
1701	<p>Publication of a second edition of <i>Revelation of Revelations</i>, which includes an Appendix in which Jane answers questions about the spiritual life.</p> <p>Publication of a revised edition of <i>The Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking</i>, with a postscript added.</p>
1702	<p>Publication of <i>A Living Funeral Testimony</i>.</p>
1703	<p>Jane (age 79) suffers a serious fall, lying unconscious for several hours. Spends three months recuperating.</p>
1704	<p>Jane Lead (age 80) dies on August 19, 1704. She is buried in Bunhill-Fields on August 22, 1704.</p>
1705	<p>Publication of <i>The Resurrection of the Dead</i> in Amsterdam. Full title: <i>The Resurrection of the Dead, or The Royal Stamp and Sign Which Has Been Imprinted Upon Those Who Have Been Resurrected with Christ</i>. (Also titled <i>The First Resurrection in Christ</i>.)</p> <p>Francis Lee's account of Jane's final hours is published in Amsterdam, titled <i>Der Seelig</i>.</p>