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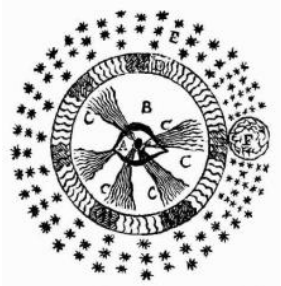
JANE  LEAD

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THE TREE OF FAITH

Preface

[TR P:1] §.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 has 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 did appear in His resurrection-state; so that the gathering together of His Flocks from all parts, shall be for the making up this Resurrection Church, as newborn into the *faith.* For this reason I have here superadded a manifestation, which some years since was given me; which I judge may now be of general use to make public, as it was first for my own particular information and instruction: by which it was never designed to see the light.

[TR P:2] But seeing that this Church that has been described 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.

[TR P:3] 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 checked myself herein; for it was moved upon me that it might be useful and beneficial to some souls, and for a pattern to excite them to the recollection. Therefore I resolved to let it go, without any alteration, according to its full and genuine sense.

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[TR 1a] §.Being come to the conclusion of this year 1686, recollecting and making observation from one New Year to another of what has passed, both in reference to the internal attainments, growths, and degrees arrived to in spirituals, and what has 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 has gone on in order to the perfecting of what my soul has been these many years in great travail for, but in special for what has been in sight and view through the Spirit of Prophecy, declared unto me since 1670.

[TR 1b] Since that 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 for bringing back of my soul into eternal and pure nature's originality again. To be plain, it 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 has 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 has been maintained much since the year 1670. Gaining year by year some increase, and higher degree of wisdom and understanding in the secret Mysteries of Eternity, as to what lies hidden there: which through our abstraction of mind, and watchful attendance, in new varieties from that world do present themselves.

[TR 2] §.Now as to this 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. I have been followed with renewed predictions and promises for the keeping up and opening the springs of faith, which otherwise would have been stopped. Therefore I must proclaim the goodness of God, who has 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 I may successfully attain, will quit all suffering loss of whatever 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 has renewed upon me great abatements, and weariness of life and love to all perishable things. There is a good reason why: because the heavens stand open before me, by which my mind and spirit are so well entertained by the objects there seen, with all substantial varieties, that I need not care to look out for these anymore.

[TR 3a] §.When at any time I am drawn and plucked away by strong motives from this world, then great woe, pain, and trouble do possess me. For so it is when at any time I am out of the heavenly places, where now only my life does 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 in this ensuing

year, for what of this kind may multiply and prosper in my hand mightily; For which I see all care and strict watch must be, that so I may not over-slip my day, acting accordingly as power does 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 may be set upon, as I have proved by what has been undertaken contrary to this all high and approving Eye.

[TR 3b] Therefore Wisdom teaches me to stand in a passive brokenness of will, till my God shall come forth with the express word of command; that so the heavenly plantation may go on, and nothing withstand. For lets and interposings have gotten in, as I have from year to year seen, and will be still, I do find, until the Spirit of Faith gets the upper hand, which in God is to be the Driver on, 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, wherever 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.

[TR 3c] But to this day there has been a scattering and dividing among the Holy People; who are scared and affrighted away from each other, upon poor, low and worldly circumstances; so as no body of Saints can yet get together. This has been very grievous unto me, carrying a secret sorrow and mourning in my soul. I have made offers here and there, according to the power given me. But *Oh how little has this call been understood!* No, not even by those who might become of the high and holy waiting Disciplehood; so that upon this account, in longsuffering, 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.

[TR 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, but after many a long flight, but the flying Serpent has come forth with great fury, to prevent and demolish what was prepared for this intent, and so has often been permitted 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. *Oh, for this how my soul and spirit have been carried forth to seek and wait upon it!* And still must it pursue, till my God shall fulfill it, as it is decreed in His will.

[TR 5a] §.Now as to what has passed this present year relating to the outward being, with all relating circumstances, it has been very considerable, and worth taking notice of. My God has appeared greatly for my support, answering all bodily necessities, which has been brought in by a signal hand of renewed providence, as occasion has 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 still maintained and upheld invisibly, and thereby brought me forth out of it all most victoriously.

[TR 5b] 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 applied myself to that name Great *JEHOVAH*, whom I found a refuge at all times very nigh, procuring deliverance often 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 has 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, forever celebrate one everlast-

ing Sabbath of Laud, with pure and powerful praises to you *Oh, Holy, Holy, Holy, Infinite Almighty, whom my soul so greatly adores*, that silence must speak much more, with a life that must excel both.

[TR 6] §.Now waiting still upon you, O God, for what this approaching year may further produce, in order to the accomplishment of what has been the main drift and whole scope of my life's attendance, since the unsealing of the Heavenly Mystery. By which the obligation has pressed in so deep upon me, that has made me to relinquish all impeding multiplicities which I could possibly wind myself off from, that so I might follow on in pure heart spiritual-mindedness, that so I might be a partaker and professor of what is to follow, as has been accordingly made known unto me through the Spirit of Revelation, which have raised all the powers and forces of my soul, for the giving up itself to this high and heavenly calling, which is the holy profession of faith, which now my life that I am to live must wholly consist of; For so my Lord has averred and established His word renewedly unto me.

[TR 7] §.For this the Spirit plies hard upon me, declaring unto me that I must stand upon faith's bottom, and go forward on all steadily. The work is great which I stand chargeable with; for the which, Oh God, my own strength is but small. Therefore I call to your omnipotency; 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 created all worlds: the which does greatly support and satisfy, 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 have no propriety among the Tribes, whose inheritances are of another kind: and therefore the Lord will still be my portion in full, for all things that shall be needful.

Vision of Faith's Tree

[TR 8] §.Now in order to this, there was shown to me a Tree that should all suddenly spring up in me, which spread forth its branches for increase and fruitfulness: and that would have no dependence upon any other Tree but itself. It was entitled 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 are to be fed from the fruits of this Tree, 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, are all clothed in sacred and pure white robes. So that here will be an all-agreeable mutual fellowship between the lower and higher worlds, which is the Great Wonder that in the Heavens has lately been opened to me, not for speculation only, but for provocation to set upon this work, with such as shall hereunto be added unto me; for 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.

[TR 9] §.This Tree I find can grow upon no other soil, but a ground all purely refined with Oily Springs and Dews from Heaven, which must be its watering. Then will it spread and flourish all richly, having fruitfulness in itself, without any dependency. Oh! This is the Tree that will bless us with wisdom, strength and righteousness: for which I find it in my heart most earnestly to seek and pray, that it may be most choicely kept, and circled roundabout with the pure Love-Fire, blown up by the Holy Ghost; which may be its shelter from all the invading spirits that so diligently 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 well know what damage and spoil it has 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 it is so, but because no skillful artist in this Mystery of Faith has been made to understand the way for the preserving and cherishing this choice Golden Grain, from where this Tree of Faith might attain to its full growth.

[TR 10] §.For the which such rules are prescribed 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 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 I must resist in the faith all steadfastly, till conquest be wrought out by the growth of this all-powerful Tree.

[TR 11] §.This has been shown me to branch forth itself 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, to press on, so 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 spread out itself to such a great and full increase, 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.

The Twelve Degrees of Faith

Now the Twelve Degrees of this Tree in their distinct properties were thus expressed unto me:

[TR 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.

[TR 12-2) §.A second degree, is to believe that this degeneracy has 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.

[TR 12-3] §.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.

[TR 12-4] §.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.

[TR 12-5) §.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, that may have power to purge, refine, save, and cleanse the soul from all its sins.

[TR 12-6] §.The sixth degree is to believe and expect the Holy Ghost to come to join and cooperate 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 show itself to the world as thus regenerated.

[TR 12-7] §.A seventh degree is to believe and witness that Christ's risen life in the soul becomes a death to the Body of Sin totally, which we may call a *Love-Kiss,* whereby Christ sweetly and secretly draws and parts the soul from all the dregs and relics that appertain to a lapsed nature, which is known by a power working supernaturally.

[TR 12-8] §.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.

[TR 12-9] §.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 be so owned for her excellency, as shall be an all-amazing glory.

[TR 12-10] §.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.

[TR 12-11] §.The eleventh degree 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 has put into His hand, which is all power, and wisdom to manage that power, which reaches 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.

[TR 12-12] §.The twelfth and last degree, 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 Father's 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 beforehand, 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.

