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In Christ Jesus,

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In the Power, and Might of that Spirit, that shall go on Conquering and to
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Which is,

PART ONE

of Jane Lead's work titled:

*The Wars of David and the Peaceable
Reign of Solomon*

By Jane Lead

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And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a White Horse, and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in Righteousness he doth judge and make war. And the armies which were in Heaven followed him upon White Horses, clothed with fine linen, white and clean. (Rev. 19:11, 14)

Editor's Note: Although The Spirit's Day Version features paragraph numbering, the paragraphs in this short treatise were already numbered by Mrs. Lead, and so I left those numbers as is. However I broke down the larger paragraphs into smaller ones, and numbered them as well, i.e., [AL 7a], [AL 7b], etc.

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The Introduction

[AL I:1] I have given some account in this tract of the jeopardy that my outward and natural life appeared to be in, which after the manner of *Hezekiah* has received a reprieve as from the sentence of death, which I judged expedient to give some account—not only for my own particular memorial, but for the information and benefit of others, that may be brought into a like condition as to their elementary part. I have had the experience that where GOD has any further use and service for the organical man to do or perform, His power is at hand to strengthen and renew those weak and feeble stakes of the mortal life, according to the purpose of His own will; as knowing further what was to be brought forth, by so meek and inconsiderable an instrument to be employed herein, as a trumpet to *sound the Alarm* for the Holy Warriors, to be gathered together from all parts, and out of all nations and tribes, wherever they lie scattered and hidden. For as it is a spiritual war, so none but those that are lovers and waiters, and zealous for the appearance and coming of the Lord's Kingdom, can be engaged in it. Here will be no requiring of the persons to appear outwardly, but to meet together in one spirit, holding in their hands the *Bow of Faith*, and from the center of the heart, sending forth fervent and all-powerful prayers, that may prevail to overcome that great Usurper and Monopolizer, that has till now engrossed what of right belongs to the LAMB and His Adherents.

[AL I:2] But now there is a heavenly call and summons, in such an extraordinary day and time as is now approaching, for these valiant and worthy Battlers to appear, each one in their own precinct and station; for they must well know that the Kingdom must be taken, all by spiritual force, from out of the hands of the King and Prince of this World. So go on, you high spirited souls, nothing fearing nor fainting; because you have the great commanding Champion, that will be your General and Leader, till the mighty powers shall be subdued under you.

[AL I:3] §.For know that there is now moving and stirring up the Spirit of David, that will not fear to meet the great *Goliath*, that has put on the armor of daring defiance, and disdaining the Spirit of *Faith*, because there is nothing of a visible strength that appears. But out of the *unseen bag* will fly that *sling stone* of power, that shall cause this great champion to reel and fall. This is the only way to gain the Kingdom as *David* did, through true and undaunted valiantness, as a precedent to encourage such as shall be moved hereunto in this present age. It is not to cease or stop till it has made way for the great *Solomon's* Reign, which may renew again in great splendor and glory, in more abundant peace and plenty, when the *Eternal Virgin* shall open her bank and store, to give rewards first to these *Holy Warriors*.

[AL I:4] §.For this nothing more is required but to wait and watch at her several *gates*, till the *Key of David* shall be given to the patient holders-out, that will not think much or grudge, though there may be at present some delay; which in the proving time many will be in hazard to fall away. But a thousand degrees of blessing will surely come upon those who have received the mark of the true *Philadelphian* fold; that in *Love's* Golden Chain are inviolably united together, to abide and bear up until the hour of temptation be over-passed: that so they may enter into the possession of *Love's* Reign, which will first open and begin from the first gathering, which may be so small as to appear contemptible. But know that it will be as that *Stone* cut out of the mountain without hands, that shall make all other mountains to melt and bow before it, and

worship at the feet of Him, who is the Great Shepherd of this Little Flock: whose pleasure it will be to make them joint Heirs, to possess with Him the same Kingdom and glory which the Father has given to Him.

[AL I:5] §.This is only what I have to commend and leave with you as a sure word of prophecy. Let it be a sufficient motive, that you may fight the good fight of faith, watching, waiting, and praying in the spirit with her, who in that love and unity that burns everlasting in the *bush* of Christ's humanity, shall rest ever known to be in the same fellowship with you,

Jane Lead

Some special observations and openings, in reference to the distempers I passed through in the elementary body, from the 10th of October, 1699.

PART I

A SIGNAL DELIVERANCE FROM THE ANGEL OF DEATH

[AL 1] §.The first part of this illness seemed to play upon my vital part, as if a sentence were passed for departure out of the body, to which I was resigned and made free to yield up thereto. And as I was debating and preparing for it, after some natural rest, as soon as awakened out of it, there appeared a White Horse, with a bright clarified Body riding upon it, calling me to mount up and sit behind him. And I found myself immediately raised up accordingly, putting my arms about him, who having a bow in his hand, bid me lay my hand upon it, to draw with his hand; of which flew a bright arrow down to the earth, where there lay many black shades or figures. These represented the shadows of death, which this arrow made to fly away; the horse and the rider treading down all dark powers under him. Then was it said, *Victory, victory to them who can sit the horse of power and draw the Bow of faith, which will make all the dark ghosts of death to fly away!* Then immediately upon this vision shutting up, I found myself greatly relieved, and my faintings in spirit passed away.

