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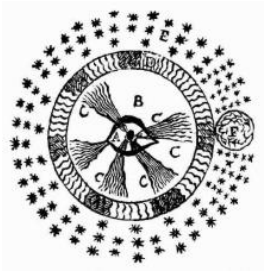
JANE  LEAD

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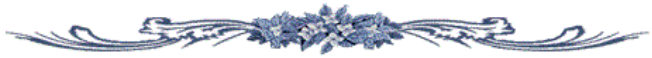

The PREFACE

[1M P:1] §.*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*, is not without the greatest reason prefixed in the front of that heavenly doctrine, which in the greatness of the Majesty of Love, is delivered to us by our Blessed Master from the Mountain of Holiness. Therefore the opposite is most true; and there must certainly be a woe unto those who are *rich* in spirit, because theirs *cannot* be the Kingdom of Heaven. But notwithstanding that a poor spirit is at this day so much ridiculed, and is even proverbially become a reproach among those who call themselves *Christians*, and profess themselves the disciples of *JESUS*, who was so eminently poor in His Spirit above all the sons of *Adam*. Yet the wisdom of God, which runs counter to that of man, and charges his prudence with folly, will have that to be honored which he has dishonored, and will have that to be dishonored which he has most of all honored and prided himself in. For that poverty of spirit, which is the scorn and contempt and off-scouring of the world, will be made the Glory, the Crown, and the Kingdom (in the *Day* when God will bind up His Jewels), to as many as shall have followed the steps of their Master in the regeneration.

[1M P:2] §.We find that at this time the many bodies and societies of the (so nominated) religions, all fall in with the Laodiceans saying, *We are rich.* But the True and Faithful Witness may shortly let them see that they are poor, and will cause their spiritual merchants to cry out, *Alas! Alas! In one hour so great riches are come to naught.* And then shall the poor-spirited *Philadelphians* (that are now a despised handful compared to the rest; who have indeed but a little strength and confess it) be known to be the Children of the Kingdom. For they have stood out the Hour of Temptation, and kept the Living Word of God—not denying His Name, Power and Spirit, nor taking or bearing it in vain.

[1M P:3] §.As the true poverty of spirit is the primary qualification for reading the most Holy Scriptures, so also of this little treatise, now given to the world from the Fountain of Love and Peace; and is the very *foundation* and *cornerstone* of the *New Creation*, upon which the most glorious Temple of God is to be built. Whereas if we go to any of the outward professions, that so much cry out *The Temple of the Lord! The Temple of the Lord!* We shall find them to be of the number of those who esteem themselves increased with spiritual goods, and to have need of nothing. This is the foundation and cornerstone of Babylon, and of the confusion of the sects, which according to the sentence of the Righteous Judge, must be all crumbled and moldered into pieces. Then, out of this chaos a beautiful fabric will arise, fitly joined together, cemented, and compacted by that which every part supplies, to the building up or edifying of itself in The Love. And in order to this the decree is gone forth, the account of which is given in both the ensuing messages, from the Spirit and Word of Prophecy. The Great Angel being now descended with his measuring line, and having received a commission not to leave one stone upon another of any temple which man has built, is measuring out the foundation of the New Temple, upon the gates of which shall be written PHILADELPHIA.

[1M P:4] §.To the raising up this *Temple* of the *Holy Ghost,* all the *Living Stones of Fire,* which have been, and are, separately prepared, are now called together by the harmonious sounds of the *Seven Spirits of God*. Such as have only a name to be alive but are dead, may not hear these sounds to call them: yet as these shall grow louder, it is not despaired but that even the dead, and those that stick most in the lifeless *Sardian* constitution, shall hear their voice, and be brought into this *living glorious structure*.

Yea, O God, let the dead hear your voice: *Amen.* Let the dead hear your voice: *Amen: Hallelujah.* Let them hear your sweet sounds, and come with singing into your Temple: *Amen: Hallelu-JAH.* Let your voice break the Cedars of *Lebanon* and the Oaks of *Bashan.* Let it shake the wilderness, and let everyone in your Temple, hearing it, speak of your glory. *Amen: Hallelu-JAH.* You will give strength unto your people; yea, unto *Philadelphia,* the least amongst the thousands of *Judah,* will you give strength. You will bless your people with peace; yea, even with the peace of *JERUSALEM* will you bless them. *Hallelu-JAH.* The proud you will scatter in the imaginations of their hearts. You will put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalt the humble and the meek: yea, you shall exalt, and establish them, and they shall be established as pillars in your Temple, to go out no more. Hallelu-JAH. Let your right hand do this, O God of Glory: and let your right arm establish these pillars in your house.

[1M P:5] Yea, let the very stones of *Babylon,* and even such as have been pillars in the Temple of *Maozim,* be sanctified and fitted for your service. Let even those that know not that they are wretched, and miserable and poor, be brought to buy from you the *Gold* of *Ophir,* which is seven times tried in the fire, that they may be rich. Let those that know not that they are blind be convinced and made to anoint their eyes with your *eye-salve;* that they may see, and obtain the blessing of the pure in heart. Let those that know not that they are naked, having clothed themselves with their own devised forms, be undeceived, that they may not take that to be the covering of your Spirit which is but a covering of fig leaves; that so they may be persuaded to buy from you the White Raiment, and the Immortal Robe of your Flesh, that the shame of their nakedness may not appear. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your Holy Ones rejoice and sing, having put you on, O Lord JESUS. Yea, let them sing aloud from the isles.

Amen: Hallelu-JAH.

A Message from the Throne of Majesty

[1M 1] §.A voice from out of the Throne of the Majesty on High thus cried, saying, "Unseal the Living Testimony, wherein new and fresh things will be revealed. For in as much as there are holy seekers and loving inquirers, so accordingly my Spirit is at hand, to open seal after seal, till the whole mystery of a total and full Redemption shall be understood."

[1M 2a] §.Now the same voice cried a second time, saying, "You that have an ear, hear what the Spirit says. Cast up and remove all stumbling-blocks out of the way. For the Lord whom you have waited for is drawing near to be revealed in, and after a wonderful manner. Therefore as my Dove-Flock, assemble and wait in the unity of pure love, praying in the Holy Ghost, who may go forth to multiply more universally. So shall my Kingdom spread upon the earth, as plants of righteousness in my own likeness, and so beholding myself in them, my joy shall be filled."

[1M 2b] "I am your *Immanuel,* the Tree of Life, who will feed you with a variety of fruits. And as you are a Fountain of Gardens unto me, so will the golden floods from pure Deity flow, to water you throughout, that in a distinct way you may grow and spring, as the *Lily* and *Rosy Sharon.* In the midst of which I, your Kingly Shepherd, will walk and talk with you familiarly, so as you shall not complain that I am as a stranger to you, and gone away to leave you, as if you were to hear nothing more from me. Know that it is far from me to so desert my Love-Inquirers, and will not leave you to live upon an old and literal stock. For I am that Ancient Present Rock, that will still follow you, to open and give forth the power of all acting wonders, that will gush out plenteously."

[1M 3] §.Then the voice the third time cried, "Blow the trumpet and proclaim the beginning of the Lamb's Reign, who is come to pitch His Throne in virgin minds, into which the honey-dews shall fall, to keep them from all famine and drought. For the Fountain of Life now stands open to refresh and cherish every plant."

The Vision of the Seven Churches

[1M 4] §.For a farther confirmation of this, and in order to gather up prepared souls to Mount *Zion,* by the sound of the trumpet which now blows forth from there, and to knit them in the pure unity of the Virgin *Philadelphian* Church, that they may be presented as One Holy Bride, without the least spot or deformity, by the beloved Bridegroom to His Father: I had a representation shown me of the Several Gathered Churches belonging to *Protestantism,* that came every one in their order before the Head-Shepherd, who was sitting upon the Throne of Judgment; which alluded to *Jesse's* Seven Sons that were called to pass before the Prophet.

[1M 5a] §.First came the eldest, which was the Prelatical Function, with their National Church and disciplined members, who would be owned as the Lord's Anointed. But they were refused and shut out.

[1M 5b] The second were of a more refined order, nominated by the name of the *Presbytery*. These also were excluded as the former. They could not enter, nor have their mission sealed.

[1M 5c] Thirdly, came up a sort that assumed the Apostolical Dispensation, in a separated way in the use of ordinances more purely, called *Independents,* or the Congregational Churches. These were also excepted against, and diminished.

[1M 5d] Then in the fourth place another sort, that imitated the former; but such a flock as came up all washed, and linked in the faith of water-baptism, known by the name of *Anabaptists,* presented themselves. These also passed away.

[1M 5e] Then fifthly, a congregated company, named the *Fifth Monarchy Church*. These were in the outward formal part, wholly looking and gazing after the state of Christ's reign and monarchical government upon the earth in a visible manner, not turning into, or eyeing the foregoing reign of the Holy Ghost, as that which constitutes the Heavenly Corporation. But these were also disowned.

[1M 5f] Then sixthly, I saw a body greater than any of these come up with great boldness, as deeming themselves to have arrived to perfection, and so visibly distinguishing themselves from all the rest, and said, *Now surely the Anointed of the Lord is before Him*. But a voice said, *Neither are these they; for the Lord seeth not as man seeth:* No formal temple shall be in the Everlasting Church of Christ. But of the Stem of *David* a Virgin Church, which has known nothing of man, is yet to be born into this earth, as to the manifestation and propagation thereof.

The Virgin Church

[1M 6] §.And it was farther shown me that as *David* was one of the seven, yet least of all set by or accounted of, so it will also be in the matter of the Anointed Church. For the Spirit of *David* (who has derived from *Abraham* the Spirit of Faith, Love, and Meekness, as the type of heart perfection), which though it be of no repute, but lies obscure and hid (yet the Holy One will find out such to be the blossoming root to precede *Solomon's* Day), will bring forth a Blessed Offspring, whose train shall be lifted up to the Throne, where no more types or shadows or forms shall be. For all of this kind shall flee away and die. No corrupt figure can stand with the Lamb upon Mount *Zion*. For to such a celestial degree will the Seventh be anointed, for the Tabernacle-Church, that no other form but God and the Lamb shall be therein seen, or understood.