[TR 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 myself, but for such as do agree to ascend with me, and go forward to all these degrees; for the which God has 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 has 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 have so long 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.

[TR 14] §.The Spirit of my God has 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 has 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 is hurtful and pernicious, 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 may go forth as light-flashes, on this hand and on that; as they shall be directed for the securing, saving, and delivering those who are sorrowing and mourning under sin's oppression, and the worldly captivity.

Vision of the Twelve Arrows

[TR 15a] §.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 tipped with gold. And I was directed to make my aim at this Tree of Faith, which was the Mark to shoot at. Keeping my eye upon it steadily, the True Archer, the Spirit in me, 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 go to no higher degree; 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.

[TR 15b] Then with the same Bow and Arrows, one who was designed in special, followed on to try with great industry; and 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; and 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 I saw her stop. And it was said, "Be not dismayed at this, for strength will renew, though the arm may be too weak. 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 shall be diligent, till it attains to all degrees."

[TR 15c] 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 find all of this Faith's Treasure. 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 looked upon as a forlorn hope. Oh far be it, that this should be any discouragement to us; for the Lord has said it again and again, that if any can hereunto reach, and come to an all-full persuasion, then the whole world could not contain the treasures which this Tree of Faith should command for us; that so it may be proved who are the wise in heart, who have made it their choice to learn, and be exercised in the Art of Faith only.

Wisdom's Key

[TR 16] §.At another time I was alarmed out of my sleep with a voice that cried in me thus, *O the restorative Tree of Faith!* And when I came to consider the word and the meaning of it, Wisdom's opening Key was put into my hand, to unlock that place where this precious Tree stands. It now appeared to be enclosed by itself, 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 produced fruit of the same kind, all of a spicy nature; the which was shown me to be of twelve sorts. But this fruit appeared different and more various than what I had ever seen in all former representa-

tions; 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.

[TR 17] §.Which through a renewed glance of light from her orb, I obtained an understanding of: And it was thus said to me, "O spirit, how do you think to live now that you are departed out from the Earthly Region, where your sensitive life was maintained through the industry of the rational mind? From these pleasant things of the earth your soul is now gone out, and you must eat of them no more: For here is quite another way and manner of living, which you, and those that are with you united, must fashion yourselves unto; living only upon what fruits this Holy Land, which is by you now seen, does afford. Therefore I called you to come to this Tree of Faith, not only to view, but having hit the Mark, thereof to feed; that so a Spiritual Body may to you be renewed, of an incorruptible nature and kind, answerable to the various sorts of fruits, which will restore nature to its ancient and vigorous beauty, that has looked to be altogether withered and consumed."

The Qualities or Properties of the Fruits of Faith

[TR 18a] §.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 does afford and produce; that so we may have no occasion to look back from where 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. I will now open the several properties by name, according as they have been declared to me, to the end that I and those that are with me in the same spirit co-joined, may here satisfy 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.

[TR 18b] Now the *first* quality applicable to this Tree is Majestical Glory; the *second* is Fathomless Wisdom; the *third* is an Almightiness of Power; the *fourth* is Transparency of Light; 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 works in and through all these.

[TR 18c] 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 so 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 to taste alone of these unknown sweets, but cries and calls to His Sister and His Spouse, with Him to partake; that so it may have the same operation and effect on her, god-like to be, according to the pattern of her Lord CHRIST,

Whose image lively drawn I may thus see,
Through participation of this Spicy *Tree.*

The Bright Body

[TR 19] §.Some considerable time afterward, I was again called in spirit to view this Tree of Faith, and the Tree now seemed 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 are willing to wait for the transmuting power, to act forth the amazing wonders of a god. Let such with you come, and sit under this Tree, till you shall see the fruit turned into gold. Then you shall eat thereof, 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 itself." This has 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.

Vision of the Seven Golden Arrows

[TR 20a] §.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 laborers to hold it out with me; for assurance of this there was shown me the Bow in a blue cloud descending, and it was put into my hand. The Bow appeared to be all crystalline, with Seven Golden Arrows belonging to it.

[TR 20b] Then was it said to me, "Arise, arise, now put on your strength; for the arm of the LORD in you shall stretch the Bow, and make the Arrows fly where the invincible power lies. 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 each of you this Bow of Faith is given, and the Sevenfold Arrow: Try, and see whether at the Seventh attempt it may not hit the power, and arrive at all the Twelve Degrees of Faith. Now put your hand hereto, and be very nimble and quick. Make the first onset, that those others who are aiming at the same thing with you may also reach this weighty and worthy prize; That so in the Lord you may rejoice together, in such a goodly habitation, and Golden Tent, to celebrate the praise of Great ELOHIM, who has sent down this power to display, and make way for the gathering in of His Priestly Flock and Royal Train, that shall no longer knock and wait at the worldly spirit's gate."

This came to pass in me the 25th of *January*, in the year 1690.

The Vision Renewed
February 1, 1690

[TR 21a] §.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 all of this signify, as that these are to be a guard upon each Arrow, according as from the Bow they shall be made to fly. For I discoursed this matter with my Lord, concerning the thorough pass of these Seven Arrows, querying whether I, or any one that principally aimed 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 remained; which were to make the grand breach and onset, where the rich Prize was to be taken.

[TR 21b] And the Spirit showed me further what stopped the ascending might of these two remaining Arrows, which was a muddy Gulf which I beheld that stood in the way. And it was said that this did signify the Lake of *Self-reasoning* spirits; which the Starry World from without does qualify,

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 enterprise. Wherefore there was all the need that is possible of a strong guard upon these that were yet to go out from the Bow, so 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 can come to sit under Faith's Tree, having arrived to all its Twelve Degrees, through the Seven-fold Spirit and Power of God: there to feast upon all its Fruits, and to know the true Banquet and Supper of the Lamb.

[TR 22a] §.Now turning again into my watch for the Inspeaking Oracle, to satisfy 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?*

[TR 22b] And it was hereupon answered me, saying, "Do you think it a light or a small thing which you are aiming at? Know this then, for a present stay to you, and to the waiting spirits with you united in the same eternal band, howsoever and wheresoever dispersed they may be upon the face of the whole Earth: 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 still hold up their dominion over the mortal man. For if this circle be broken through by any Mighty Champion,1 in the faith of God Himself, opening in the soul, then all of that opposing kingdom falls: and till then the Kingdom of the Power can have no place. Therefore fly, and get above the starry bindings, and all that is of this Lower Elementary World. Mount, mount above all the elements, O flying Archers, and shoot the Last and Seventh Golden Arrow, which has 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.

[TR 23] §.But having pressed on to this Mark for some considerable while longer, 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 committed to me. And considering that the thread of my mortal day was near spun out, it has often drawn my mind and spirit into God my deep, for inquiry to find out what it is that has so very long kept me from hitting the Mark of high faith, and that has 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 myself 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 Firstborn of the Power, actually and God manifestatively.

[TR 24a] §.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, about the middle of *April* in the ensuing year, while I was thus bemoaning and lamenting the melting and passing away of time,

1 Margin Note: See Enochian Walks, page 37. (SDV 8:1-7)

without anything of a God-working power that is seen, as it was in the Day of Christ and of the Apostles; I had this spoken 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 withholding of God's wonderful appearance throughout soul, spirit, and body.

[TR 24b] And it was thus made out that the separation from the corruptible matter was not yet wrought out, for there was yet to be a dividing, 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 itself 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. The Trumpet now sounds, 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 groundwork, as has been described by *Judah's* Law-giver: Who has said that a Body of Virgin Spirits He will rear up, that shall renew His great and mighty works, which are to excel all former ones. "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."

[TR 25] §.Upon this Word of Counsel I felt great and strong drivings 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 deific matter do again spring, and feed, and maintain itself, by and from itself, it cannot otherwise live separate, and be free to act and do after its own kind supersensually. And that it may thus get the upper hand, 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.

[TR 26] §.So that this is the work and business that my Lord of Life sets before me to practice constantly, and is the true meaning of Christ's doctrine of self-denial, which teaches 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 self-hood of corruption has so long reigned; for my Lord has said this to me in solemn verity. 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.

[TR 27] §.This is the summit of the Everlasting Gospel, that some Angels who are thus qualified, 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 has not been credit given to that still way of the Holy Spirit's infusion and dictation; which requires great heedfulness, and an interior watchfulness within the mind, at all times.