[AL 2] §.But then three days after this, another onset I had, of a very dolorous pain in my head, teeth, and face, which put all out of course and order in the body. This gave me much exercise and proving, in reference to what I had so lately seen of a deliverance; recollecting and making reflection, that after so many excitements to bear up in the faith, through which might be an overcoming of the malignancy of the stars and elements, I should be exposed yet to lie under the dominion and power of them. This caused a great war and mutiny in the bodily part, being attended with a feverish distemper, that might very easily have released the imprisoned soul out of the decayed body. And truly many expostulations did arise in me, so that I said with *Elijah, Lord what am I better than my progenitors, that were elders in the faith, who prophesied of the*

glorious Kingdom of Christ to come: but yet died in the faith of it, not seeing or possessing it themselves? So making it parallel with my own state (GOD having taken me up as an organ, through which many weighty and wonderful manifestations of the secret things of GOD have passed, that may be reserved for their fulfilling part, beyond what is the limit of my outward life), I endeavored to pacify and reconcile myself to whatever I felt in the sensitive part, under the dominion of the jarring elements, which gave me great longing therefrom to be unclothed, and set free from this body that was such a depression of my superior life and spirit, and which prevented me the free use of my super-sensual faculties.

[AL 3] §.Then I said, *Lord! of what service can I be, or what good can my life do me, while I am such a dry unprofitable tree, as one worn out in the body by reason of my so great age?* And as I was complaining, and spreading this in prayer to my LORD, I received this reply, *O where is your faith? Why still so slow to believe what is to be beyond all sensible feeling of old age with its infirmities? Is there not another age that I have set before you, which you are to keep your aim and eye upon, from the time and date in which you were born into my Spirit? You are now to mind how short you are from coming up to that good old age and eldership, in the spiritual humanity, and full grown body of my strength and power, which is to have its increase, though you may have some humblings by the other, in its decay and decrease; which yet must not weaken the force and power of the springing and growing Lily of Faith, though it stand in the midst of a thorny ground: an overtopping of all which from the deepest fund of me thy GOD shall still make it spring and live.*

[AL 4] §.Now for a further confirmation there was a representation set before me of a bright Crystalline Mill, that stood as it were upon a mountain, in a very clear and serene air, where it had sails of a silver brightness. And a door was opened therein, with an invitation to me and some others to ascend, whose spirits were made free, to draw off from the common walks of the inhabitants of the world. And entering there, we did find precious Golden Grains, said to be from the Paradisical ground, which were here to be ground down, so to make Heavenly Manna bread; which was to be provision for those that were separated from the earthly stores to live upon, the increase of this meal that should never fail. For so long as the holy wind from the Eternal Element should still stir these sails about, then should be a fresh grinding, and so the renewed fruits of *faith* should be for the sustaining and strengthening of the Birth of CHRIST, till it should arrive to its full maturity. And the word was added, *Suffer the Grains of Faith to be under the Grinding Mill, that they may make up such a pure mold: for thereinto the pure Leaven of the Deity shall pass, and so make up most celestial and savory meat; which shall be angelical food for all such as shall yield themselves up, even those just and perfect ones that live upon faith.* Therefore the concluding word was, *You must not think much to have your faith ground down, tried and proved.*

THE ALARM AND CALLING FORTH THE SOLDIERS

Now follows a call and summons from the Lord God of Hosts, to the Lamb's Holy Warriors, to fight His battles in the power and might of that Spirit, which shall go on conquering, and to conquer.

[AL 5a] §.After this I had a summons, as hearing there was a council of war to be called in the heavens, in order to the raising of a spiritual army, that were to fight the Lamb's battles under CHRIST their great General. For His Kingdom, that has been so long expected to come upon the earth in dominion and sovereignty, could no otherwise be brought down over this lower principal where the Beast and Dragon have so long had their reign, but by the force of spiritual warriors.

For till now many ages and times have run out, and nothing is effected of the recovery of the Lamb's right, of His Kingdom in His Saints. But now, as I was lamenting the dismal state that all the faithful did lie under, this word came to me, "That there was a decree sealed for the raising up such a mighty and invisible Army, as shall fight valiantly, till they have overcome and regained that possession, which of right belongs to Him who is the King over all regions, or worlds, whether in the heights above or here below." This was said to me to be a new method, which had not yet been taken, which was the cause that it has been so long protracted.