[1M 7] §.And it was evidently revealed to me that this great mystery is upon the agitation now in this very time. And it was thus cleared to me that as *David* in his minority was elected and anointed in a secret hidden way by the Prophet of the Lord, yet as to the outward possession of the Kingdom, for a considerable time he was not admitted: *Saul* keeping up his reign, and *David* not regarded or the least looked upon in that capacity. But the counsel of the Lord must not be overthrown by man. For the Election upon the Holy Seed shall forever stand, and God will bring it forth as a rising sun, upon which shall be no cloud of the Fall.

The Gathering of the Seventh Church

[1M 8] §.And it was given me to see how this Church would be gathered, which should proceed as Stars in the Right Hand of the Head-Shepherd. And as it was thus typified out by a virgin woman, that brought forth *CHRIST* after the figure of an human body, as the Rock which the Apostolical Church was built upon, so likewise (according to *John's* prophecy) a Virgin Woman is designed of a pure Spirit, and of a bright Sun-like Body, all impregnated with the Holy Ghost. She shall travail to bring forth the First-born that will multiply and propagate into such a Body, as shall be filled with the

Spirit, Power, and Temple-Glory of the Lamb of God. This is the Church that shall be called *The Lord our Righteousness,* because God Himself will tabernacle there, and sign them with the Mark of His own Name, and adorn them with miraculous gifts and powers beyond whatever yet has been, by which all nations shall be brought in, so that the increase of His Priestly Kingdom will be very great. And then shall all these aforementioned churches give up out of them those precious Lively Stones, which have been excluded under the covert of a form. No bonds or imposing powers will there be, no partition walls. All these shall fall flat by *Zion's* Everlasting Trumpets. For among these New-Born Spirits, the Holy Unction must be all in all. And this is the church that was thus defined by the True and Holy One, against which can be no exception.

[1M 9a] §.It may be objected that *True it is, such a glorious Church will be hereafter. But for the present we see no such thing. Therefore we may hold in with those formal ministrations that are now existent among the highest of those degrees.* As to this, receive what the Most Holy One has made known to me: That though this real Mount *Zion* Church, made up of *Philadelphian* Spirits, is not known in visibility, yet at present it may lie hid in the Womb of the Morning Sun. The Virgin-Spirit that to this purpose is overshadowed with the Holy Ghost, is in the wilderness, where for a time she must be in concealment. The last half-time is now upon the expiring.

[1M 9b] O! You who shall be accounted worthy to be called out of *Babylon,* out of that state which is in confusion, darkness and formality (upon whom the Vials of the Lamb will be poured forth), Arise, come forth, and return to *Zion,* being redeemed from the earth, and delivered from this long captivity and bondage under which you have groaned. There will be a shaking and great frustration, even also amongst those that judge themselves nearest come up to the Apostolical Dispensation. Their sun of righteousness will be clouded as in a mist, and they will see their light was too short by many degrees, of what the Virgin Daughter is traveling towards, and which will be brought forth in this present age.

[1M 10] §.Therefore as I received this caution from Him who says, *Behold I come quickly,* the same I do commend to all those who are waiters for this Kingly Birth of Power: That they would not put this day far away, nor limit it to future years, neither be found sticking in any form, though in the most refined appearance. But let such wait every one in their own place and station, wheresoever scattered under the Spirit's ministration, which is able to constitute for a perfect membership, that is suitable to the Head-Shepherd, who will take care suddenly to gather in His True Mount *Zion* Flock.

A Forerunning Sign of its Appearance

[1M 11] §.And one thing more I shall add (as from the Lord), for a sign that this nation's saving birth is near to be revealed. It may be observed that there is a mighty Spirit of Inquiry, crying, *How Long?* And a mighty sense of bondage, darkness, and oppression (both internal and external), under the Prince of Darkness and his agents in this region. Now when the Holy Ones, the Seed of *Abraham,* do groan, travail, and cry (as knowing themselves to be in *Pharaoh's* Land, under hard servitude both in body and mind), this is a certain forerunner and token that the Lamb of God will raise up a Prophet like unto Himself, who shall save and deliver His people. As *Moses* was a type hereof, so this expected birth shall, by the Scepter and Rod of God's power, ransom and recover the captives that are under the tyranny of the *Pharaoh* Prince, which signifies the earthly life that has been the seat of the Man of Sin. These are the glad tidings which the Spirit of *JESUS* brings to you His Scattered Flock, wheresoever dispersed, and howsoever oppressed. And this is from the Holy One, a call out of the Gathered Churches, in order to be gathered up to the Church of Mount *Zion.* Until such time, let everyone be fervent, worshipping in their own temple, till the Breath of the Power calls them together.

The Everlasting Priesthood

[1M 12] §. For this end, the Seven Angels from before the Throne are going forth to all parts of the earth, to and fro, to summon into the Temple of Wisdom all her Children, and all that will come under her discipline. The Everlasting Priesthood is now to be performed by Mount *Zion's* Inhabitants, which has been figured out unto my internal sight in a divine draught. I was made to see in Spirit the Holy Order, beauty and glory thereof, according to the Original Pattern which *Moses* viewed upon the mount with God, as he went up personally. So somewhat that is unknown came down into the secret deep of the mind, and so described first the Holy City, then the magnificent Temple and Altar, with all those Holy Apartments that are required for *Zion's* Priests to officiate in.

[1M 13] §.The whole limit hereof, even to the outmost court and very borders, is to be most holy, according to the Word of the Lord, which thus declared itself afresh, as my ear was opened to hear: *Behold I will do a new thing upon the earth, and when it springs forth, it shall condemn the highest forms and appearances of all visible worships, which now are reckoned sacred.* For God intends to frame a New Church, which He will delight Himself in, and rejoice over.

[1M 14] §.For a deep groan, with a voice, was heard from the Invisible Orb, saying: Oh Father, allow me to put an end to all oblations and sacrifices, which are offered by those who are not of the Most Holy and Anointed Priesthood. To which Word my enlightened part did well agree. For I have been of late much dissatisfied at all low and mixed offerings, which are ministered while yet resident in the body, both of sin and mortality. These, not being worthy of a God so holy as is our God, could not be presented from anyone in such an imperfect state, because of their deficiency as perfect. Upon which consideration, nothing can be more grateful to us, O my Lord, than to have that New and Living Way revealed, through which we may come to know after what manner and pattern your worship now is to be, and also who the worshippers are that be required.

Preparations for the Manifestation of the Virgin Church

[1M 15] §.Now as to this Virgin Church, the Lord showed me how, and after what manner it was to be constituted, with the invalidity of all that which has been in a formal imitation thereof. First in answer to an objection which I made, *How such a pure church could possibly be in such a polluted region?* Which was answered thus, while I was plunged into deep introversion in my spirit: "Call to remembrance (spoke the Holy One) *Abraham* the Faithful to whom I appeared, and consider how that he became the first root of that Visible Church which was peculiar of all the earth unto me. And farther observe: that as the numerous offspring did proceed from that One Seed, so likewise it will be again. God will send out one, and another, that shall be after His own heart, who shall be ordained as the Principal Pillars of this New Assembly. And the mighty Spirit of a *CYRUS* will be absolutely required, first for laying the foundation, and also for supporting it in its progress.

Abraham and Sarah: A Type of the Virgin Church

[1M 16a] §.Now from this it was revealed to me that *Abraham* and *Sarah* were a type of that which should be produced and manifested in the last age of the world, according to all the prophecies that run pointing still to the glory of Mount *Zion,* that has always been expected to be revealed in every age since Christ. Immediately after Christ's ascension it was looked for, and believed in, when the Apostles gathered several branches relating to such a Church in their day. But this was not fixed for substance, because it was corrupted since, and in the confusion of *Babylon,* as it is at this day. But the ruins of it are yet to be raised up, into a perfect Temple-Body, answerable to the Head-Power; which now the Holy Spirit has given the true model, in the figure of him who was the beginning of the *Israelitish* Church, whom God chose and called from out of his own people, and from the land of his nativity, who in the Spirit of Faith obeyed all, and every requiring of God.

[1M 16b] Upon such a Spirit as this, God will found this Virgin-Church, who shall be as the First-Born out of Wisdom's Womb, of which *Sarah* was a type. By faith she conceived him, of whom came the great increase, as to the making up of a visible church, among the genealogy of which CHRIST was born after the flesh, in which human property He was despised. And though He came to His own, yet He was neither received nor owned by them. But now, in and from the Spirit of Faith, there will be brought forth as from the dead, a New Off-spring and Virgin Generation, altogether after the purifying nature of faith, to whom CHRIST will personally appear the second time, a Body being prepared by Him for that purpose.

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[1M 17] §.This I can say I have received from the Lord: that this cannot be until such an Holy Separated Congregation be found, who have absolutely denied and come out of the old birth, and all of that nature's property, into what is of the Spirit of Faith's property, and into Love's nature. Till then, it is but a fruitless expectation to believe the Lord will appear from Heaven before the Church (the

Bride) be found thus ready to receive Him. Now the approaching day is near, in which He is moving His fiery-wheels, for the finishing of that mystery, the foundation of which was first laid in human property. He now reveals this great thing by His Spirit, that so some one or other may, if possible, be the First-born of Wisdom, in a sweet sense, and spiritual emulation. For there must be a Mother of this Virgin Church, that will appear without evil upon the Mount of Holiness, whose increase will be as great as what sprang out of the loins of *Abraham.*

The Sealing of the Mt. Zion Church

[1M 18a] §.That prophecy is yet to be fulfilled and accomplished, which the beloved *John* saw, where the Twelve Tribes were first to be sealed, before the Angels could hurt or destroy the earth. And as it is written, the number out of every tribe was *twelve thousand,* which summed up, makes up the *Hundred and Forty Four Thousand,* who shall stand with the Lamb upon the Mount of *Zion.* Now from this let all be convinced, that as yet there is not to be found such a Church that bears those characters that are expressed for sealing. Therefore it is time to awake out of this dead sleep, and to see where we are in all that fair appearance, in which church-forms and fellowships yet abide.