A Petition for a Friend

[TR 28a] §.While thus I was entertained with a pleasant internal conference in the Spirit with my Lord, I moved on the behalf of a person, *Whether 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 answered 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 has been. For the ministry of the Spirit was a very nice and pure thing, that required extraordinarily qualified persons to speak God forth therein; for if anything of selfhood should intervene, it would quench the fiery Lamp of the Spirit, and make it burn weak and dim.

[TR 28b] This is caution for myself and friend, and such also who 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 puddled matter of every selfish-born thing that hinders the *Live Coal* of the Spirit from burning.

The Nazarite Vow

[TR 29] §.Then was I minded also of our *Nazarite* Vow, whether or not 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 Veil of the Most Holy Place, ever to attend. There is no going out to pollute ourselves with dead and unprofitable things, as we would succeed and prosper in this high and honorable profession of faith, which by holding fast to, my Lord has 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.

[TR 30] §.This is the great encouraging motive which the High Throne and Kingly Priest sets before us, to enkindle fresh love and zeal to complete what lies yet unperfected 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 clears the morsy rough metal from the Golden Ore, that lies so deeply hid; which is, O God, that we would no longer be at a loss by seeking for, and not finding: but through the luster of your shine and glory,

We in ourselves this Golden Deep may find,
Still watching to the furnace of our mind.

The Live Coal
July 26th

[TR 31] §.The Eternal Word opened itself thus in me, how that the Spirit from this Word of Life, had at sundry times, and diversely by Vision and Prophecy, been opening the Mystery of Faith unto me, for the end that I might come to be a skillful practitioner. And now again a *Live Coal* was put into my hand, with an Inspiring Breath that I felt as wind did blow upon it while I held it in my hand, so 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 itself, 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 are Called

and Chosen to wait and live with me in Love's Burning-Bush, being thereto invited with my fellow believers here to turn in; for out of this Flaming Body the wonders of faith should evidently be seen.

Moses and Elijah

[TR 32] §.And it was further denoted unto my intellectual mind, that God is upon spiriting some in special to be a *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 troubles, molests, usurps, oppresses, and tramples down the Holy People: and there will be no deliverance till the lifted up Standard of Faith's Power shall be put into the hand of some who are set apart, to go forth in the Power and Spirit of *Elijah:* 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.

[TR 33a] §.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 myself 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.* 4:22-25. 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 sunken 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 produces vigorous acts of faith?

[TR 33b] Now before this faith is received, or Christ who is the power and spring of this faith, we were as the Scripture says, *under the Law*. Under what law? Even that Law of an earthly carnal sense, that is evermore 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.

[TR 33c] Now if we look in and examine how it has 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.

[TR 34a] §.So that you may plainly understand, that 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 also under the laws 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 were 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.

[TR 34b] 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 precedes the *Birth of Faith* as a forerunner; by which all miracles may then most easily be wrought, which must clear up and finish the last redeeming part of mankind. 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.

[TR 35a] §.Waiting further in spirit upon this high matter, the Oracle of Witness again opened in me after three days, and said, Go forward, and do not slack to promote, and to draw forth for an united body, to stand together in the faith. For hereunto are you called, to accord and believe in the one only saving name JESUS: and such as with you so shall avouch the Everlasting God their God only to be, the blessings of faith upon their heads shall flow. Then hold forth do you mutually a clear testimony hereof, by giving up yourselves 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.

[TR 35b] Therefore I say, abide together in Faith's Tent, and apply your minds to no other business; that so you may be a praise to *Elohim* Great, who will assuredly own and stand by you in the work He has appointed you to; which is to be followed close and uninterruptedly. O therefore take courage, my called and anointed ones, that hereby you may raise up that glory which has lain under a cloud of apostasy: and withal count it all joy, that you who are thus agreed 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.

The Scepter and the Crown

[TR 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 are seeking for a kingdom, 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. Therefore gird up, you who are lovers of and waiters for the Lamb's victorious day to be revealed in you; that so you may come to be glorious representatives in this His life, 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 has waited to see who could be so valiant 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.

[TR 37] §.Then was I for some time afterward followed still with this word, saying, Fear not, but go on to perform what has been in the platform presented to your mind. For the heart of your God will strengthen, and co-join such with you, as of a *Gideon*-might and spirit approved are in valiantness, for that which now is to be undertaken. 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 [my] 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.

[TR 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 world 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 has been the one great cause of restraint, as we in God's light do understand.

[TR 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 entrusted 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.

[TR 40] §.For this was the very word that was given me, Be not solicitous for almighty working power, till the Deity has wrought out men's gross essence, that from the mortal birth does spring, and replenish all anew, by pouring in His baptizing name, which will the seal of the power again engrave. For the gifts and powers will no more be given out, till a fixed body be all substantiated with pure ingredients from the celestial orb. Which said the Word, You shall do well to believe, and make all haste after this hope to pursue it: for it has its season to be fulfilled.

The Birth of Faith
June 6, 1691

[TR 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 has 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 shown to be, full of life, motion, and activity: yet all whatever it works and does, is after a hidden and silent way. For as the outward man has all in a visibility to exercise his original faculties upon, so contrariwise, does this Sprit of Faith put forth all its powers and spiritual faculties most effectually after a secret invisible manner: and effects that which it aims at, though no outward speech or noise of words may be here needed, nor visible hands to work, or feet to walk; but all lies 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 find out or discern the ground of this way of working. It is only known by the operator, who can experimentally tell, that it is nothing less than what does lie as deep as God, there incorporating with the soul, and going forth with pure acts of power.

The Magical Key

[TR 42] §.This opening and manifestation concerning the Mystery of Faith has been presented to me as the magical key, which opens the shut-up wonders of God's eternity. Now my business is to handle and employ this key, as I shall be skilled and instructed from my Tutor the Supreme Wisdom, who has shown and brought me to her several gates; and has given forth to every gate a distinct key, for the opening one deep upon another: whereinto my spirit is to pass, which I am now called forth afresh to follow. For I am well satisfied that the Bright Star will assuredly be a conduct to me, 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 I have seen, heard, and understood in Divine Wisdom's Glass, concerning what is to be accomplished in my day, and brought into effect.

The Shiloh-Body

[TR 43] §.But at this time the power begins mightily to stir, and the virgin-tincture of the pure Spirit of Wisdom does run in my spiritual veins, that the revealed things may turn into a heavenly body. For I now do see and find a body is to be prepared to its full grown stature, 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 *Shiloh*-Body in me was shot up to its full height; 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 am encouraged to wait, and give all place for the fixation of this Holy Being, which will nullify all other beings; that I may so entirely 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 may dwell so fixedly, as never out of it to depart away.

The Love-Pull

[TR 44] §.Some short time after this the manifold Wisdom again opened itself 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 set right 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 my spirit was presently caught up, to understand and learn what was to be expressly wrought by the Supercelestial Art, from which the outward hand of craft is altogether excluded.

The Celestial School

[TR 45] §.Now the copy I was to learn by, was that Original Word that was from Eternity; which by entering, or opening itself in that part which purely relates to God, simply and abstractedly from the lower rational consubsistency, 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 has the creating power and principle, for giving a life and existence 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 port, even from the center 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 sealed 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 there to go forth to govern in all parts without, till the wonders of God shall a lightning fly out, upon the Eagle-Wings of Faith: and the fruits of this *TREE,* springing up in the Paradisical 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.

[TR 46a] §.After this, as from a new gust, the Eternal Word opened itself 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 whomever this comes to be witnessed, it is not less than the Seed of the Trinity, retained in the pure matrix of the Virgin Wisdom, which drives forth till it comes into transubstantiation. Nothing goes beyond this, for as much as it is the beginning, strength, might, and excellence of the Father of all Spirits, who generates 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 has it been revealed? Or who has found this wonderful Stone?* True it is, that in all ages it has had its seekers; but none have digged deep enough for it. Every arm for these many hundred years has been too short to reach it.

The Seven Baptizing Pools

[TR 46b] Now unto you who are duly upon the inquiry, and watching for the highly precious gate to open, while you are knowing in yourself the invalidity of all other foregoing births and powers: that yet have been rested upon, as if this had been attained to, which you are 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 color. And though you have been plunged into several of them, yet know that there remain three: which were shown me to be blood, oil, and fire. The four that I had passed through were, 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.