[AL 5b] Much has been spoken, and there have been many calls to the exercise of these spiritual weapons: and many have put on the armor, but put it off again before they had gained the victory; being apt to faint or grow weary, meeting with so hard and so strong a contest from that potent Prince of the Air, with all his numerous legions. But it was said to me, *Be of good comfort; for his day is expiring: for behold there is a Priestly Host that is to come forth out of GOD'S Tabernacle, who shall be clothed with the fiery breath of the Holy Ghost.* No rumor or noise, as in the outward hostile way, shall be heard here. For all these spiritual weapons shall be invisibly exercised, so as to do execution upon the violators and oppressors of the LORD'S heritage; which set themselves in battle array, for the maintaining their own kingdom in vanity and pomp, and earthly glory—all which will be scattered by these powers, so strongly bending against them, that they themselves shall be amazed, and confess there is no dealing with, or standing out against these mighty Hosts of the LORD. With whom is the Flaming Sword, proceeding out of their mouths, and the motto that they bear upon their breast is, *THE ETERNAL WORD that gains the victory by His own blood.* Thus the lifted-up standard shall be mounted up so high, as to cast a dread upon all the armies of the *aliens*, that will run and fly therefrom. Then heard I this word, *O blessed and highly honored shall all those be, that shall offer and enlist themselves under the great General, in this Royal and Holy Army.*

[AL 6a] §. Upon this, some queries I put forth to that dawning called The Light, that environed my understanding in such a marvelous and mysterious way, asking, *How, when, and upon whom this lot should fall, to be called forth to fight for the LORD'S Diadem Crown, to be shown here upon the earth.*

[AL 6b] §. The manner *how* is thus prescribed: First they are to be brought up and qualified in *Wisdom's* School, trained up in the divine skillfulness, in the use of principal instruments, and engines of the spiritual war, for which there is cause enough. For all her children must first commence war against what within themselves is so repugnant and opposing, to the full possession of the Love and Peaceable Kingdom of the Prince and Lord of Life, wherein they must expect to meet with strong encounters. But as they obey and follow the rules of their Captain Leader, the conquest will be obtained. Further, these Holy Warriors are to be qualified with love and amity, so as not to push against or wound each other, all agreeing on this one point, to fight for their LORD and Master's right. Such as are found in this spirit shall not want an endowment with power, whereby they shall prevail; as they have overcome all within them, so also outwardly and visibly, fulfilling that prophecy, that by the *Iron Rod* the nations should be subdued under them.

THE TIME OF THIS CALL

[AL 7] §. Now as to the time *when*, it is not to be put as a day afar off; but the time is present, and is already begun in some that are known and registered in the heavens, and shall from a little number increase to a full body.

THE PERSONS CHOSEN

[AL 8] §.Then as to that part, *Upon whom the lot shall fall*: They are to be considered as yet dispersed and scattered, and cannot come forth and appear until they are awakened by the Mighty Trump from the Lord of Hosts, that shall sound in their inward ear; whereby they will be alarmed to put and gird on their spiritual armor. And they shall know their place of rendezvous, where they shall meet altogether in Spirit: so pitching their tents upon that Rock of Strength, so impregnably that the nations' hearts shall melt before them, and as *Senacherib's Army*, be made to fly. So dreadful will be the going forth of this *Angelical Army*, so that not by outward might or strength, but by the Spirit of the Lord shall all be made to fall under. And through the continual presence of the Eternal Ark, deliverance shall be wrought out.

THE KINGDOMS OF DAVID AND SOLOMON

[AL 9] §.A further query may be, *How long this war may be expected to continue?* The determinated end is foreknown to God alone. But it is ascertained that there is a time prefixed when *David's Wars* shall cease, and *Solomon's Reign* shall begin and increase; that throughout the whole earth there may be rest and peace. The reins of this Government shall abide throughout all generations.

MOTIVES FOR ENTERING UPON THE HOLY WAR

[AL 10] §.Now some *motives* were given to me for the encouragement of this Holy Soldierly. The first was that they should enter into a present pay, which should come out of *Wisdom's* store and bank, who would command for them a peculiar dowry, as they are called forth for this Divine Militia service. Being taken off from all other employ, supplies of another kind should be conferred upon them, so great, so weighty, so wonderful, as none can know but those that receive them. For then the Mystery of *Faith* will begin to work its wonders and marvelous deeds, when it has had its pass under the Grinding Mill that has been made mention of. Then the Divine Magia will open, and work to those high degrees that shall usher in the immense glory of CHRIST'S Kingdom.

[AL 11] §.Another *motive* was, that every particular Warrior here, who shall faithfully abide, and hold out in this holy battle, should conquer and obtain a Crown and a Kingdom, each one for themselves; and that not only future, but present upon the earth, as substituted under their great King and General.

[AL 12] §.But an objection here may arise, *Whether all that have engaged as battlers, for the recovery of their Lord's and their own kingdom, shall escape the mortal death—For if not, how can they come to reign as Kings upon the Earth?* §.It is thus answered that many of those that are engaged in this spiritual warfare may die the natural death, and yet before this may have made a fair progress, and enjoyed much of the Kingdom, and bid high for the full Crown, but dying in the Faith thereof, shall not lose their reward. For they shall enter into the Joy of their Lord, and be kept in His hand, in order to their return again with Him in His personal glory, to begin the reign anew with Him upon the earth.