[1M 18b] The Lord has several times, both by vision and voice, shown me all to be as an empty fruitless vine, much void of the Spirit, and Water, and Blood of Life. And now again has He set before me such *Golden Candlesticks,* as He himself will walk in the midst of. And I have heard this cry, saying, "Where shall I find spirits that will go out of the Land of Pollution, and walk with God perfectly, as did My faithful *Abraham,* who never stuck at anything required of him. Therefore he became great and mighty, because he believed before he possessed. Therefore shall the New Covenant be established, as the First Covenant was with him, for an holy Priestly Convocation, according to the figurative ceremony of things, from the same Spirit of Faith, Truth, and Purity. So where the same Spirit shall spring again, they shall substantially bring their Priestly Offerings into the very Holy of Holies, because the mediation is now doing away."

[1M 19] §.O! the great blessing without all controversy that will be doubled upon them, who shall put to their hands to cut the First Stone out of this Mountain-Rock, for the foundation building of this unblemished Church. This church will be upon a daily increase, till it comes up to Wisdom's Number Seven, who has built her Temple upon so many pillars, and calls aloud for everyone to come and enter. And thrice great will be the blessing of him who is chosen from the womb to raise up this Temple, and to be made such a singular instrument in the hand of his God. A mighty standard will be lifted up, to which the Dove Spirits will flock apace, and shelter themselves under it. The Priestly Trumpets are now going forth, to summon in the Children of the Captivity, under this glorious standard of the Great God and Saviour, which shall be pitched in the Valley of Decision. Many things further in order to this were shown me, and not without great matter of encouragement to any who find their hearts bent toward this.

[1M 20a] §.Then was it made known to me, that where this united Spirit of Faith and Love found a fixed birth in any person, it should go forth with such an eminent Breath of Power, that spirits of like virgin purity should daily be added, preparing for those great degrees of *Zion's* Glory, who still look forward after the utmost Redemption, out of all that sorrow and distress to which the mortal image is liable. For as the divine sense shall clear up in them, to make them see and feel under what heavy oppression they are, being subjected to the *Pharaoh*-Spirit of this world, which will be throwing heavy weights, and imposing servile works upon them: all which must be suffered, and will be so for a while, to provoke and draw out their cries to the Most Holy and Great High-Priest, that so He may be a Saviour of these His Separated Ones after a most miraculous way. For therefore He will yet now again, as in the days of old, show forth His great wonders.

Deliverance through a Mighty Prophet

[1M 20b] His mighty hand must be lifted up on high, to bring them out of *Egypt,* that figured out this servile creation, under which each one of *Abraham's* Seed groans. A Prophet will the Most High yet raise up, who shall deliver His people from all *Babylonish* charms, by mere force of spiritual arms, and release them from the tyranny of that Dark Prince, who visibly reigns all over the world. And how must this be but by the Standard of the Spirit, that in a *Moses*-like figure, will stretch forth the Royal Scepter of an everlasting Throne-Might? For the Seed of *Abraham* must still expect to be under oppression, throughout every age, until the sovereignty of the Holy Ghost come to be annexed to some holy souls, by which they may be enabled to do the wonders of JEHOVAH, in the sight of their exactors and oppressors. For by no other way can the Lamb of God set free His Chosen Flock, whom He has purchased with His Blood, but by raising all the powers of a God, which may go forth in the birth of that which shall shake the Iron-Rod over all nations. Then will the Reign of *CHRIST* have its beginning in Spirit.

The Rise of Moses, Joshua, and Aaron

[1M 20c] For before His own distinct and personal appearance, His Birth of Power will be first brought forth in some chosen vessel or vessels, as *Moses, Joshua,* and *Aaron* were types, anointed to be heads and leaders unto the rest, to bring them into the Promised Land. So likewise the Lord has expressly revealed and shown me, that there shall again be raised up Head-Powers, such as are to be of great eminency and favor with the Trinity, whose dread and fear shall fall upon all nations, because of the mighty acting power of the Holy Ghost which shall rest upon them. They shall make way for the Ransomed Ones to return with joy to Mount *Zion,* where the New and Living Priesthood shall, according to the Covenant and Law of the Spirit of Life, be officiously and effectually performed, after a much different manner than the First. All similitudes are too short to reach the essential top and highest degree, which shall be acted by holy and perfect spirits, within the walls of the New *Jerusalem,* when it comes down upon the earth, and by them be offered up as a most perfect sacrifice in the New Temple.

The Preparation of the Priesthood

[1M 21] §.For it was given me to understand and know in very truth, that such an Holy Order of Priests should be anointed, that was to be what the great High-Priest was in this world: holy, perfect, without guile, wholly born again of a pure Spiritual Nativity without sin, even such as our Lord might not be ashamed to own as His Priestly Brotherhood. He only will have the preeminence of being anointed with a double degree. Yet the Lower Order is to be without sin, that so there may be no exception, but all freedom to ascend up to the Holy Sphere. There God Himself will appear in an Everlasting Tabernacle, to talk, and give forth His mind freely to such as draw near to Him in a Priestly Spirit and Body. For the Spirit which has opened these secrets, declared that it was expedient, and thus upon this account it should be.

The Seventy

[1M 22] §.First, because our Head Prince could not yet descend, for that His Bride, the Church, was not yet ready. Neither is any Temple-Body as yet prepared, that is able to bear the glory of His personality. As God therefore took of the Spirit of *Moses,* and caused it to rest upon Seventy, chosen out to bear the burden with *Moses,* so verily, and in like manner, will the same Spirit of our Lord *JESUS* be given out to qualify and furnish for that high degree of spiritual government. It will be put upon some that yet are in a mortal figure, until another Body be put upon them after a Priestly Order, which will be given when they are called up to enter into the Most Holy Place of Purity. Power also will be given to them, proportionable to that state into which they are called, and to the state of that Virgin and Glorious Church, which they are chosen and redeemed among men to bear up and support in the latter day upon the earth.

[1M 23] §.Secondly: Now because Christ Himself is in the heavens to remain, till such a *Perfect* Church be brought up, that has all those characters and marks that the Hundred Forty and Four Thousand are to have, He will actuate some in an extraordinary manner, by the Ghostly Power, to officiate as if He himself were upon the earth. This is the great design that is now certainly afoot, to bind the ministration of the Spirit. For what else in this unbelieving age will be of force or prevalency, but a power that may work according to omnipotency, which may bear down all that would still keep up the formality of things that are to be laid desolate.

[1M 24] §.All oblations and sacrifices which are weak and imperfect must have their cessation. For pure worshippers, all composed of Life, Power, and Spirit, must now wait upon the Altar for free entrance into the Most Holy Court. For which high and signal endowments we are pressed to wait, that so there may be no going out, till we are richly furnished with every gift to credit our High-Priest with, who has made Himself a debtor to us for it. And as we are His remembrancers, He will stand charged to make full payment to us of these great things.

The Spirit of Burning

[1M 25] §.This only is required on our part: to suffer the Spirit of Burning to do upon us the refining work, fanning us with His Fiery Breath, until all is pure and clean. For this burning and perfuming Oil of the Holy Ghost, searching every part within us, is the true consecration for the Everlasting Priesthood, that so we may come near to the Holy Being, and be acceptable worshippers before His Throne, to mediate for all these adorning powers and gifts. Thus we may demonstrate we are in Election to be the beginning of that Priestly Church, that is coming out of the wilderness like Pillars of Smoke, and Flames of Fire, terrible in Crystalline Purity, by which we may display the Banners of *JEHOVAH,* as the sealing character of the Virgin-Church.

[1M 26] §.Upon all the foregoing enforcing arguments of the Anointing Power, this Word was renewed: "Happy are you. Who is like unto you, before whom a Fiery Law shall go forth, which shall not be after a Mount *Sinai* Inscription that could never abolish Sin. But this contrariwise shall open as a Spirit-flash of lightning; that shall judge and try, burn and consume, every rising motion that has been from the First Birth of the earthly man. Therefore observe and cherish this Burning Spring, into which suffer all and every part to be plunged thoroughly. For this will give witness for itself to be the Triune Baptism."

The Urim and Thummim

[1M 27] §.Then it was further revealed that this Fiery Law would be the fixation of the *Urim* and *Thummim,* which was opened unto me to be a Divine Sight, from a Fire-piercing Eye, that could have a deep inward search into the secret things of the Deity, and could prophesy from a clear ground. Knowing what is couched in the first originality, it brings forth things new and old, according to the counsel and pleasure of the Most High, even according to the Love-driving of this Fiery Law. It is the High Binding Law, that will most naturally and essentially go forth from all *Mount-Zion* inhabitants, and from the pure *Philadelphian* Race of all the redeemed Holy Ones, that are brought out of *Babylon* to stand upon this Virgin Mount.

[1M 28] §.For it was expressed that this Law was before sin entered, and it should again enkindle itself, and obliterate in a known number, what the Law of Sin has defaced of the pure image. And it was also shown that this *Urim* and *Thummim* are only to be appropriated to the Priests of the *Melchizedek* Order, that is, to such whose descent is not to be counted or recorded in the genealogy of that creation which is under the Lapse. But their genealogy is from the Restoration, and the birth which is from the Olive-Root, that is evermore consecrated to put on this Breast-plate, as the signal character of this holy function and heavenly calling, as it was given me to know from the Lord. The properties of which extend to all clearness of sight and soundness of judgment; all which will make for the praise of Him, who shall effect this translation for us, bringing us into the membership of this Most Holy Virgin Church and Priesthood.