[TR 46c] The Bloody Pool is the dying with JESUS, the offering up yourself 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 where they all do spring; haply you may believe yourself to have passed through every death. I grant that you have done so in your will; yet are you not come to an actual, open, and triumphant show 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 you 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 you have seen.

The Divine Magical Body

[TR 47a] §.Now having after some years pressing forward, since this last manifestation, passed through these deaths in a good degree, as has been witnessed; the Lamb having been slain in me, gives a resurrection of a new life, which stands clearly out of all that is of the out-birth, and that consists of the astral reason and animal sense, which the being dead to gains the wonderful conquest, that makes way for the being plunged into the Pool of Oil: which Oil is the matter and essence from which

the Holy Ghost springs. Then passing from this to the Pool of Fire, which also opens itself 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 supercelestial air of the One Element. This we may entitle the Divine Magical Body, whose motions and operations are all subsisting, and 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.

[TR 47b] Our spiritual merchandizing is only to be upon the fruits of Faith's Tree, which will bring in both for food and clothing abundantly, while there is need for it. But here 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 subdues all things to itself, and changes 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 which 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 is written, *Beholding the glory of the Lord as in glass, we shall be changed from glory to glory: for when we see Him, we shall be made like unto Him.*

[TR 47c] Thus has it been shown to me what the wonderful effects of faith shall do in its time and age. But it may be said, *Who shall live such an age as this to see?* To which I answer, Though this be prophesied in me, yet it is not determined whether as to my own particular I may see it in my age of time. For I rather think that I may pass into Faith's Mystery, where with the high worthies of faith, who *died in the faith, not having received the promise,* but seeing it afar off, rejoiced in Spirit, as I do, hoping that others in the succeeding age, or ages, may know this transformation of bodies: which joy will be so to me, when I shall be translated into the heavenly world, having put on glorification, which I do now already see my Superior Angel in the *Mount Sion* Kingdom clothed withal: in which my rest and satisfaction, in assurance hereof, do remain, not knowing whether it may not be my lot with the Elders and worthies of the faith, to descend with CHRIST again, upon the Earth to reign.

Vision of the Wheels

A Continuation of what further hereupon followed
January 4, 1694

[TR 48a] §.This divine opening was with me, holding me in converse for some hours in my spirit, saying, "Though the staff of time for an expected deliverance seems to be broke, yet cast not off the work you are called to abide and stand together in; and understand it is the prerogative of God to change Times and Seasons, who will be under no bounds of time, that His depending creatures may never be off their knees as to prayer and watchfulness." Then after some large conference with the Spirit, which cannot be brought forth in words, there was presented to me in sight a wonderful Great Wheel, which seemed to spread over the whole Earth. The color was as a ruby-red, and it was full of Eyes round the circle of it very piercing. Then it was said to me, "This presents God the Almighty Working Wheel, of which there is no beginning or end." So I saw a Living Spirit moving in the Wheel, hoisted up as between the Heavens and the Earth.

[TR 48b] Then I saw Four Small Wheels descend out of this, one of the same color, and had Eyes also. Then I inquired, Ah Lord, tell me what this means? And it was answered, "These are the Chariot-powers, which pass through all things in centers high and centers low. And to whom these wheels shall be joined unto, they only shall be able to act the great wonders of time." Then I saw where they descended and rested for a while; and then they went forth and were lifted by the Great Wheel, which as a loadstone drew them up. And my spirit was presently gone to them; and presently the Angelical Center stood open. And from there my spirit was carried by these Wheels into the Apostle's Center; then into the Son's Center; then into the Father's deepest deep of all Center: where I was to center and abide till the Wheels went forth, then my spirit should go with them, who would be Eyes to see what way and where my spirit was to go, do, and act. For it was said to me, "Now here no creaturely will can move: for here the Holy Spirit assumes all will, power and act. And there is no defeat to the high, holy, pure enterprise, which you, together in the Faith and Love, co-work with these Wheels. It shall be as the spreading of the net aright, and casting it, to the taking of a worthy and rich prize. So go forward on and prosper."

The Flaming Wheel
February 10, 1694

[TR 49] §.This morning the Vision of the Four Wheels appeared again, which moved in the Four Elements; each one being carried upward by a spirit, that was as a bright flash of lightning. Considering this in my mind, with an inquiry hereupon made, it was told me that they represented the working Wheels of Nature, that the all-powerful Spirit drives upward to reach the One Eternal Element; which being touched with it, would penetrate through the whole bodily man, that was made up of the Four Elements. Then did I see these Four Elements expire into one great Terrible Flaming Wheel that spread itself over the whole heavens.

The Seven Eyes

[TR 50] In the middle of the Wheel there were Seven Eyes, which as I was waiting upon, was thus opened to me: That the gross earthly part in the nature of the Four Elements, should by the Spirit of Christ, who took upon Him the Elementary Body, so come into ours, as to wind them up by a strong circling motion, as every part may be so touched, as to be tinged with, and to partake of the superior properties and powers of this pure and Unmixed Element; and so be swallowed up in this great governing Wheel, that rules over all the lower wheels, with all the planets, which thereto do coagulate and work. For all by outward nature are under their power and empire, till got free, by ascending up to this upper Ruling-Wheel, with its Seven Eyes: Concerning which it was told me, that they were the Seven Supercelestial Planets, or Constellations, that govern and control all in this lower world and its planets. This is that which will reach to redemption of the body.

[TR 51] §.Much more did the Spirit of my Lord discourse with me upon this matter, which must be concealed till my outward elementary wheels shall fully expire into the upper and superior wheel. Only this I may declare for the present time, that the upper Flaming Wheel with its Seven Eyes, as a loadstone, is drawing mightily some known to me, that have been touched therewith. And it will not rest in its wheeling motion till they shall be, as to their weak elementary life, changed into the One Superior Element; whereby the heavenly constellations shall predominate over all of these outward ones, which to this time have reigned over the elementary part that yet lies unredeemed.

The Mule of Faith
February 12, 1694

[TR 52] §.This day being much drawn inward in the spirit of my mind, this word met me: “Arise, and ride upon the Mule of Faith. Stand over all that is elementary. There is a thing to be done by some that stand in the Crown Number; who shall command the Land of *Havilah*: but *Abraham’s* high faith for this must spring.”

The Old Age
February 14, 1694

[TR 53] §.While I was in a deep introversion about this matter, this Word spake in me, saying, “There is a birth that is breaking forth, that shall bring the blessing of mighty increase to present and succeeding generations. *Sarah* in her old age is near her time of bringing forth the Heir, who must possess the good things of the Upper and Nether World. Understand what this means: The old age is an arrival unto the Mystery of Faith. Now excite those that are of good will, to encourage themselves with the hope of this good old age to see, as mighty Heroes in this Faith; that so you may bring forth the blessing to the weary and oppressed. Gird up, I say, and take heed you do not falter, or turn out of faith’s way: then shall you bring forth a nation as in one day.”

Vision of the Descending Virgin

[TR 54] §.Now as some of us were hereupon waiting together, and while one was in prayer, there appeared this Vision from the Light World, from which the Virgin descended and met an Ascending Spirit, that was pressing and expecting to come up to the *Mount Sion* orb, unto the Glorious Lord. But there was a stop by the descent of the Virgin of that Orb, who appeared to us in great splendor, and congratulated us, saying, "Thus I know where you would in your spirits have arrived. But I am come from your Lord, to make known the thing which you have long been in travail for. And now I appear to you for this purpose: that you may be overshadowed with my Virgin Nature, which may be the Womb all-sanctified for the conceiving of the Holy Ghost, which will be the Lordly Birth in Spirit. And as He was brought forth in the fullness of time by a single personal Virgin, so now in plurality in Virgin Spirits, to multiply upon the Earth: that so evil births may sink and die, as these Virgin Births shall rise. And therefore to you who are in holy dedication this counsel is given: Observe from this day how this birth in you shall go forward; and therefore be watchful each one of you." And after this saying, as we were sitting together, she cast a wonderful bright shining ray of glory upon each of us.