[AL 13] §.It was further declared that in this holy warfare there would be some eminently endowed with the Spirit of Prophecy, whereby they should know the event of all their engagements, and what success they might expect; as in the battle against *Sisera*, wherein *Barak* and the Princes of the Tribes that went with him to war, were strengthened, directed, and

encouraged by the Spirit of *Deborah*, after they had offered themselves willingly to the help of the Lord against the mighty. This figures out that mighty potentate, the Man of Reason; which by that holy weapon, the Hammer of *Faith*, must be nailed down to that outward and earthly principle to which it belongs. Then the triumphant song of this victorious overcoming shall be sung by the Prophetical Spirit. These conquerors shall still go on to maintain their ground; and as new invasions shall be made upon them, and the Floods of the Dragon be still cast out, then will that GLORIOUS VIRGIN (mentioned in *Rev. 12.*) begin to appear, as the sun shining in its strength; that has been long travailing for the bringing forth of this Mighty Monarch, which is the product of all the exercises of the spiritual weapons, and all the wrestlings of the Holy Warriors in faith and prayer; that they might see this King of Nations brought forth, to whom the Scepter and Rod of Dominion shall be given.

[AL 14] §.In order to this, all the Supercelestial Planets shall circle about in their course, till the Land of *Paradise* shall be found out, which for so many ages has been under an hiding and obscurity; which is prepared for these Holy Warriors, who by their mighty Lord and General shall find entrance here: which none can do but those that have passed through all the degrees of *Faith's* mighty Race. For though attempts may be made by unprepared and undisciplined soldiers, to enter into the Gates hereof, yet they shall be locked out by those Angels that stand as keepers of them, by that Key that opens only to the believing, in whom the Love works so high as so cast out all fear.

[AL 15] §.I shall now conclude with this prophetical saying, Behold your King comes, the King of Glory, with His Heavenly Armies, that shall join their forces and powers with the Holy Warriors here upon earth, to take vengeance on all those that have usurped the Dominion and Kingdom from Him, whose right it is (in His Saints) to reign. And though none of those armies shall appear to the visible eye, yet in the Mount of the Lord they shall be seen, from which the face of covering shall be drawn away. Then as *Elisha's* servant, they shall see this Holy Place all filled and covered with the chariot powers, going forth in the Ghostly might, that shall smite on this hand and on that hand; so that the enemies shall all blinded be, and nothing more of their way see, to besiege this Holy City and camp of the living God. To them a New Song of triumphant victory shall be given; that the field is won, and the Kingdom of our God is come. And now the Everlasting Gates are opened, where shall be a free pass for the Holy Overcomers, where they shall sit down and rest in the possession of the vast glories, and riches and treasures, as the beginning of the New *Jerusalem* state: all of which is to encourage to go on to fight the Lord's battles.

[AL 16] §.To this end this Trumpet from the Heavenly world was sounded, to gather them together out of all nations, languages, and people, though never so much dispersed, in the unity of the Spirit: where they all stand upon immoveable ground in their due ranks and orders, carried on all in a spiritual and mystical way: not fearing to jeopardize all that is temporal, cruel, and earthly, for the love they bear their Lord, and the desire they have to see Him exalted in His Kingdom, Reign and Dominion upon the earth; that they with Him, and He with them, may possess both the upper and the nether regions, in those joys and pleasures that shall know no end. Even so, let it come to pass by Him, who is the *Yea* and *Amen*.

PART II

THE FIRST ENGAGEMENT OF THE HOLY ARMY

NOVEMBER 9, 1699

[AL 17] §. This morning, according to the foregoing Word of Prophecy, there was presented to my view a certain number of figures riding upon white mules, with golden censors, sending up a smoky perfume; which rose up to a fiery flame; which drew down many bright flaming figures, as descending out of the heavens. Upon inquiry it was shown to me that these should be the prevailing Army, that by their strong cries and supplications should effect and bring forth deliverance to the groaning and oppressed in *Sion*. Therefore this summons was sent forth to the Holy Warriors, to engage herein without delay, and to come together to hold up their hands unweariedly, staying them upon the two golden studs of Faith and Love. And thus the conquest should be obtained; not by outward strength, but by power, spirit, and might; by which spirit *Joshua* commanded the sun not to go down till the enemies were all made to fly before him, so should the Everlasting Sun give its light in a sevenfold degree, till there should be an overcoming: FIRST *in each one in themselves*; and then by this they should expel and overthrow what is opposite to the Reign and Kingdom of our *Immanuel*. This was shown me should be the present and first pitched battle, after which there might be some rest, but still keeping their ground, expecting there might be new onsets. But as they shall continue to hold out in holy bravery, wonderful things shall be effected by this Holy Army, that yet is concealed.