[1M 29] §.As I was further considering the refining work, as being the present business to which the Spirit provokes, in order for those greater things to be revealed and entered upon, the Word again thus opened itself: "The LORD, whose hand is lifted up, swears in truth and righteousness, that from *Abraham's* Line, according to the Spirit, there shall arise a Most Holy Priesthood indeed, that must assume the high prerogative of priestly sovereignty, which until now in this principle has never been in manifestation, since the days of the Apostasy. It will begin with the wise and perfect in heart; from such the Scepter of Dominion shall never depart."

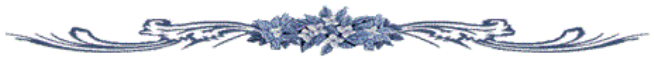
Teman and Mount Paran

[1M 30] §.Much from the Lord at the same time filled my temple to utter forth, as four of us met together to rehearse by way of prophecy, what an approaching time is drawing near. Then this Word more particularly was given to me, That God was coming from *Teman,* and the Holy One from Mount-*Paran,* to revive the work, and to make known where His power has been hiding. For a Fiery Law shall proceed out of His mouth, by which He will try all nations, and divide asunder the Everlasting Mountains, and make them bow before Him.

The Two Pillars of Fire

[1M 31] §.While my Spirit was exercised upon these great things, there came before me Two Pillars of Fire, which at present I only understood to be applicable to ourselves, who were met together, as if signifying that such Pillars, as burning lights, did become the Temple of God, and ought to be there for fixation. But the night following, the Lord opened it further, and showed me that they signified a more public matter. That is, these Two Pillars should be some eminent Spirits, by whom an entrance or pass would be made into the secret and separated Sanctuary. There they were to stand fixed, to give entrance to such-like separated Spirits as themselves, who as flames of fire, might minister in the Holy Courts in their Priestly Power.

[1M 32] §.O by all this I see that the Lord is putting all things in order, that He may have a true Temple-Body, all of light, paved with Fire-Stones of Love. For the support of this House or Body, He will send forth such Pillars that shall be tried as gold, and powerful as the fire, being so made meet for the Master's use, until He himself shall appear in person. I see in Wisdom's Glass, that the divine powers in the heavens are at work very swiftly toward this.



Vision of
The Glassy Globe

[1M 33a] §.As I was still further attentive to hear and see what would be presented beyond the Veil, in relation to the refining work, which is to prepare and make way for the manifestation of this Holy Church, I saw a round glass like a Globe. At first sight it was all full of matter that was like putrefied blood, black and ill-colored. Then I saw the Globe turned with the vent downward, and it was discharged of all that corrupt matter. Then arose a spring that filled it again, as with water, which emptied itself out again. And I beheld within the Globe the figure of a Heart, with an engraving thereupon. And I marveled how it came there, and no sight of any person to put it in. All this was acted without any visible hand. Further, there arose a Golden Liquor in the Globe, and the Heart fluttered up and down in it, and shined as gold.

[1M 33b] This was a wonderful presentation to which my spirit inquired, and I heard a voice sound, "This shows what the Oracle will be, that is filled only with the clear and True Unction. There will be a rising spring with all floating joy. Consider, oh my soul, what Wisdom may open for a further instruction. For deep is the Globe of Wonders." Which was shown me to be the signification of the Oracle, in which the New Heart shall be conceived, upon which God engraves His own Name, which flows from the foundation of Wisdom, and spring of all knowledge and deep understanding.

A Revelation upon the Vision of the Glassy Globe

[1M 34a] §.Now it was testified and thus opened unto me, that some were Elected to be Fixed Oracles, who are to be clarified for this purpose with pure water from the Glassy Sea. Its operation should be all forcible, to work out the impure matter of the bloody issue, which is the spring of sin, that can only be fully cleansed with this Water-Baptism, from the rising scum of putrefied nature. Which once was as a clear glass in the first formation, as it came out of the hand of the Great Creator, but is now so mudded with strange mixtures, that all crystalline beauty of the Globe of Nature is turned into such a swarthy blackness and dimness, that nothing is left clear for spiritual seeing.

[1M 34b] Therefore what has Infinite Grace sought out for help and redress, for such as are known by Name, to bear that high and living fame, as the oracles of which, the Ever-Springing Testimony shall daily renew. Therefore they are to be guarded and secured, with the outspreading wings of the Anointed Cherubims, that may now keep off the mortal dust, which is stirred and raised by the armed enemies, that ride prancing on, to cast up earthly soil after those washings, which will greatly endanger that which the holy separating Water of Life enters in to clarify, that so nature may come to be refined, and made all crystalline, for God's own Heart to move in.

The Baptisms of John and Jesus

[1M 35] §.But the Holy Ghost has cautioned us, that as we would be partakers of this high ministry, as not only to speak, but to be in truth the very Oracles of God. We are given to understand that

no unclean and polluted essences must rest with us; for the Spirit lets us know that no mixed matter can here agree. For Christ in Spirit is demonstrated for this very end, so to infuse Himself as the True Anointing, that He might inwardly cleanse from these gross pollutions of sin, through sending in pure waters from the dropping Element, which is the true foregoing Baptism that was figured out in *John* the *Baptist*. As that water was visible and exterior, so this is invisible, and internally effectual for salvation. Here the Name *JESUS* becomes all-saving, because as water is poured into a vessel to rinse and cleanse it, so the Spirit of Christ is poured in, as perfuming Water for life renewing, that nothing of the old scent might be felt, to send forth an evil savor. This is so to be done, as not to be liable to defilement, after that we are baptized with this Water of Life. Then no more dead and putrefied flesh is to remain. This is the wonder of all wonders, by which God will yet magnify His Anointed One, by whom all things are to be restored.

[1M 36a] §.But an objection comes to be answered: *This is such a washing that is only* figurative, *but not yet in any actually accomplished, for such a durable clarity, as to know nothing more of the rising scum that makes the spirit of the soul dim and dark, which the Glassy Globe presents the first created being in, but now all thickened with gross earthly matter. And how this can be clearly discharged, and washed out, so as no more to be infected again? This altogether is incredible. For no such person yet, but the Lord* Christ, *has ever been known, or recorded. Therefore even the Spirit would never put any upon such impossibilities, to strive and labor for that which in this lifetime can never be reached.*

[1M 36b] *Answer*. The Holy Word of Truth now replies and cries, *Stop!* Oh stop, you, whose voice I well know to be from a birth that is of a low sin-rooted being, and so willing still to be. You are thus far convinced that only your branches that bear evil fruit are to be cropped off, but the root of the matter may be still allowed. But the Pure and Just One declares against this doctrine. He will wink no longer at imperfect spirits, that rest in the midst of druggy senses, as in an easy bed, out of which they would not be disturbed, but would be contented with what is too short and narrow a covert. For nothing of naked *Adam* may anymore appear to God's pure Eye. For now, as in the Clear Day, the Spirit shows me that this indulgence to the imperfect thing has in all these latter done great wrong, and has been a hindrance to the coming down of the Lordly dominion. The old earth would have been renewed before this, had not this dispensation gained upon the whole creation. But this false covering is rolling away, and it is given some to believe that Sin shall be found no more, when the First and Second Baptism shall meet together in the *Glassy Globe*, which will renew old nature, and will clarify it to be the Glass of Wonder.

[1M 37] §.But it may be said, *True it is, that there are such prophecies that relate to a New Creation, and the passing away of the Old: But the time when this Mystery will begin to work we cannot foresee.* It is answered, That this is the very Acceptable Day, and the true sign is already given, the immediate forerunner is already come to baptize with the Water of Life, that we may now expect the Baptizing Fire of the Holy Ghost to be no more *transient*, as in the Apostolical time, but as a *Fixed* Power, that may no more depart, till it has swallowed up Sin and Death in victory.

[1M 38] §.Thus will the Globe of Nature be cleansed with the fountain-streams from the Eternal Element. Then it will be purged with everlasting burnings, that the face of all things may be renewed in Nature's Globe, as was seen in the Vision: a pure Heart floating up and down in its own Golden Oil, that issues forth continually from itself, as the procession of the Holy Ghost. If this was not the very time for the accomplishment, what meaneth the cry of *Elias* in Spirit, to come to his baptism in way of preparation for it? Of a truth I must bear witness, it has been an incessant cry in the wilderness of nature of late years, and hereby I am so convinced of the necessity, that now I would gladly suffer myself to be plunged, and buried with my Lord in this Baptism, which is the true sinking into

Death, by which the way of the Kingdom is prepared. God in nature will come down, and appear manifestly, as absolute King, Priest, and Prophet, to govern and rule this arbitrarily by His Saints, in great power and majesty, having no other rule or law but the engraving of God in the cleansed Globe of Eternal Nature, so quickened and raised to its ancient degree and matter.

[1M 39] §.Thus it is given me in the Spirit's Eye, to see that all nations, kingdoms, and languages, that shall remain in the old nature and broken state of what is found in mortality, shall be converted and brought in. So many as are numbered in God's Book shall bow to this New Creation-Government, and shall come to the pool of the holy baptizing of the Water of Life, and so agree to wash, and be thereby prepared for the all-pleasant Burning Spirit.

[1M 40] §.It was further verified that only those who are come to this perfect degree shall receive the Opening Key, for an absolute dominion over those parts of the world, that in the might and greatness of an Astral Spirit, have ruled as potent and strong. But the Divine Magus that God will raise, shall far out-do all rational craft and subtlety, so that all must be tributaries and servants to the Anointed of the Most High. This is the Crown that will be the certain reward to those who fully arrive to these baptisms.