[TR 55a] §.Now at her first appearance St. *Paul* stood with her, and *Elizabeth* that brought forth *John* the Baptist, and many others that attended her, giving audience to what she spoke, giving great reverence to her. So then she disappeared. And the next morning, my spirit calling all this up into my mind, she appeared again, and asked me whether I had faith to believe what she had made known? "For by faith (said she) your strength will be to conceive this Lord of Life." At which the Apostle *Paul* who appeared said, "I will their assistant be: The faith that was revealed to me shall co-work mightily in the Spirit that wills hereunto." Then said she, "It pleases me well that you should be their helper in this Travailing Birth: till it may come to perfection."

[TR 55b] Then I was made to query, *What we should do further in order to this thing?* And she said, "Only *believe* and *love*, as with one soul and heart." Then the Apostle *John* appeared and said, "The Love which was begotten in me, I will in the way of the Spirit enter, to beget in them, who for this great thing are appointed, that Love may be the cherishing of this Heavenly Birth, to carry it on till the place of breaking forth shall be found." Then the Apostle *Peter* appeared with great amity, and said to me that the Key was given to him to unlock the Center-Pure of this Holy Birth. "The binding also is given (said he to me), and the evil eye shall under a tie be. The loosening power for the bringing forth hereof, shall be all freely contributed by me to the Virgin Minds; to effect what the Princely Virgin has so graciously declared." Then, being filled with a sweet silent peace and joy, as lying in a rich bath of Flaming Love, they withdrew. There were numerous Virgins in a great triumph, with the Superior and Chief One as her attendants.

[TR 55c] This further is to be noted: That as I was considering still in my mind, and watching hereupon, there went out before me Seven bright Stars, and a Crown over them. And inquiring what that signified, it was opened in me, that they were the Super-Celestial Planets that rule, and were to qualify with the Holy Birth: and that the Crown denoted a King was to be born, and all dominion and power should be given to Him.

Vision of
The Glorious Face

July 18, 1694

[TR 56] §.There appeared to me a Glorious Face circled as with a Rainbow: the Face sent forth such a reflection of light that it drew, as out of a cloud, another Face, which was as the likeness or figure of my own face; which received such a bright glance, as presently brought up several, who faced the Face of the Supreme Glory. And many that lay still hid in the clouds came one after another as the clouds broke away. And by the streaming light of the First presented Face, we all, as in a glass, did behold the shining glory that was upon all our own faces, such of us as were in the waiting life co-joined.

[TR 57] §.Waiting the next morning, and praying for the vision to be made out more to me, that so I might understand the drift of the Spirit hereby, finding a vehement going out of my mind and desire after this Face to behold it again; it did accordingly again appear. And then I did not only see it, but heard the voice, saying, "Thus the strong ardency of your love-desire has opened my Face again, to let you know I will make you a head-leader of an Heavenly Train, that shall give up to me their whole minds, spirits, and persons for a great and peculiar work; which till now has lain under a relapse; Which now gird up to you, with your fellow-workers and waiters in the faith, that have offered themselves up all willingly hereunto. For my Face and Countenance shall be turned toward you still, for the breaking away those clouds, that have been a covering upon the Faces of my Chosen Vessels."

Thus did the Lord commune with me, who as the small dust of the balance sees herself to be; yet must stand in a service for the Lord all obediently; who has promised to be the Hands of Sufficiency, to bring to pass the great wonders out of the Sea of Glass:

That shall these gathered faces bless,
With floods of joy and righteousness.

Vision of Wisdom's Orb

July 23, 1694

[TR 58] §.Being still upon my watch, for what was further to be revealed, resolving to draw off from all the dregs and lees of sensible operations, and launch still deeper into the immense Deity: which thus further opened a sight in me of an Enclosed Principle, whose defense was a Circling Flame. And within it there appeared bright Beryl Bodies walking up and down, and with them appeared, as in a looking glass like as a round globe, the personal glory of our Mighty King, who moved as they moved. The ground they went upon was paved as with Sparkling Stones, with Veins of Gold, which cast forth a mighty luster. This all-precious and amazing sight in spirit given me, moved to an inquiry, *What was to be learned and understood?*

July 24, 1694

[TR 59] §.So next morning attending this vision, it was obvious to the eye of my mind still, and intelligence came in all satisfyingly, that this Enclosed Principle was the land of all blessed stores, where the Eternal Springing Mines are, that no one could ever come in to see and possess, but such as had faced the Glorious Face of CHRIST in righteousness: then added to such should be, the like Beryl Bodies as here I did see.

[TR 60] §.Then I made a further inquiry, *Whether I might have admittance here, with any other whom I would recommend to the Princess and Head-Governess?* And it was answered, that for this very cause it was thus by way of prospect shown unto me, whereby I might understand there was a possibility for entering in, with such who should be presented by me here to come, in the Spirit of Faith's Purity; that we might put on our Beryl Bodies, as burning sapphires to walk and talk with Him, who in the moving Globe of Glory was here seen. Then upon this feeding my mind with a pleasing hope of finding entrance here, for myself and such who in faith's unity do stand, this Word spoke all powerfully: "Hasten to put on you Flaming Garments. Then free pass will for you be, the Flaming Wall parted for you shall be. The Governor of this Principle both loves and desires your appearance here, for which end He appears."

[TR 61] §.So retiring still in my mind, and casting up these Love-Visitations and representations, which took up my thoughts, moving the Spirit for further information what this principle might be called, with the inhabitants hereof; After some stillness and attendance hereupon, the revelation opened in me, and I knew it to be Wisdom's Orb, or Principle. The inhabitants herein were all highly arted and skillful in magical operations: that is, whatever they bent their will to do, it was produced and brought forth. So as it was showed me they were exercised in such faith, that whatever they believed in the Essential *Christ* consubsisting in themselves, they thereby could accomplish, either for themselves or for others: even whatever they would that lay within the circumference of what was

either visible or invisible, in God's whole creation. And the Spirit of my JESUS further again informed me, that my Lord did open this Principle to me, that I, with such who could come to be joined in one pureness of Spirit, might have admittance into this Encircled Principle: where we might be learned in Wisdom's Divine Arts, thereby to free us from the worldly crafts.

[TR 62a] §.Now then, know that this is a Prophecy that must reach to the Wise Men of the East, who have been hidden in obscurity; yet you are known to be Wisdom's Divine Magicians, that are made skillful to act the mighty deeds of our Great *Jehovah* Prince. Think not that you are much longer to lie hid, for there is an Holy Dove which has into your land taken her flight, and with her Seven Eyes has you descried. In her bill she carries the Golden Egg, wherein lies the deep philosophy, that must multiply such a treasury, that must set the bondaged free, that they may be redeemed from the Earth, and bear the Name of their God upon their forehead. For the Dispensation of the Fullness of Time is now already come, and the Fruits upon the Tree of Faith do present themselves ruddy, showing that they are come to their maturity.

[TR 62b] Therefore now are the mighty Archers alarmed, to come from all their obscure corners, that we may now see upon whom the lot may fall, to hit the Mark, and complete what was lacking of the Number Twelve, that so we may pass through all Wisdom's Gates. Then we shall stand upon the Sea of Glass in triumphant victory, to proclaim the Reign of Christ, that so we may represent Him as Kings, Priests and Prophets upon the Earth. Then will the Tri-Un Deity shine forth most radiantly, to convey its power, through simple, weak, and poor corporieties. Though outwardly so contemptible, yet by this Golden Stone of Wonders, which falls out of the Dove's Bill, they may be capable to put on Bodies of Transparency; which will well agree with the High Assembly that stand with Christ in Heavenly Places; that so the mutual Reign of the Saints above may be joined concurrently[2] with those below; and that which is above, and that which is beneath may be one glorious habitation for the *God* of *Jacob.* This new prophetical sound that now goes forth is to call and gather in the whole Kingly and Priestly Host, wherever scattered and hidden; for Wisdom's Star will be their conduct to the Second Birth of our Great *Immanuel.*

[TR 63] §.But now it may be queried, *Where is the place that we are to resort to, this Kingly Birth to see?* There are a few names that are linked in the Golden Chain of Love, and are waiting in the New *Jerusalem* which is from above, looking for this Blessed Hope that may open in the power of the Holy Ghost, whose Burning Breath with fresh strong odors and perfumes are blown up, that the scent and savor hereof may attract the High Elders of Wisdom, for the making up the true Sophia Bride, For a while she has lain concealed, but now is to be revealed; this being the Fullness of Time, in which the sounding of the Seventh Angel does proclaim her marriage with the Lamb.