THE GENERAL'S SPEECH AND INSTRUCTIONS

NOVEMBER 29, 1699

[AL 18] §. Having finished our course of our more sequestered days of waiting, to the number of seven times seven, and three times three, at the end thereof I inquired of my Lord what further of His mind was to be known by us; Whose Spirit replied in me, *Think not that here you are to stop or stand. For the Measuring Line is still stretched out upon you, to lead you deeper, wherein you shall find your true rest, by the descent of your New Jerusalem Mother, which will open her bright glance distinctly in each individual spirit; whereby a peaceable habitation shall be known, so that the noise of the Warriors shall not here molest.* For I heard this acclamation of joy sound, saying, *The Circle of Peace shall descend and surround upon these Holy Waiters, that they may attend with all sereneness and calmness, till the Tabernacle of God shall come down, and therefrom mightily empower to act and work, in order to the maintaining of the dominion and reign, in the appearance of the Lamb that was slain: He that was dead and is alive again.*

[AL 19] §. The word opened thus further in me, *I shall put no other burden upon you, but that you hold fast the word of my counsel: Which is to abide, and not start aside till you are endued with all those Ghostly powers, as the present occasion requires. Then shall you know, you are in that boundless circle, into which neither the Dragon, nor any of his adherents shall be able to break, to annoy, or hurt.* Then was added this word, *Blessed are those that are found watching and waiting, till the Lord shall appear in the full power of His Godhead, to magnify His own Kingdom, and maintain the right thereof above all kingdoms of the world.* Even so come Lord

Jesus, and make good all of your faithful sayings, to the joy and praise both of the Jerusalem above, and of that beneath. For which waiting in all obedience, we acquiesce in your will herein.

THE JOINING OF THE TWO ARMIES

DECEMBER 10, 1699

[AL 20] §.As upon the mount-watch I was taken up in my spirit, I heard a soft whispering voice, as from the higher sphere. It was directed to the Lamb's Battlers, that had fought the good fight of faith, whether near or remote; *To you is the salutation of love, with approbation and kind acceptance, in that you have so valiantly held out. Now nothing more is required, but that you rest in the bosom-joy of your true native Mother, there draining out the all-nourishing Spirit of Life. So shall you become white as Nazarites, to receive and entertain your glorified King and Bridegroom, with His holy Virgin Train, that have been touched with those fiery sparks of your love, that have prevailed for their descent; so to concur and operate with you in the united powers of their spirits for help and aid, as seeing you have great need for such extraordinary strength and assistance.*

[AL 21] §.For it is well seen in the upper world, that it is now as it was in the days of *Esther* and *Mordecai*, which represent the Royal Seed and Free Born of the New *Jerusalem* Mother, that are scattered here and there as captives in the Babylonish land; against which many plots and conspiracies have been hatched, to break and cut them off, that they might be no more a peculiar Holy People upon the earth. This being figured out to me, that upon the breaking forth of this more sublime dispensation of the Spirit (as relating to the Children of *Wisdom*, who had been taking in the deep sense thereof), a consultation was to be held in the *Mordecai* and *Esther* Spirit, as to what was to be done to still the enemy and the avenger, that is so enraged and embittered against the Children that are taken up into the bright and glorious appearance of CHRIST'S Kingdom. And it was given out by way of advice, that there was a fairway opened for such as did wait in *Wisdom's Temple*, because of that affinity and favor through espousal to the great and mighty King, which rules over all worlds and spirits; that after their time of sequestration and dedication, and fasting from all mortal things, they might adventure to make their address from the *Jerusalem* court below to the *Jerusalem* court above: presenting their petitions, and showing the danger that this young planted spring of a spiritual *Lebanon* was in, to be rooted out by subtle foxes.

[AL 22] §.This was presented in the *Esther* Spirit, and was graciously accepted by the Most High Lofty One, with this gracious answer and assurance: That all fury and despite of this kind should be overturned and quelled, so that all whatever the Dark Prince of this world has decreed, should be controlled and made void; though the dark mystery of *Babylon* might for a little season be permitted to work, till the light and divine mystery shall rise in its might and victory.

[AL 23] §.In order to which, this word of promise was given: That the *Mount Sion* Orb should open, and out of it a Heavenly Host should come. And in special was noted the number of four and twenty elders, that should come down from the Lamb's Throne, to influence and empower the Holy Waiters, that are found in the stillness and passiveness of the Spirit of Faith; and all deliverance and redemption, both inwardly and outwardly, should be wrought out, without noise or sound. It was further said to me, *Now wait and expect that all this shall be performed to you in certainty. But you are not to reckon your attendance to be bound up to time's calendar here; for you are entered into the New Jerusalem sphere, where boundless glories and powers shall meet you as you persevere.*