How to Discern the True Spirit

[1M 41a] §.An additional opening came upon an objection in myself, that was raised upon the clear Oracle Dispensation, which was this: *How we should possibly come to distinguish the true sound of the Holy Ghost passing through us, without being adulterated by contrary spirits, that dash in before the Globe of Nature comes to be all fully refined, and the muddy issue stopped?* This has been the ground that has made such deviation and erring from truth. For the method and manner of God's revealing His mind is not now so much by those local voices, as it was before the anointing of the Holy Spirit was given. For before Christ's sending down the Holy Ghost, the Patriarchs and Prophets had God's Mind delivered unto them by an express voice, and plainness of speech, which was well understood and known by them to be the express Word of the Lord. And though in those ages there were false and mixed things, that entered into some who also revealed true prophecies from God, yet by the event of things it showed, and there God's witness was against them. But the very Holy Men of God, who were truly inspired from His Mouth, were evermore attended with a signal power, by which they knew it to be of the Lord. As much might be called up from what is recorded in Scripture to justify this truth.

[1M 41b] But to answer this grand objection, *How it may be cleared? What is of the Spirit's true dictate from that which is otherwise? For it must be granted that it is rare to find that anyone has arrived to that clarity, that nothing of soil is cast up in the mind, to discolor the Golden Spring of Divine Revelation that runs distinctly. Answer:* It is discernible by the Spirit of Sound Judgment; that decides and determines all matters according to the Laws of Christ's Invincible Kingdom, which differs and thwarts all of this visible and exterior, judging that kingdom down. For such a superior wise and understanding Spirit still survives in some who are Elected unto this, as in *Moses, Samuel,* and *Solomon,* and so all along according to the Gift of God, that runs from age to age, rising yet more high and eminent. The Most High takes pleasure to dignify those who are of the right line of *Abraham's* Seed, to whom the Promise belongs: that there shall never cease to be a Prince upon the Throne, to judge in truth and in righteousness, as God's impartial witness in the soul. Of this *Moses* and the *Seventy Elders* were a type, upon whom God's Spirit of Wisdom rested, for determining causes that the people from day to day brought before them. So truly it is now applied more internally, to those innumerable generating essences, that within the circumference of the mind still rise as matter of controversy, to be decided by the True Judge and Law-giver: who in no wise will be corrupted or biased, but will make all to bow, according to the Light and Eternal Word of Truth.

[1M 41c] Oh the strange insurrections of thoughts, as so many princes, that would put in to bear part of the Priesthood and Prophetical Function, rushing in as *Korah, Dathan,* and *Abiram,* that rose up with all their trains, saying, *Are we not meet to judge equal with the Spirit? Why take so much upon you? Are not we spiritual? Why may not our verdict be heard in the Court of the Lord's Tabernacle?* This is the language that may be understood in, and among the confused thoughts, that would exalt themselves against the one only Anointed of the Lord in us, who has the preeminence to draw near to hear, and to receive from the Most Holy, in a distinct separated way, from all the common thoughts

that rise from the sensitive ground, that are under all mixed confusion. These are the intruding spirits, that are to be brought to trial, and hereby it will be made to appear, as in the case between *Moses* and those murmuring princes, the decision was given. God owned and took part with His own meek Spirit in *Moses,* and gave power to send them down alive into the Deep. And thus it will be carried on internally. The Lord will raise and magnify His own true Prophet within us, that shall have a peculiar access to Him in the Holy Priesthood, and go apart from the whole congregation of thoughts, which are denominated for the mixed multitude. Upon which, bounds are to be set that they not break in where God calls His Holy Anointed One up to commune about the secret things, that are yet further to be revealed, in order to the settling of the Priestly Kingdom in the peaceable Reign of Christ.

Solomon's Reign

[1M 42] §.For indeed there is all need for this wise *Solomon* to sit upon the Throne, to judge the many causes that will arise and still come before Him for determination, till such time that all strife and commotion from the Astral Spirit shall cease, and there shall be no more such evil occurring. To this effect the Spirit's reign will bring all into. And every thought that contrarily stirs, and yields not up to these princely spirits, that in love and meekness, with truth and righteousness, govern all things in the reign of the soul, is to be reduced to this pure and spiritual stillness, for a quiet habitation, in which the Trinity may agree to dwell, meeting with it in most excellent harmony, that answers to the eternal unity of their own divine being.

[1M 43] §.This is that *Lebanon* glory in all its high degrees, which the Spirit of *Jesus* is driving into, from the cursed murmuring spirits, that would still be mixing with the Lord's Anointed Prophet within us. Therefore authority is to be taken in *Jehovah's* Name, to exclude and throw out what will not be suited to the Priestly Government. For only with that *Mosaical* Spirit, will God be free to tell His mind and commit His secrets. All other springing essences, that fly upward from the imaginary part, must be searched, tried, and judged in the Superior Court, by that Unction of God, that is abstracted from all stirring strange essences, that would readily give in their votes, to corrupt the pure rising spring of God's counsel; Which had need to be strongly guarded, for attempts to thrust in may easily be discerned. But the cry that I hear pass through me is to keep the Oracle clear, that the Heart of God may always live and move there. And for this cause, *Joshua* arises after *Moses*, to bring us forward and on, till we come to possess the choice and rich things that are reserved to this day in the *New Jerusalem* Land, where our lot stands, and will be divided to each one, according to their Spiritual Nativity.

The Express Speaking

[1M 44a] §.But it may be further opposed, that *This does not take away all matter of objection. For we are in doubt still, whether there may be found any now, since the Apostles days, through whom God speaks expressly, and does declare without adding or diminishing?* I answer according to what is given me to know in the Deep Abyss, into which my spirit has been plunged, by a strong driving power, that has brought me to an experience of renewed revelations, and that they are from the true and original ground of truth. And though I cannot father belief upon others, that the unmixed Oil of the Spirit is infused into a still mind, yet where this Unction abides, it may well be known and distinguished by the possessors of it, though not so clearly to others, but to themselves, who live in the light, sight, feeling, hearing, and tasting the pleasant powers that the Holy Spirit of *Jesus* brings in.

[1M 44b] And I must in a spirit of sobriety and humble owning of this gift of the Word of Life, opening and renewing its witness again, as in the Apostolical times: which bubbling spring, as from a clear and unmixed fountain, I have often experienced the flowing forth, and by several effects have known that it does come from the True Royal Priest and Prophet that is risen up in me. He has set up

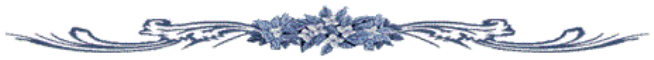
His Seat of Judgment, and bears now a presence of majesty and power, to silence all flesh, and to vanquish from His Throne all those false and treacherous spirits, that would have thrust in for the Priesthood, to have profaned it, through those mixed thoughts that throng in so aptly. But now through the long continued exercises of the spiritual senses, they know perfectly what is from the True Engrafted Word. Which Word speaks distinctly from those common puttings forth of the rational root that so generally spring, and would readily mix with the sharp, quick, and powerful Word of Wisdom. But this being grown up as an engrafted Word, knows its own True Root, and there abiding as the Lord has said, we may expect the fruitfulness thereof; as branches of righteousness, springing from the Tree of Life that is in the midst of the Paradise of God; by which we shall be distinguished from all those that grow from any other root.

[1M 45] §.Thus will the Unction of the True Anointed Church, which was shown me in *David*, be discerned from that which is false, low, and counterfeit. It shall go forth in His Spirit, generating and multiplying itself continually, till all the ancient prophesies relating to it be fulfilled, and the Covenant that was established with *David*, and with his Spiritual Seed be fully performed. For from the root and line of *Jesse* shall the Virgin-Branch spring up, and spread forth itself to an innumerable increase, upon which the Holy Ointment shall most plentifully flow.

[1M 46] §.Now at another time, a cry from the heavens sounded in my ears to this effect: "O you that are travailing to bring forth the Omnipotent Birth, which has for so long a time stayed in the place of breaking forth: yet rejoice that you shall see the King of Nations, that shall be born in the almightiness of a Godhead supremacy. For it is true what you have said and often complained, that no dispatch can be made of the great work; which can only be accomplished as Wisdom's First-Born shall come forth upon the Earth, appearing no more as an infant, but now coming forth in full grown stature, that both a King and a Nation may be born as in one day. Now then, lift up your head."

[1M 47a] §.Nay, the Great *ELOHIM* further says, "The Everlasting Womb shall open, that from here may issue forth powers indeed, that may be expressed by acts and deeds, which must far exceed all others though born in regeneration. It is a co-deified matter that will suffer no mingling with earthly elements. O, how strange and amazing will this Lordly Birth be! Who will live to see it?" This provoked the Virgin Spirit in me to send forth groans and cries yet more ardently. For that must be the way, as it is shown to me, that must unlock this long shut-up womb; that so the mere and pure acting Ghost may appear, and go forth to do greater works than in the Day of Pentecost.

[1M 47b] "For I do tell you, who am thus in pure Virgin Nature to be born again, that hereby will be produced a present Redemption. It will dilate itself so generously, to myriads of Angelical Births, which shall be manifested in the earth, that so of this sort Saviors upon the Earth may stand, and as Priestly Kings rule and govern over the *Babylonish* Land, and also turn the long captivity of the Tribe of *Judah.* This you may do, as you may and can abide in Me, from where all your powers must proceed. Up therefore, and quicken your pace. Do you not see the morning of this Day begins to clear? Therefore blow the trumpet, and charge all true *Zion* Spirits, that love and long for my appearance, that they watch with One Heart, in pure unity and accord, and in *Jerusalem*, the City within, wait for the Birth of this Mighty King."



How this Virgin Church Shall be Known

[1M 48a] §.Now it was further queried in me, *Since the several societies and assemblies, linked together at this day in separated bodies, have been all rejected and excepted against by Christ, what will be the signs, tokens, and characters by which this Pure Virgin Church shall certainly be known and distinguished from all others?*

[1M 48b] The first and main sign and character must be, that as this is to be a pure and spotless Church, so must it be brought forth from the Virgin Womb of Eternal Wisdom, and so grow to all the degrees of perfection, under a strict law and discipline, which extends itself so far as to abolish the Law of Sin.