[TR 64] §.Haste therefore, O haste and fly, you Holy Doves, from all parts, to this *TREE* of *Faith*, which will afford and make up a feast of all variety, to entertain you at your coming: where the New Wine from the New Born Vine will run so free, of which we may not only drink our fill, but also be bathed therein, so as to appear in the Ruby Tincture all glorious without, as well as within. This is the message that I have to declare: Hearken, hearken unto it, for it is to the Love-Kingdom you are called; which being obedient unto, you shall know that God will be to you an everlasting triumphant joy.

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2 SDV Note: "concurribly" in the original.

A Message to England

[TR 65a] §.O *England, England,* understand the Day of your Visitation. For this is the Acceptable Year, in which there is a Mighty Star that in your *Bethlehem*-City is born, that calls the Ransomed Ones from all nations, languages, and tribes, to come to the brightness of its rising. Take care, O *England,* lest this Star from you glides away. Let not the clouds of ignorant suspicion or demurring jealousy, concerning the True Heir of the *New Jerusalem* Mother, who is now to enter upon this Reign, and to rule with the Scepter of Faith, hinder you from discerning that the glass is now turned up; that its *half-hour* is running, that the Third Watch is set, and that the Golden Cock is thereupon clapping his wings, and crowing the Third and Last time. You are therefore warned, O *English* inhabitants, that you not miss this your Day, and suffer other nations more watchful and obedient to this call, to take the Birth-Right from you, and supplant you off of your Crown.

[TR 65b] This alarm I was first to sound to my native country. So discharging herein what I lay bound to, in the peacefulness of my mind, I retire into the heavenly choir, there awaiting the Blessed Issue and success of what has been here from the pure Unction declared.

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Preface by the Editor

[AR P:1a] §.It is hoped that this little treatise, as well as the foregoing one (of which this is a continuation), will not give offence to any; but will afford matter of joy and comfort to very many, both in this and in several other nations to whom they shall come. Since it ought not to be supposed, but that as many as profess themselves to be baptized into the faith of JESUS, must be well enough satisfied to know what that faith is, from such as have been a long time experienced in it, who must be allowed certainly to be the most capable judges, in that which is not to be learned without a continual and unwearied application: or to be attained to, in the practice, by any low degrees of assiduity, or by the ordinary apprenticeship of a few years.

[AR P:1b] And although some great depths of His Love have already been publicly declared by this prepared Instrument of God, which not being apprehended seem but *foolishness* to the wise of the world, and a *stumbling-block* even to those who call themselves the Children of *Abraham;* these Two Treatises being more experimental, cannot but find a more favorable reception: if not from the former yet at least from the latter. However let it be as it will, it is not at all to be feared but that God will vindicate what is from Him: and all the promises in the Holy Scriptures being given to faith, it cannot but reasonably be expected that He will do right to one that is such an Eminent Asserter of it, in an age and day, of which it has been afore prophesied: *that faith shall hardly be found upon the earth.*

[AR P:2] §.Whether it be not now high time for God to put to His hand, and to manifest His sovereign authority, by all such ways and means as He has done of old, through the operation of His own faith, in all the great and mighty Elders of it: and to show *Himself on behalf of truth and goodness* (as an Excellent Person expresses it, who was never censured as I know of for an enthusiast), *which are so everywhere trampled on and despised, and to vindicate His own honor from all those affronts and contumelies, which stupid and disingenuous men, which rebellious spirits have cast upon it;* having made shipwreck of the faith that was delivered to them; deserves well to be considered and weighed by everyone. The consideration of which, as well as of the genuine sense of our blessed Master's Words, made this most judicious Author to conclude all Christians under a necessary and daily obligation to ask of God that He would be pleased *to assert the supreme authority of His government amongst men; Whether it be by a* FARTHER *and* CLEARER *manifestation of His will, such as was made*

by our Lord and His Holy Spirit; or whether some ACTS *of power be exerted for the protection and preservation of His obedient subjects,* etc.[3]

[AR P:3] Thus it is apparent that every true Christian may, and ought to pray, both for New Divine Revelation, which may be of the same authority as that by Christ and His Apostles, and for miraculous acts and deeds, which may be a declaration of God's Sovereignty and Kingdom. Even so let thy Kingdom come, O God of the whole Earth. Let it come even so, yea, Amen! Thou art King, let the Earth rejoice: yea, let the Great Isles be glad thereof. *Thine is the Kingdom,* and thou wilt now take it to thyself; let the people be never so impatient, yea, let them be never so unbelieving. JEHOVAH reigneth; let the people tremble. He sitteth between the Cherubims; let the earth stagger. Great wilt thou be O Lord in *Sion*, and thy Scepter shall be lifted up high above all the nations. The captives and prisoners of faith wilt thou set free, and thy salvation unto them wilt thou openly show, in the sight of the very infidels. Let the sea of thy love roar for joy, and the fullness thereof make a joyful noise; for that the Despised Ones who have believed thee, wilt thou bring with triumph into the glorious Ark which thou hast prepared for them. With Trumpets and with the Voice of a Psalm wilt thou bring them in: they shall clap their hands aloud, they shall praise thy Great and Awful Name. For thou, O Lord, art faithful and true, and canst not disappoint any that have faith in this thy Name.

[AR P:4] Therefore a fire shall go before you, and your Messengers shall be sent forth as Flames of Fire. You shall speak unto them as in the Cloudy Pillar, and they shall be kept as in the Ark of your presence. *Samuel* shall be seen among your Prophets; and *Elijah* among those that call upon the Lord of *Israel; Moses* and *Aaron* among your Priests, and great shall be the company of the Preachers, to publish that our God lives, and that our life which was hidden in Him shall be made to appear with Him. Out of *Philadelphia* shall your Word go forth, and in *Ramath* of the Prophets shall your Voice be known. Upon Mount *Sion* shall they stand victoriously; they shall follow you there in your mighty deeds, and from the balmy Mountain of *Gilead* shall the Precious Ointment distill. For in the Name of their God they shall cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues. No weapon formed against them shall be able to prosper. They shall take up serpents. They shall drink any deadly thing, but nothing shall hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So shall they go forth, and preach everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with the Signs that follow faith.

[AR P:5] §.Thus has my spirit been carried out, and constrained to bear this Testimony to the subject here treated on, which is the Resurrection of the Faith of JESUS, that has lain for a long time as it were in the grave, and is now to be raised up early in the Third Day of the Holy Ghost. Let us watch, wait and pray, that we may be of the Firstfruits of those that are risen with Him; that so we may be admitted into Faith's Flying Ark here described, which will transport us into the *New Earth* of wonders, delivering us from the deluge of the curse, that is, from infidelity.

[AR P:6] §.When the great Diary of this Author (or as much as can be recovered of it) shall come to be published, the several progresses of this life of faith, the various manuductions for it, and whatever else may conduce to its growth, will then more evidently appear: and all that which opposes the Secret and Hidden Divine Life will be more easily removed, and made to vanish, than can be till then. However to those that have been initiated into the Mystery of it, enough is said: and it is not in the least doubted, but that they will see what is delivered both in the Former, and in this Treatise, to move upon a real, solid, and substantial bottom; such as all the powers of darkness shall never be able to shake, or the gates and strength of Hell to prevail against.

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3 Dr. [Hezekiah] Burton, *Of Seeking First the Kingdom of God*, published by J. Tillotson, 1684. p. 402.

Faith's Archers

[AR 1] §.There is a cry that has gone forth from the heavens these several years past, for the preparing and building of an Ark for the Lord's Redeemed Ones. And as the natural term of my years seems to be expired, I am at this time again reminded of some former prophecies that were altogether forgotten by me. But the Spirit of Wisdom has now presented them to me afresh, telling me that they were in this day to be looked into, for faith to be revived, and prayer invigorated; that so the heavenly powers and constellations co-operating therewith, they might bring down the Golden Floods of Love to cover the Earth; that may bring up what has lain under the death, that is to say, a Resurrection Body of pure spirits in a n=New Springing Paradise, which is the New Earth so much prophesied of, upon which righteousness must dwell.

[AR 2] §.For the signs of the Superior Heavens signify as much, that the time is very near at hand for the accomplishment of all these: for which end there was shown to me an Ark in the Figure, but which was declared to me in the Mystery to be no less than the Substance of the whole Triune Deity, who would suddenly send forth Ambassadors from themselves, that are to be as the Firstfruits and representatives of the Bride, to gather in all such as were to make up the whole *Jerusalem*-Bride; whose habitation is prepared in Wisdom's wonderful Paradisical Principle.