THE HEAVENLY WATCHERS

JANUARY 6, 1700

[AL 24a] §.About three o'clock in the morning, I was awakened with a sound as of many voices, harmonizing together as in one voice, saying, *Arise; Up to your watch tower. For there is a great day that is drawing near, for expectation of what is ensuing upon and after the opening of the 1700th year, which belongs to, and is to be understood only by those that have passed the first and second watch, and are entering upon the third; as the break of a new springing morning, that shall rise brighter and lighter, till the whole earth shall be filled. For many Stars shall arise out of this Orb in order hereunto, and go forth and appear, to lead the way into Wisdom's all-plenteous and blissful land.*

[AL 24b] As I was considering these voices, where they sounded from, I had a sudden glance of light broke forth, and saw numerous figures appearing in shining garments of a silver brightness, with Golden Shields on their breasts, and vials of Golden Oil in their hands. And in a silent inquiry of my mind as to what these were, it was answered, "They are Holy Watchers sent down from the heavens, to pour out the consecrated Oil into those Vessels that were sanctuary-proof, that so they might be enabled to hold out the *third watch*, with those of the higher order." It was further noted to me, "That some persons and families that were found under this vow of consecration, and watchful sequestration, their high faith should unite with all, and secretly assist and support their hands to hold out the probation-hour." For it was said to me, "*That must of necessity be, before the mighty deeds and works, that are to usher in the great dominion of Christ's Kingdom, can be brought forth.*"

THE THIRD WATCH

[AL 25] §.Then I was further informed that the two first watches that I and my fellow watchers had passed through, were preparative for the third, by centers of light, and revelation, and prophecy breaking open. And that this third ward and watch belonged to the Father's appearance; for a special empowering, and opening Himself within the center of the soul, as a deep gulf and perpetual flowing fountain, of all variety of gifts and powers. For which the mediatorial power in CHRIST the LORD, in answer to the cries and petitions that have been put up, does interpose with the Father: He knowing that there would be but little advance of His Kingdom, so long as His Saints upon earth wore the clothing of a mean and contemptible figure, in impotency, poverty, and subjection to the spirit of this world, which is indeed the shame of their nakedness.

Rules for the Watchers of the Inferior Army

[AL 26a] §.Now these following rules were prescribed to such persons as had obeyed the summons, to be the LORD'S Warriors, and had engaged themselves in the fight of *faith*, till they should overcome all those contrary powers and forces, that should put a stop to the reign and dominion of CHRIST'S Kingdom. Those are now called to the Third Watch, as seeing the morning break from the cloudy and dark night.

[AL 26b] §.Now the *first* rule, is to put on a resolution not to go off from the watch, till some extraordinary appearance of the working and acting powers shall open from the center of the Deity, as it lies hid in the essence of the soul; out of which eternal nature must be raised and recovered again, to bring forth a new created form, after the similitude of the Triune GOD

Himself, according to its virgin nativity in CHRIST the First Born, both of the first and second creation.

[AL 26c] §.Now, that this may not be prevented in its rising all powerful body, this counsel and direction was given (as the *second rule*): That there must be a sinking and dying away out of the creaturely life and being, which consists of all the degenerated properties, that have estranged and banished us from that living principle of *light* and free liberty, in which man was first created. And which no way is to be recovered again, but as the deepest deep of the Uncreated Word, shall come to spring as a seed of life renewedly sown in *nature's* ground. This is the Eternal Word and Seed of *Faith*, that must exclude and bind down all that would put forth from the rational and sensitive nature. This first husband must expire, before there can be a true matrimonial tie with the LORD, that is risen out of that body, wherein He was subjected to all the evil occurrences that the fall of man brought forth; which He passed through, as bearing the weight and burden of our sins, that by His conquest we might be set free.

Motives and Encouragements

[AL 27a] §.Upon this internal speech of the Spirit conferring, it was further expressed, *Who would not be willing to enter upon this third watch-gate; there to wait in a silent deep, till this resurrection-marriage may be consummated?* For by his nuptial union with the LORD, nothing less may be expected but the fullness of the Godhead to bring forth its own increase, incorporating with the pure virgin humanity, which is Christ in us; from whom all fruitful gifts and powers of the *Holy Ghost* must unavoidably be brought forth, which will show another Day of Pentecost, more durable, lasting, great, and wonderful. And as the Apostles had power to transfer the *Holy Ghost* by laying on of hands, so it will be renewed from those that are of this First Resurrection-union of life with CHRIST; who shall produce births of the *Holy Ghost*, by way of spiritual impregnation, in those who are in a good degree made meet and qualified through purification by faith.

[AL 27b] And thus shall the Offspring of CHRIST, in conjunction with the true Bride, spread on the earth, and multiply into a spiritual generation, that shall stand up this latter day, as distinguished from all others, that have only been in formal profession. They shall be known by the Resurrection-mark, wherein they bear that new and hidden name, that gives them right to possess and to inherit the true Virgin-Wisdom's dowry; which is all mighty and defensive power from the Father, and the Son, managed by the *Holy Ghost*, that is the agent instructed to move in that part which is immortal, and that too which is mortal; that all may be leavened from out of the springing Root of the Deity, which will give the wonderful decision and character, who they are that have their dwelling in the heart of CHRIST, out of whose fountain heart flows an incessant river of Oil, that empties itself into such hearts as do lie near to His heart.