[1M 48c] Another sign is that, as it is conceived by the Holy Ghost, it will grow up to such a manifestation, as is to give absolute power according to the resurrection life of Christ. For this Church must be agreeable to Himself, perfected in the beauty and strength of holiness. He will not own any that shall be found in any disparity to Him. Therefore her adorning must be with purity, power, and Spiritual Gifts, to do and act those worthy things which He did and acted upon the Earth, as representing the New *Jerusalem* State. For spirits that are thus purely begotten, and born of God, can ascend to the *Jerusalem* above, where their Head in His great power and majesty reigns, and thereby receive such *mission,* to empower these to bring down its glory upon this Earth; having such an oneness with God and Christ, that will open through the Tri-Unity the wonders of time, that will be acted forth by certain high and Principal Instruments, dignified unto this, and make out that their Redemption is perfectly completed.

The Bridal Church

[1M 48d] For such invincible powers will go forth, that shall draw to them the Scattered Flocks out of all nations and languages and kindreds, and gather them into one fold. Their worship shall consist in nothing but in pure Light, Life, and Spirit, without any degree of mixture: all outward formalities must fly away when God shall thus come to pitch His Tabernacle in man. And the Ark of His Testimony will so open itself, that *Dagon* must fall before it. Nothing but the pure fire and air from the Holy Ghost shall be the organs through which God will speak forth His mind, whereby all shall be taught of God, as being only filled with God. His Word speaking through them, will beget a New and Heavenly Generation, that will multiply itself over the face of the whole earth, and make the old to vanish and sink away. This is the Bridal Church that Christ will make ready for His appearance. And until this be accomplished and effected, He cannot come down in His visible and personal glory, for the solemnizing of this Eternal Marriage, which will be the joy and praise not only of the Earth, but also of the heavens. They shall both be united as into one; and the Militant Church and the Triumphant will be no longer two.

[1M 49] §.In order to this the Angel-Messengers are gone forth to proclaim that this Day is dawning upon the world, and that the Virgin Wisdom has her representatives upon the Earth, that travail in the greatness of the Godhead strength, for bringing forth these mighty births. These shall rule and subdue all nations under them, that so the kingdoms of this world may become one all-pure and powerful Kingdom, in which Christ, with His Bride, shall rule and reign in the Father's glory and might.

[1M 50] §.After this there was heard from Heaven the sounds of a joyful acclamation, pronouncing endless joys, powers, glory and blessing, to such as should be counted worthy to be the Firstfruits of this New *Jerusalem* Bride. Now what have we more to say, but that the Bride and Spirit in us acquiesce to this gracious invitation and call:

Even so, COME LORD JESUS.

END OF 1ST MESSAGE

The Second Message

to the

Philadelphian Society

A

Further Manifestation

Concerning this Virgin

Philadelphian Church:

Given upon *New-Year's-Day* in
this Present Year

1696

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A Touchstone to the
Gathered Churches.

A New Race of Life

January 1, 1696

[2M 1] §.Upon the turn of the year I was waiting and praying, having such a prayer given me that was very marvelous, which the Virgin ordered her Angel to write down as a memorial; which the Great High-Priest presented with burning incense to the Supreme Majesty, giving assurance that it should be answered according to all that was prayed for—not only upon my own account—but upon as many as I had made request for. And in particular, praying that the same spring of supplication and prayer might open in you, and that all the prophecies and promises running upon the *Melchizedek* Line might have their accomplishment: It was answered, so it should be. For as the Father had given you to Him, that you might be one with Him, as He was with the Father, so should the same Spirit rest upon you, to bring you forth conquerors, through all vicissitudes and changes that should happen in time, and that this present year should be the beginning of a New Race of Life, therefore are you so excited to run as to win the prize that has been waited for.

The Two-Leaved Gate

[2M 2a] §.Then Virgin Wisdom said unto her representative, "There is a path that you have not yet perceived, nor any vulture's eye discerned, which I will bring you into." So taking me by the hand, she led me into it, upon which I requested that some of my spiritual offspring might also be taken to walk with her representative. Then having a Golden Key, she opened a Two-Leaved Gate, looking like a transparent amber; which being unlocked, it appeared to be a path all of Golden Oil. Then said she, "Put off your shoes, for this is holy ground. None that tread the common way of this worldly principle can set their foot here. But unto you it shall be given thus to dip your feet in Oil, where fatness and all flourishing life shall spring in you." It was then shown me that on each side of this walk were rows of Olive-Trees, and to every tree was an Angel to guard the way, having all Flaming Swords in their hands, and the olives continually dropped the same Golden Oil.

Virgin Wisdom's Offspring

[2M 2b] So we were led on till we came to a Mighty Mountain, which was said to be the top-glory of all mountains, and its consistency or matter appeared to be of the same glorious oily substance. Upon this Mountain appeared the glorified person of the Lord, and with Him stood a Virgin Woman Clothed with the Sun, having the Twelve Stars on her head, according to the description in the *Revelations*, whom He held in His hand as His Bride. And a voice was heard to be uttered, "This is my Spouse." Then I beheld a multitude of Stones of Fire to be generated from them, which as they came forth, were all changed into angelical figures, like to the Lord Himself. The majesty of the Father did at the same time, as in a wonderful Globe of Glory, overshadow the Bridegroom and His Bride. Then a voice said, "Thus shall the *Paradisical* Earth be replenished with Virgin Wisdom's Angelical Offspring, which shall be called the Church of the Firstborn, and be named *JEHOVAH SHAMMAH*, The Lord of Righteousness is their Clothing."

The Mountain of the Lord's House

[2M 2c] After this Wisdom said to her representative and her followers, "You must pass into this Mountain, and come forth tinctured with the glance of this deified Mountain; so shall you become capable of the same glorification with these." Then Wisdom's representative, with one known by the name of *Cyrus*, that was highly favored, and given to be as a Chief Pillar of support to this New Modeled Virgin Church (that has been so long prophesied of), passed into the Mount with the rest, and came out tinged according to the quality and property of it, as new generated angelical figures. Wisdom then said to her representative, "Now you have seen the Virgin Church that is not only glorious within but also without, being clear as the Sun, fair as the Moon, and terrible as an Army with banners. This is the Mountain of the Lord's House, which shall be established for glory and magnificence over the whole Earth." At the conclusion of which a mighty shout was heard in the heavens, and the Angels sounded their Trumpets, rejoicing that the Marriage of the Lamb was come; and the Bride was glorified with the self-same glory as Himself.

[2M 3] §.And it was said to me, "Seal not this vision; for the time is near approaching for its fulfillment. But stand in the working properties of the divine agent, the Holy Ghost, with all your fellow-waiters that are looking for this blessed hour and glorious appearance of this Nuptial Day. He shall not fail to complete you according to this prophesy, and to effect all that has been foreshown.

A Perfect Virgin Church

January 6, 1696

[2M 4] §.Upon the opening of this vision I found many debates in my mind, querying in myself how and when such a perfect Virgin Church should be consummated in the Earth. And so directing my prayer to the Father, to have some resolve in this matter, I found the Spirit of Wisdom in my inward parts to open her Oracle, and reveal her counsel in this deep and weighty concern. She bid me to be free to spread before her my doubts concerning the glories which I had seen upon this Mountain, it being such a strange and wonderful consistence as I had never before beheld, into which corporeal figures were to enter in, and come forth transmuted and clarified into the same substance. Then was it cast up in my mind how little appearance there was of such a state at this time. And liberty of speech being granted me, I queried with my Lord how frequently sin had reigned, from the beginning of the creation even unto this time, and that though the promise of Redemption was given immediately after the Fall, yet sin had dominion from the First Adam unto the Second, though there were holy men, patriarchs and prophets, who were raised up before His time, who had a prospect of all the good things of this thorough Redemption in Christ.

[2M 5] §.Then did I plead that when He came, and was manifested in flesh, it might be expected that there should have then been a perfect renovation and restoration, such as had been so long prophesied of, but that it was yet delayed and failed. And it troubled me exceedingly, as a most marvelous thing, that after all these prophesies and promises and long expectations, He should be rejected even by that Church and people which God had most peculiarly chosen and set apart for Himself, and even by those who were the strictest, and most religious.

The 144,000

[2M 6] §.All this with much more I did propose to the Father of my spirit, and to the Eternal Virgin Mother. Upon which it was answered me, that it was of great acceptation that I had made search into this matter, which few or none had deeply considered of, and which was needful to be understood; For in it lay a great mystery, which was to be opened in its season and time. Then was it further said that God did well know that so many Ages and Generations were thus to pass away, before the Perfect Redemption should be finished, as to the universality. Yet it was given me to understand that Christ in all ages was still gathering to Himself some who were perfected, as the foundation and beginning of this Blessed Church; whom He took care of both before and after death for their completion, to be joined to Him. Then was I bid not to sorrow as without hope, but that there would be even in this present time a New Springing Generation, that should be as the Firstborn from the Dead, and carry the marks of Christ’s resurrection, being redeemed from the Earth and from mortality, into the number of the Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand; For so it was prophesied in me by the prophetical Spirit of JESUS.

The Day of the Holy Ghost

[2M 7] §.Still I queried, "Lord how shall this be, since I see all, with myself, lie in weak and impotent mortality?" Then it was answered me, "Do you not yet understand what the Omnipotent Creating

Power can do, to bring forth a New World as in One Day?" And this One Day was revealed to allude to the Day of Christ's Resurrection, being the Third, or Last Day, or Day of the Spirit, according to that, *I will raise them up in the Last Day*. That is, in this Day of the Holy Ghost, in which greater deeds and acts and wonders must be done, than have ever been since the foundation of the world; Christ's person in the flesh being not able to effect that which it is now able to do in the Spirit, by the joint power of Wisdom and the Eternal Father, that must move a new mystery.