[AR 3] §.Therefore it was not long after I had received the first manifestation and figurative opening of Faith's Tree, from the Spirit of Faith growing up in me, before I had further notice given me of an ARK, into which Faith's Archers who had hit the Mark, were to be received in. For in a little more than a year after that, I had this free communication with my Lord concerning it, which follows. And notwithstanding that the latter part of this has been lost amongst many of my other papers, yet I know this which has been preserved for that end by the all-wise Giver of it, will be of some service and use; and therefore have I been prevailed with to insert it here, though I am not able to recall either what went before or followed after it.

February 21, 1687

[AR 4] §.Being upon my internal watch in the pure stillness of my mind, this Word came to me, saying: "*The Ark of Faith* which the Lord has been these many years in raising and building, is yet not pursued, and as little understood, although warning upon warning, and sound upon sound have gone forth for preparing and building such an Ark, which may float upon the broad river of the Holy Ghost." I was touched at this saying of my Lord, as being conscious of how He had opened to me this effectual Door and Mystery of Faith, charging me to keep to its rules. Upon this Word, I questioned whether I had kept up to so precisely, as I had received command to do; whereupon the Spirit prayed in me, Lord God Omnipotent, if I have been negligent, show it to me: with much more to that effect, in which my heart was enlarged to pray about it. Then was it in this wise revealed, and answered me: "You have been learned and taught as another *Noah*, to prepare and build an Ark of Faith in this invisible world. Therefore slack not, but go forward, and I will strengthen the studs and stakes thereof, which shall be as stable as gold, that shall be laid in as a firm bottom." Further was it said to

me, that there was one known by name, that should have of the same Spirit of Faith to concur and build with me, and so we should be mutually made able to strengthen one another's hands, to carry on this great work, as male and female in one person, or spirit, to enter first this Golden Ark of the Presence when reared up; for which we should receive further advertisement as we should wait diligently hereupon.

[AR 5] §.Then it arose further in me by way of query, to propound some things relating to this fabric unto the Great Master and Builder hereof; who answered me most freely to whatever my Spirit was made to inquire. But the particulars of this matter being obliterated and passed away, the same Divine Spirit that was then present with me, and ready to dictate what was requisite by me to be known, has now (after many years) revealed, and brought again to my internal sight this Ark of Faith, in the ensuing manner; which I am commanded to declare and publish, for the information and encouragement of all those that seek to be redeemed from the earth, and would enter into this Ark.

Passengers in the Ark
February 18, 1696

[AR 6a] §.The Virgin Wisdom sounded a joyful cry, saying, "Come and see what an Ark is prepared for them that are born into the faith, as mighty heroes to act the wonders of the New Creation; which Ark is made in my New Paradise, that has not yet been inhabited." Whereupon great floods came down from the heavens as a Golden Rain; which covered the face of the mountains, as the waters did in *Noah's* time drown the old world: So that there was a Mighty Sea, which was called the Love-Sea. Yet did it not as yet universally cover the Earth. Then after this did descend also this Mighty Ark, in which was faith's great Conqueror *Christ Jesus;* with *Abraham, Noah,* and all the high Elders of the faith; which floated upon this Sea.

Description of the Ark

[AR 6b] This Ark was all of a most diaphanous fine gold, with Six Wings on each side branching forth from it; so that it did fly as well as swim: which Wings were full of Eyes. Then was it said to me, "What do you think this Ark is sent down for, but to take in and receive such as have looked for redemption, to be saved from the violence and curse of the old Earth, and from the malignancy and Venom of the Starry Kingdom?" A loud cry and call then came out of the Ark saying: "Come, hasten and escape for your lives, for here is a shelter prepared for you, while those that slight this call, and have not faith to fly away, must be swallowed up in another deluge, which will be as the waters in *Noah's* Day, falling down upon them from the Starry Firmament, while the Children of Wisdom's Kingdom, who have obeyed her voice, shall here be kept, having the Wings of Power;" which I had before seen given to them, that they might fly into this Ark. Whereinto some eminent in the faith were received with great acclamations, and embracements. And these that first entered had great longings to attract in others after them; which they waited here in hope to see.

February 19, 1696

[AR 7a] §.Then the great Captain of the Ark of Faith, Christ Jesus, did steer the Ark, which with flying wings did swiftly pass, and landed us in the New Paradise. We were received by the Divine Magi[4], and Masters of the Faith, who understood the mystery of all miraculous faith. This was a

[4] *Magus's* in the original.

wonderful place, the like of which I had never seen. For the walks were all paved as with Transparent Gold, and several Temples were here, in which these Elders in Priestly Robes all glittering did pay their homage to the Great and Mighty King, by whom they worked all their great works, and gave existence to that which never had been.

[AR 7b] Then were we led out to view the Pleasant Trees and Groves for delight and recreation: and the Trees seemed to be as of pure gold, and the Branches to be laden as with diamonds, and all the variety of precious stones; Besides which there were Trees also laden with all sorts of precious fruits for food: and rivers with fountains flowing with Spiced Wine, and cups and flagons round about the fountain. So we were called to drink at these fountains, and to eat of these fruits, being entertained by these Magi: to whose care by the Great Shepherd of this Fold we were committed. Who were to usher us back to the Ark, to bring in others and transport them here; which accordingly was done.

The Body of Faith

[AR 8] §.After which it was said to me, "This Ark represents the Body of Faith, of which the Lord Christ is the Head, of whom the Church that is to be gathered into this is the Bride, the Lamb's Wife." Then did it float and fly with great force, with outspread banners: and a Mighty Angel that was in it sounded forth his Trumpet: That all that would come out of the *Babylonish* Confusion should have admittance. At this alarm came divers in, the mighty Spirit of *Cyrus* resting upon some, the Spirit of *Elijah* upon others, of *Nehemiah* and *Zorobabel* upon a third sort, of *Gideon, Barak* and *Deborah* upon others, of *Miriam, Huldah, Dorcas* and *Lydia* upon some; of *Titus* and *Onesimus* upon others, with the beloved *Mary, Martha* and *Hephzibah,* with numerous others, both males and females that were unknown, of this and other nations: For they flocked from the utmost parts of the Earth, as Doves to the windows of this Ark, having heard the report of this good land, from those who had been sent there as spies to seek it out. And when thus the Ark was filled, a Principal Angel sitting at the helm, steered to this Paradisical Land, where they were landed with a joyful greeting: and had all their tents here prepared for them; this being said to be the Plantation for the Virgin *Philadelphian* Church, which has been described in former treatise.

[AR 9] §.And upon an inquiry made, whether all were now landed? It was by the Spirit of Wisdom, answered, "No." For the Ark was not to rest, but to fly and float for more to be gathered in, till the full body of the First Resurrection state was completed, and brought here to put on their Immortal Robes, for the triumphant Consummation of the Marriage of the New *Jerusalem* Bride. This is a wonderful Mystery, which will better be understood in its fulfilling day: for which we are to wait in great clarity of mind and sanctity of heart, in pure and perfect dedication, and separation from all that is gross and vulgar. For none else can have admittance into this Holy Ark but such as are fully and wholly purified by faith.

February 20, 1696

[AR 10a] §.Here I thought to have stopped, as not knowing there should be any further addition from the Spirit of my Lord. But the next morning (*February 20th*) all was opened to me again, the Ark descending, and a commission given from the Lord to the Beloved *John* to steer it, with some few names born into the Love, and practitioners of the high Mystery of Faith who were here with him to abide, and as Heralds to proclaim the Love-Message, and to call in such as were willing upon the report made concerning this new-found Paradisical Land, to leave the Land of the Curse, and to wind themselves out of the Sensitive Principle, so as to be disciplined into the faith. So accordingly, as re-

port was made by these Persons of what they had seen in this New Paradisical Country, the strength and power of Faith and Love did so manifestly appear, and give such a witness in those that were in this Ark, that they did attract many from all parts.

The Roll

[AR 10b] And when the Appointed Number was fulfilled, the beloved Great Apostle spread out the Wings of the Ark, in which were fixed the piercing Eyes, that did see the way by which they were to move till they came to this Goodly Land; who then delivered up his charge to the Princess and Governess of this Land. Who received all out here with an amiable reception, telling them this climate was of a transmuting property, which would put another kind of body upon them, that should be of such agility, purity, and clarity, as the old body should in all its infirmities be swallowed up into this.