[AL 28] §.From out of this running stream that opens from the Godhead deep, there arise Seven Lamps, which are the Seven Spirits, proceeding from the Throne of the Majesty, which are appointed to attend, and be a guard upon the Holy Watchers, that stand steadily upon faith's tower. These Seven Spirits are to be as flying eyes, sent forth into all parts of the creation, for to spy and discover what is stirring, moving, and doing; and so accordingly to shut and bind up what may be of evil consequence and hindrance, to the promulgation of the weighty matters relating to CHRIST'S appearance in His Kingdom. And on the other hand, they open and set loose and at liberty that which may answer to the Heavenly Orb and Kingdom; that the same that bear record in Heaven may also bear record on earth. The fullness of time, by these Seven Spirits, is foreseen to be at hand; and therefore calls up to such a faith, as may turn the now-moving wheel,

in order to bring about that great change so long expected and hoped for, in reference to a new modification of what lies now in rubbish and confusion. This deplorable state has been presented and carried up by the petitioners, for the redress of it; which has prevailed and moved the heart of GOD, through the mediation of the great High Priest, to raise up some Principal Worthies, that shall be as mighty Saviors and Deliverers; furnished and replenished with the seven-fold powers of the *Holy Ghost*. For the infinite Divine Wisdom sees it is expedient that they should be thus invincibly empowered, and clear sighted, to make infallible judgment of the present state of matters and things, now in this difficult and critical age, in which such various pretensions on the account of religious profession are found.

[AL 29] §.All which has opened a way for GOD to set His own Mark and Seal: First, by giving forth the Spirit of Prophecy and Revelation; and thereupon to follow the fulfilling and consummation of whatever has referred to the establishing of the *New Jerusalem* state, as that Bride that has put on such rich adornments of divine gifts and powers, as may well suit and agree with the mighty Kingly Heir of all kingdoms and worlds—who being thus made ready, the Bridegroom cannot fail suddenly to appear in His glory.

[AL 30] §.For this end, there has been a fresh summons, to call up the True Disciple-hood to watch and wait in *Jerusalem*, the Holy City of Peace, till they receive anew the Promise of the Father, as the Second Shower of the holy power, that may bring up the second crop and full harvest of the Spirit. Now to these watchmen, that have already sat upon the third or break-of-day watch, the voice of inquiry may be—*What hope and expectation is there for the fulfilling of these prophecies?* The reply is, Behold, there is seen in the heavens, troops and myriads of Angels, with trumpets in their hands that are sounding, that there is a joyful *Jubilee* at hand: giving this word of consolation—*Fear not; faint not; but hold out patiently. For the Redeeming Power is strongly moving and breaking forth; and the Crown of Dominion is descending, guarded by the Heavenly Host of Angels, to be put upon the first Overcomers.*

[AL 31] §.All this is sufficient motive and excitement to such, either single persons or families, whether in this nation or more remote, who have put on the Shield of Faith, and are enclosed with us in the Flaming Circle of Love. To whom the watchword is from the LORD JESUS, *No other commandment do I put upon you, but that you hold fast in the band of Love and Unity, until I come to clothe you with power, strength, and glory:* adding further the word of counsel, *Draw and wind up your faith to the Mount, where I will not fail to meet you, who are one in my Spirit.* For now is the season and time for a more bare and naked manifestation of myself, which by immediate speech from your LORD, you shall know what has till now been kept secret; as finding so few that could gather up their faith and expectation for it. But it will be given to the close setters and waiters for it; Because the LORD has taken notice what wrong judgments have passed from those that have professed to promote light and knowledge, relating to the mysteries of His Kingdom. Therefore He will call some aside as He did *Moses*, to hear His own voice expressly out of the *Burning Bush*; and as that was visible and outward, so now it will be invisible and inward, in the Flaming Heart of CHRIST'S humanity, that stands guarded and separated from all whatever is of the imaginary and outward part, which the soul must turn aside from; that nothing of a mixed spirit may here enter.

[AL 32] §.Now it was further intimated to me, that when any great deliverance was to be wrought for the *Sion-Flock*, there would be a calling up such as should stand in the meek and gentle, and yet zealous Spirit of *Moses*, to receive counsel and command. They will be as GOD'S agents, to perform all that shall be revealed to them, from the mouth of the True Infallible Prophet, CHRIST the LORD, in them: this being the needful season, to be commissioned for such

principal work and office. Therefore is required this watch and ward, to receive not only ordination and commands, but also the Divine Magical Rod, to confirm the truth given forth. For what has passed away in former ages, by way of revelation, and miraculous deeds following thereupon, will not serve the peculiar exigencies of this present age of time, and what is approaching. Therefore it is required by the LORD Himself, that there should be an expectation of something greater yet, that has been hid in the manifold wisdom of God, to be brought forth as this latter day requires; wherein the omnipotency of His Reign and Kingdom in His Saints shall be consummated, as they stand united to their head, CHRIST.