Kings, Priests, and Prophets

[2M 8a] §.Then did Wisdom show me numerous Molds of a Golden Earth, out of which came forth some of all degrees and sizes, who stood up as a Mighty Army. And then pointing to me, she said, "Do you not see what a sudden resurrection of a New-Born Church here will be?" Upon which the Kingly Shepherd suddenly appeared in the midst of this New Flock, spreading out Himself as a mighty sun of glory upon them, making them all to shine in His brightness, pronouncing, "These are the Flocks that I will make my Companions; for I have glorified them with the glory with which the Father has glorified me." And so He cast a Circle as of Fire round about them for their defense, by which they became as a city compacted within themselves: Christ the Head walking in the midst of them. And were all made Kings, Priests, and Prophets therein to reign with Him, who had now endued them with all miraculous and Apostolical Gifts.

[2M 8b] Then He told them that having thus established and installed them, it was expedient that He should for a time withdraw up into the Upper Fold, but that He would have His deputies and representatives that should be more principally spirited and empowered, for the increase and propagation of this Church, and the bringing them from the four corners of the Earth, as the Principal Witnesses to proclaim this New Modelized and Immortal Church. And so He blessed them: that they might go forth to increase and multiply upon the face of the whole Earth, and fly as lightning, and a divine leaven to tinge, spice, and transform others after the same likeness.

Seven Principal Pastors

[2M 9a] §.Upon this Seven Principal Pastors, or Witnesses, were chosen out by Him, to whom He gave this authority and command, to sound forth their Trumpets over all the Earth, and publish the Everlasting Gospel, proclaiming the Acceptable Time and Year for all to be brought in, being that which was to reach not only to the living, but also to the dead, that were to be born again. Their message was peace, love, and good will to all who will come into this New Born Church. After which, was shown me, that though many did attempt, yet none could pass the Fiery Circle and enter in, but such for whom it was broken by these Chief Shepherds. These were to be all moldered and crumbled into pieces, that they might be cast into, and come forth from those Golden Molds, in the Resurrection State.

The First Resurrection

[2M 9b] At the same time as I was viewing these Seven Angel Messengers sent forth, many did furiously resist, and make war against this city, but were repelled by the strength of the said Circle. But these Trumpeting Angels did gather in many, and bring them into the Circle, whom I did accordingly see cast into these molds, and come forth figured in to the express life and nature of Christ; that as He was, so they might be in this present principle. This was said to be the First Resurrection which breaks the bonds of sorrow, Hell and Death.

[2M 10a] §.Then it was moved in me to make query to the Virgin Wisdom, who had opened in me all this great Mystery of the Church, *Whether it were necessary for this Body to be gathered personally into one place, for cohabitation together?* And it was answered me, That for as many as could

conveniently be so embodied together, this would be greatly advantageous, as to freedom of fellowship, and personal conversation, while remaining as the present case stood, until that corporeity had fully put on incorporeity, and this Church, now in its infancy, had grown up to an higher structure. For then faith will be so strong and omnipotent, as to translate from the low elementary life, into the supercelestial element.

The Immortal Robe

[2M 10b] And as Christ put on His body of transfiguration, so there should be ability to do the same as occasion should require, that admittance may be had into the familiarity of the Supreme Head and His Upper Fold, when a bright shining raiment must be put on, which may be called the Immortal Robe. For till such a time as this Earth shall be changed into a Paradisical nature and property, the course of things must run after the manner of corporeity, both as to feeding and clothing.

[2M 10c] Then was it further given me to understand, that though we cannot be at the beginning in one family or place, yet we are to be of one principle, one light, one love, and one faith, and one in all the excellent qualifications of wisdom, humility, meekness, fortitude, righteousness, temperance, and other Fruits of the Spirit, which are the Golden Chain by which we are linked together, there being nothing to be out of the unity and harmony of this Blessed Church.

Provision for the Outward Man

[2M 11a] §.Furthermore it was noted to me what was required of this congregated society, as to their calling and employ, wherein they were chiefly to be exercised all spiritually, though the present necessity of things requires an allowance may be made for external and outward callings, which may be followed until such time that the Heir of Faith in each one may be grown up, to whom belongs the inheritance from a supernatural store. Therefore this caution by Wisdom is given: that none rest and stick in the low rational way of making provision for the outward man, as if nothing more were to be expected than what the rational spirit can provide for. And the resting herein (as if there were not an higher way of living), has not only among the worldlings, but even among the illuminated themselves, been the main stop and hindrance, and prevented the blessing from the Everlasting Mountains, which would otherwise have come down upon them.

[2M 11b] For further confirmation of this, there were some Scriptures brought to my mind: as that prophetical passage in Psalm 45:12, *The Daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift, even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor*: Also in the Prophet Isaiah 60:9, *Surely the Ships of Tarshish shall wait to bring thy sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God*. It is there also promised, that the sons of strangers would build up the walls of *Zion*, bringing their forces and riches to her, and that their kings should minister unto her. That promise was likewise brought to my remembrance, *Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vine-dressers: But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in this glory shall ye boast yourselves.* Isa. 61:4-5.

Corporeal Begetting

[2M 11c] Now it was shown to me that these prophesies appertain to the New Modeled Church, and will have their fulfilling according as it shall grow up from the state of childhood to that of perfect manhood. And in this way will be the beginning of it: the Father should depute His representative and the Eternal Virgin also hers, to stand in the latter day upon the Earth, for the bringing forth a Virgin Offspring in corporeal figures, that should multiply and increase to a numberless number. The propagation of such shall be conceived after another, and more holy manner than what the ordinary

way of generation has been, which is in sinful lust; who may be as *Jeremiah* and *John Baptist* sanctified from the very womb: who as they grow up may be capable of an *Enoch's* translation.

Spiritual Begetting

[2M 12] §.Then secondly, there is another way of begetting, no less real than the former, which is in spirit, and of such as are to be converted to the faith. Thus are there to be spiritual fathers and spiritual mothers, which will be true fathers and mothers indeed in this Church of the Firstborn; that shall generate and bring forth births in the spirit, and after the will of God. Thus the New Creation will go on, from which root Christ's reign upon the Earth will spring up, and begin to be established, and from here the Love-Kingdom will open in the Spirit of Faith, by which mighty works shall be done, to make the kingdoms of this world submit themselves, and bow down to this rising-sun of the Virgin Church.

Eminent Saviors

[2M 13] §.Moreover it was shown me that several Eminent Saviors and supporters of the Church would stand upon the Mountain of Holiness; from whom such a power and spirit shall go forth, as all nations, people, and languages shall fly to the Body of this Resurrection Church, as Eagles to the carcass, to be fed and nourished thereby, and joyfully bring their offerings of all precious things, that may be necessary to set this Infant Church free from all care, toil, and labor; paying their tribute to this Royal Priestly House, that is of the tribe and family of the Great *Melchizedek* King.

A Summons to All

[2M 14] §.Now then hearken and hear all ye islands, and give ear all ye lands, even from the utmost parts of the Earth, from all the four winds, and from the ends of the sea. You are summoned all, by the great herald the Archangel, to come to the brightness of Wisdom's Star, that first arises in a Northern Island. This Word of commission is gone forth by Wisdom's Representative, to excite, invite, and stir up from all the wonderful motives that have been mentioned, that none to whom this *message* shall come should make any staggering or delay. For this is the Lord Christ's Acceptable Day, and a thousand times blessed will be those who obey this message, who shall be clothed with the rays of the Everlasting Sun. For the encouragement of which, there is already a good beginning from several persons in *Germany*, *Switzerland*, and *Holland;* as also at home, and have expressed their Living Testimony, and have felt powerful drawings to this lifted up Standard of CHRIST in His espoused Bride and Church: which will be the crown and glory of all nations.

One Person or Plurality

[2M 15] §.Before this subject be concluded, it will be necessary to answer an obvious question that may be made, *Whether this representative of the Church, as also of the Father's power, ought to be considered as in one person, or as in plurality of persons?* To which it is answered, that it may be both: but in the beginning it will fix in two, after the manner that it did in the First Adam and *Eve.* And so the travailing for the Birth of this Church will be by Virgin Spirits that are joined in perfect unity, that will labor together in the greatness of *Jehovah's* strength, to bring forth the Man-Child, from whom shall proceed an innumerable host.

[2M 16] §.It may be further queried: *Whether these have a present being and existence?* I must here say to you, as *Christ* did to *John's* disciple, *Come and see.* For is there not a Star risen, which those that are of a wise heart may see, and understand the time and season, when this expected kingly-birth is to be brought forth? Therefore come as wise men from the East; fly as clouds; flock as doves to the windows, to the brightness of this arising of the Day-Star from on high.

[2M 17a] §.Thus have you had the description of the true, perfect and catholic[1] church, wherein Christ is risen, as the First-born from the Dead, in His members, who is the Quickening Spirit, that will gather persons out of all formalities into power, life and substance. As the Little Stone cut out of the Mountain, it will dash to pieces the image which is of a mixed and inconsistent matter, and then become itself a Great Mountain, yea, the top of all mountains, and the fullness of the Earth, which it shall fill with its glory. This is the *Philadelphian* Church which I must proclaim, and which is already in some measure begun. And though at first it has but *a little strength,* and is comparatively as a grain of mustard seed, it shall spring up as a mighty tree, where under the shadow of it the *Lebanon* glory will come to open, in power and majesty.

[2M 17b] This *Lebanon* door is now opened, by Him that has the *Key of David,* and none shall be ever able to shut it. There shall be continual going in and out through it, to find the rich and undefiled pasture, such as none elsewhere is to be found. Let none be offended at what the Trumpet of the pure Spirit has sounded, but fall in, and submit themselves to the ruling scepter and government of CHRIST, in this Day of this Appearance, as having already begun His mighty reign in Spirit. The Bride and the Spirit can never cease to cry *Come:* Even so come, Blessed Lord, according to all that you have here revealed and declared. *Amen, Amen.*

END OF THE 2ND MESSAGE

1 SDV Note: Jane Lead use of the word “catholic” is according to the most genuine sense and utmost latitude of the word, meaning “universal.” It does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church. See PR 20, 5, 23, 24, 26; 2F P:16.