[AR 10c] Then was there given a Roll, wherein there was written certain rules, which they are to act and be practitioners in, as the Laws of this Kingdom, whereof the Kingly Shepherd Himself did give them a Pattern, and said, "You are to act and work, as Myself have done and acted, as an obedient Son to the Father. What you have seen me do, that you are also to do, as followers of me: *for hitherto the Father worketh, and I work;* and you must be fellow workers with Me, as risen with Me: and so must all your works now be by faith of My operation in you." Then the Roll was read to these that were now landed, as it had been to those that were before admitted to be inhabitants.

The Laws of the High and Holy Calling

That are to be observed by those that are admitted into this Paradisical Land

[AR 11-1] §.These are the [seven] particulars of that holy calling, which all are in this place to profess. "The *First* of these is to learn of me (said JESUS); to be lowly and meek in Spirit, even as I am, being contented with no lesser degree. For this is the first fundamental qualification: for as much as My Lily grows only out of such a ground as is all leavened, and of an even temperature, neither too hot or cold, moist or dry; but found always in contrition and humility: from which exaltation to higher things will certainly arise.

[AR 11-2] "The *Second* degree which you are to take from here is to know how to understand the manual operation of the Hand of Faith, by which the Goodly Tent must be wrought for *Shem* and *Japheth* to dwell together in great and full enlargement. For through the exercise and nimble activity of this hand, all provisions necessary will be brought in for the Bridegroom and Bride to live upon.

[AR 11-3] "A *Third* particular relating to your high calling is to attend and officiate in the Most Holy Inward Court, there to wait, and be at hand to receive evermore fresh command: as also to hear and learn what further is requisite to reach to the highest accomplishment towards nature's most perfect restoration.

[AR 11-4] "The *Fourth* particular, or law, is to come to a putting forth of all the essential properties into activity, according to what you have seen, and been instructed in from the Father and Me; stirring up the Gift that so it may not lie useless in you in any degree. You are not to think it sufficient that you have learned part of My calling; but you are in this place to learn all, even to the full unity, according to the example which I have set you. Therefore come, set your Hand of Faith to work and act, as I your Lord have done; who expects you should come up to those measures I have set before you. I am, and will be to you, the same flowing Source of Life-Quickening Power, if called out, that I was when planted in your likeness.

[AR 11-5a] "§.Behold! I am at hand to do as great and mighty works as you are able to receive. So will I imprint not only the image of purity but of power upon you; that so you may be made full-out partakers of My profession: Which does not only consist in love, meekness, gentleness, patience, wisdom, and soundness of judgment, but also in the faith of the omnipotency. For in My calling it is [not] only requisite to have light and understanding to find out the Mystery of this High Art, but strength and might to work out the same from the Eternal *Magia* Root; from which the Birth of Power proceeds.

[AR 11-5b] "Now before you can herein be proficients and practitioners in all things answerable to your President, you must come to be strong, and find ability to turn about that which moves the Creating Word: by which all lost dominion may be renewed. But what can draw forth that, except it be somewhat that which is equal in might with itself; which will be found out if the will-spirit sinks deep into its own central root; from which the Life Sappy-Power may spring, which will do miracles at will. This was the principal work and business belonging to my calling, which on the Earth I did, and yet do appear again to walk, and to be admired through the raising again of this mighty power, which shall wonderfully work in all of you that have ceased now to live promiscuously in that low temporizing state, which I have called you out of: that so you might be capable of this worthy and honorable vocation; exactly in, and according to the method that I have shown to you: That so not only in the hopes circling about, but coming to the very manual exercises themselves, you may reap, and live upon the benefits which this pure abstracted calling shall and will abundantly bring in, and not only bare grain, that is for and to your own accounts; which the least in your eye must be.

[AR 11-6] *Sixth:* "For *Abel*-like you are to bring the Firstfruits of this high extracted calling, to sacrifice all in a Flaming Oily Perfume unto your Great *Melchizedek.*

[AR 11-7] *Seventh:* "Further you are excited to feed upon no other fruits, but what the Tree of Faith gives forth. I am that Tree which you must feed upon; all other trees are forbidden, which cherish up the life of sensibility. Therefore fix your eye, and center your heart upon that which may nourish up this Birth of Faith, till it reach to its full maturity: then will it come to understand what sovereignty and dominion it is entitled to, as a King and Lord over all."

[AR 12] §.Then queried I with my Lord, *What was meant by those Trees which I had seen all laden with precious stones, and the trunks of them of such fine gold?* To which it was answered me, that those did run parallel with the *New Jerusalem,* representing the Bride of the Lamb that was thus to be adorned. For it was shown me, that these Trees were representative figures of those that were brought in to the Ark, and were landed; whose clothing was to be in such variety of sparkling glory, that from the Golden Sap of Faith should be always fresh and flourishing.

[AR 13] §.Then I queried further of Him that showed me these things, *Whether it were possible for mortals, whose dwelling was in this lower world, to know such a translation as this?* It was replied, "There is no less a thing designed: the Time and Age for this is already come to some, that in the inward figure stand as representatives, who are in Spirit transported into this Mystical Land. But they must be in obscurity, till the Hand of Power shall rend away the Veil, that has been a covering upon this glory; but yet the faith is growing, and when it shall reach to a full Body of Strength, then you shall see the wonders fly from each of these bright lustrous Trees, which shall multiply numerously in the New Paradisical Earth."

[AR 14] §.It was then further said, "To you that are attentive to my sayings, and shall be obedient to my rules, I will put no other burden upon you, but to hold fast the faith, that springs from the Golden Stem of Love; wherein your strength shall be as Anointed Cherubs still to move, your rest to find in me, where no annoyance can ever be. For this is a New Time, in which the New World will appear: Therefore spare not to declare and proclaim it. By this now let all understand, what a wonderful time is at the door."

[AR 15] §.Upon which my Spirit was carried to cry, O Mighty *Alpha* and *Omega,* Arise Thou and, by Thy great power and strength, gather into this Ark such as are to make up the First Resurrection-Body; to whom Thou wilt be the Head, the Crown, the Joy and the Glory. Verily, this is the time in

which Thou wilt send forth thy Messengers that shall sound the Jubilee Horn, and pour out therefrom that rich Anointing Oil to consecrate a Priestly Race, that shall mind no other thing, but to pursue and follow after that which is highly divine. For which there is this Day great Travail: O God, let not the Lordly Birth, which is the King and Heir of Faith, any longer stick: let Thy mighty arm and hand take hold of it, that no more drawings back there may be, but the Son of Joy and Laughter we may see. For surely the Virgin Bride is preparing herself, in expectation that her Kingly Bridegroom will no longer stay, but make speed and come away; that all Redeemed from the Earth may be, that have waited in the Faith this Resurrection-State to see. And in this New World, do thou, O great Shepherd, plant us, as Trees of Righteousness and Glory, circling about thee, who the over-spreading Tree of Life, and splendorous Brightness art, under whose Shadow we shall grow most fruitfully.

[AR 16a] §.Neither pray we alone for these Firstfruits, but that a plenteous New Sowing of thy Spirit may go forth, to bring in the Rest of the Harvest, that lies yet as under death and barrenness. For Thou hast said thy Ark shall not take up its Rest till it hath made its flight to all corners of the Earth. The Trumpet of Thy Love shall send forth such a loud cry throughout all Nations, that constrained they may be, to fly as swift dromedaries, and bring their offerings into Thy Sacred Ark.

[AR 16b] Even so, Blessed JESUS, let all these prophecies be fulfilled, both what has been in past ages given, and has been of late so plentifully renewed, through them whom thou hast chosen for this end, though not worthy to be named, yet known by Name in thy Book of Life, which is sufficient: who shall never cease, or take up in any Rest, until Thou hast made a glorious spotless Church upon the Earth to appear, as a Flying Ark with Banners, whose Eyes as Lamps of Fire may go forth, to gather in the whole Priestly and Heavenly Host, from all Quarters and Parts of the Earth. Even so, with Thy triumphant Church, *Shall we the song of our redemption sing" Glory, glory, glory to the Triune King.*

Even so: *Amen, Amen.*

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