[AL 33] §. Now to whom shall this Kingdom first appear and come, but to the Holy Separated Priesthood, that are continually waiting in the Inward Court and Sanctuary, who are offering up the grievances and calamitous state of the oppressed flocks of CHRIST. These Holy Ones present their cries in the unwavering and high wound-up faith, that admits of no doubting, but that the LORD will suddenly in these appear, as if He were personally made manifest, for redeeming and releasing the groaning captives, that have been under the tyranny of the Luciferian and the Bestial Kingdom. §. O blessed and happy are those, who are thus called and chosen, to stand all in a prepared readiness, to entertain and receive the first openings of what has been so long concealed from the world, of what will happen to this present and the ensuing age of time.

THE UNIVERSAL CALL; THE THREE ORDERS OF THEM THAT ARE CALLED

[AL 34a] §. A further notation was given, that there was a call to all universally, to expect and believe for the Lord's appearance in that Kingdom, which shall prevail and overpower all the kingdoms of this world; which should first be exhibited in such Holy Watchers, as should hold out and maintain their ground at the watch-gate. There were three orders or degrees of persons, which had their invitation unto this; in allusion to three sorts of guests in the Parable, that were bidden to the Marriage Feast.

[AL 34b] §. The *first* of these made their excuses that they had no leisure nor time from the worldly business and occasions: their minds being engaged to pursue and hunt after pleasures and preferments; not looking beyond what the animal and sensitive life pleases and satisfies itself in; cutting themselves off hereby, from what might bring them into the possession of all durable and everlasting treasures; making good that word, *Many are called, but few chosen.*

[AL 34c] §. The *second* sort, are HALF BELIEVERS. These have some conviction that there is a blessed and wonderful time approaching, according to the prophecies recorded of the dominion coming to the oppressed Daughter of *Sion*. These being quickened up by the alarms of prophetic spirits sent forth, as this day grows clearer and brighter, moving them toward this, they most readily offer themselves to come up to this watch tower, as hoping some sudden breakings forth of the miraculous powers from the heavens may come down; but waiting awhile, and meeting with some suspicion and frustration as to their present expectation, they begin to faint and grow weary in their minds, saying in themselves, *Why should we wait for the LORD any longer; for we may spend out our days, and seen nothing of Sion's full redemption; as many ages have run out their time, and so may we. Therefore we may take a lawful liberty to draw off from such a strict attendance, and take up and be satisfied with what we have so far attained and reached, relating to the Kingdom that is yet in reversion.* And in this demur and doubting they draw off from this watch-gate.

[AL 34d] §.But here comes on in the *third* place, such as do take up a resolution in an heroic Spirit of Faith, resolving to live and die at the foot of this gate in a watchful posture, and as keeping up in the faith, and ardent vehement love, and importunity of prayer; the time not seeming long and tedious (as the true believers make not haste), being confident that the LORD will not fail their expectations. Which for a stay to these waiters was presented in a visional way, wherein a voice was heard, as a rushing sound of many waters, saying, *No longer delay, for the watch hour is now passed away. Therefore open wide the gate, and give free passage to enter the Blessed Land, where stands the Everlasting Rock, consisting all of sparkling stones.*

THE SEVEN SPIRITS AND SEVEN REWARDS OF THE THIRD ORDER

[AL 35] §.Out of this *Rock* which opened to view, were seen going forth Seven Fiery Streams, which represented the Seven Spirits made mention of in *Rev. 1*; which complete the full number of the Ghostly Powers, which those faithful holders-out were to be baptized with; and so to go forth back again out of this gate as fire-stones, to show themselves to their fellow brethren, that they have obtained the Prize they waited for so perseveringly; for excitement and provocation to them, to obey this watchful Call. And it was further made known, that to these that had made their way through this gate, it should no more be shut upon them; but they should go in and out, and renew their strength and power from this flowing Rock, that they might hereby act the mighty wonders of the Deity. By this a great change and turn throughout all nations should be effected, that so the Mighty LORD and SAVIOUR might come to set His foot here upon the earth, representing Himself in such worthy Overcomers and holders out in the faith, as shall in this latter age of time be raised up.

THE CONCLUSION

[AL 36] §.O stupendous and immense Love, that has revealed these great *mysteries* and *motives*, to strengthen the hands of the fearful and feeble, that they may be strong, to preserve and hold out the proving hour. Then there will be no failing of the *Seven Rewards* promised to the Seven Overcomings. Therefore this word sounds aloud, *So watch as that you may not lose your Crown, but be found among the conquering worthies in the celestial world; to take your place and seat with Christ upon His Throne: which is the reward from the Yea and Amen.*

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