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An
Admonition to the Reader

[3M P:1] §.The *Wisdom* of God and His good providence have been working most deeply and admirably in all the Ages of the world to this present time, for the restitution of man and His lapsed creation: to bring forth in the Latter Days thereof, the complete and perfect Redemption from the curse of sin, and that thralldom and vanity, the effect thereof, to which the creature has been thus long subject; the whole creation groaning and travailing in pain till now: yet in good hope of being one day delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious *liberty* of the Sons of God; and waiting in patience for the manifestation of them.

[3M P:2] These secret *springs* and workings have been little observed indeed by the eye of the world. But as they draw near to the accomplishment and product of their great *end,* as they come nearer to their *center,* those wheels of providence and the Divine Wisdom move more strongly and vigorously, and also more discernibly to the Children and Sons of Wisdom; for the bringing forth the *finishing* wonders, and the last glorious scenes and manifestation of the Great Redemption obtained and wrought out for us by our Lord *Jesus:* which is yet but little understood or comprehended of what vast extent and force it is.

[3M P:3] All that is expected by the generality of Christians, is to be preserved and assisted by the Grace of God in this miserable life, so as to gain the upper hand of our sins and corruptions; to maintain a continued war against them, and be always getting ground; and at last to lay down our sinful heads in the dust, transferring all our *glorious* expectations to another world: but little dreaming that the great Conqueror of Death and Hell, and Treader upon the Serpent, and all the powers and principalities of the Dark World, would make an open show of it even in this:

[3M P:4] That He will not be content to suffer them always to reign even in this Lower World, but by degrees, and in His own determinate time, chase them out, and bind them up, and triumph over them in the sight of all men: after that the time allotted to the *Beast,* the *Dragon* and *Antichrist* shall be fulfilled.

[3M P:5] That the mighty power and virtue of His all-sufficient sacrifice and death shall at last totally expel the Venom, and pluck up the very *Root* of Sin out of His Members, after that all the Mystical Seals of the Book of the Lamb shall be opened; and the Wisdom and Love of God shall be poured forth as a *Deluge* upon the Earth: and the *Holy Spirit,* so long banished from the Christian world (the greatest sign and instance of its woeful apostasy!), shall again return as at first, in a *New* and *Second Pentecost;* and go on and increase for the full completion of the prophecies relating to the glorious and *triumphant* state of the Church here on Earth.

[3M P:6] That hereby He shall empower and enable many of His Servants, as the Younger Sons of the *Resurrection,* to follow Him their Head; and as the great *Enoch* and *Elijah* had done before, to show the world the possibility thereof; to break through the bounds of this mortal principle, and with Him triumph over Mortality and Death, returning it that sarcasm of the Apostle in its full extent, *O*

Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory? These are they who shall stand as *Saviors* upon Mount *Sion,* as the Prophet *Obadiah* has foreseen and foretold us.[2] They shall stand as *Saviors,* subordinate to their Mighty One; being thus saved and redeemed by Him; and from Him receiving power, and becoming highly instrumental to help others to break through and follow them.

[3M P:7] O thrice blessed and happy are they that are partakers of this *First Resurrection!* They shall be so near, and intimately united with Christ, so filled with Him, and so made one with Him, as to cooperate under Him (more truly Himself working in them), for the restoration of their brethren. To whom having given Himself, He will deny nothing; but will in a wonderful and mysterious manner, write His own *Name* upon them, and make them partakers even of His own glory, according to His gracious condescension and intent, to all His True Members at their full Perfection and Consummation, declared and offered to His Father in His prayer before His suffering:

> **That they all may be one, as You Father are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one. I in them and You in me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (Joh. 17:21, etc.)**

[3M P:8] This prayer of our Lord was *first* for His immediate Disciples, and *secondly* for all His Members. Accordingly, after His ascension His Disciples were taken into such a degree of this Union, and had the Name and Power of God so engraved upon them, as to act all wonders in the power of *omnipotency* in the Holy Spirit, whereby the world might know that *Jesus* whom they preached was sent of God. So likewise at this day, upon the return of the *triumphant* Kingdom of Christ, will this be done in a far greater measure, in the calling, sealing and empowering a *New Disciplehood,* that shall unitedly bear up the *Banner* of Love, with the inscription of the *Royal* Name: even the Great Ensign, the *Standard* of God. They shall bear it in the sight of all nations, in such majesty, might and glory, and accompanied with such renewed powers and amazing wonders of the *Holy Ghost,* with such invincible force and prevalence of truth in the *demonstration* of the *Spirit,* and in the sweet and meek light of the Divine *Wisdom,* breaking forth in its luster and beauty, and piercing into all the secrets and mysteries both of *Temporary* and *Eternal* Nature; as shall effectually convince the world not only of the truth, but of the vast and *boundless* efficacy of the Redemption wrought out by the true Son of God and Man, the Lord *Jesus.* So that His Gospel shall now be not only published, but received and submitted to by *all* nations, tongues and languages: so that at the name of *Jesus* every knee shall bow; the *heathen,* being now actually given Him by God for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the Earth for a possession; confessing Him to be Christ, and *Lord,* and *God,* blessed forever.

[3M P:9] §.For this the *Trumpets* are gone forth, and are going forth, and will continue to do so; waxing louder and louder for the rousing and awakening the sleepy world; and especially the lukewarm, degenerate, and *formal* Christendom: that there may be a refreshment and revival of the almost expiring life of *Jesus* in it; and principally of the more *inward* and *spiritual rest* thereof, which is benumbed and part frozen—even to death, in the hearts of its professors. The Holy Spirit of God is now *returning,* and has sent forth His *Witnesses,* though at first as *infants,* stammering forth in weakness the first and lower degrees of its manifestation and approach; through whom it now calls. And it will not give over calling and crying, till it shall make those that have any sense of good, and of the Love of God, even ashamed of their coldness and backwardness to meet it; and till it has excited in them; and melted them into a holy regret and grief for the unkind and rough treatment, with which at first many of the Servants of God, through prejudice and zeal for preconceived and established opinions, will receive it.

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2 Oba. 1:21.

[3M P:10] It will proceed in all the mildness, forbearance, gentleness, kindness, and condescension of Love, as the True Spirit of *Jesus:* returning good for evil, love for hatred, obligation for despite: even till by forbearing and suffering at the hands of its opposers, yet still loving, doing good, and still meekly pressing them notwithstanding, to yield themselves to the will of God, that at last the heart of flint may dissolve, and the rough *Esau* be brought to weep upon the neck of *Jacob,* and *Joseph* be acknowledged and owned by his cruel brethren. For this is the wonderful Day of the Manifestation of *Love.* It is the Ministration of the *Love* of *God,* wherein its mighty power and prevalence shall be displayed, above the wrath and justice, in the more effectual conversion and subduing of the hearts of men; and the triumphs of mercy against judgment in behalf of all, even the *greatest sinners* that will submit themselves, and make use of the vast advantages and tenders that will be made them. Yet even Love, though it predominate and go foremost in its Day of Procession unto victory, yet *justice* and *judgment* must attend and follow it. For here the *jealousy* of God is most concerned, to resent and avenge the contempt and injury of the obstinate and rebellious, to His greatest Love and goodness. He will now offer His Spirit freely to all, even in an extraordinary manner, without distinction of sex, age, or person, even upon the Handmaids and Servants. Yea, out of the mouths of babes and sucklings shall His praise be sounded forth.

[3M P:11] Every degree of injury against the Holy Ghost, the *Dove* of God, or Spirit of *Love* has a peculiar evil in it: because this is the greatest offer of God, and consequently the obstinate rejecting it, after full evidence shall be given, is most dangerous and fatal. But Love always preceding, and doing all that is possible beforehand, will abundantly clear the floor, taking to itself all the good grain: all that either were good, or could possibly be made so; at least at that time and offer. And so Love, according to its own nature, will proceed, bearing and overlooking the evil: though afterward upon the approach of attendant justice, it must pass the fire, and suffer loss, according to its degree of malignity; and this whether in single persons or united bodies.

First Pentecost vs Second Pentecost

[3M P:12] §.But here is the difference between this and the former *ministration* of the *Spirit:* Then it descended at once upon the Apostles in full maturity, strength and power; but being since lost in the Church through the Apostasy and decay of pure and primitive Christianity; it is to be revived again in the Church after another manner, in the New Chosen *Disciplehood:* who shall be enabled to recover it again by an orderly process *backwards,* by the way in which it declined; and through the ordinary assistance of it, rise by the degrees of True Regeneration to the extraordinary, so that the *Holy Ghost* shall be formed in them—not as a transient gust, but as a *Birth of Power,* fixed and innate in them; daily rising and growing in them to a more full and perfect stature; and multiplying itself in them and others, in all its various gifts and manifestations, with many unheard of and surprising wonders.

[3M P:13] §.Now blessed be God our Father, and the Lord Christ our Redeemer, who at this day has given His Church to see and experience the beginnings of these things: and to feel the holy powers of His Spirit returning again, and in some degrees of its extraordinary operation exerting itself in a few *Select* Members; who, notwithstanding all the opposition and contempt of others, have born their testimony, and cannot but still bear it. Some accounts hereof have been published to the world, and there is yet much more behind to be declared, as it shall be able to receive it, and as God shall open its way. He has done much already by the hand of this Eminent Instrument, the Author of this and the foregoing *Messages,* and other sublime and spiritual treatises. And in this [*Message*] has sent forth a gracious inviting call, and earnest excitement to all the Churches, both of this nation and others, to return from where they have fallen: even to the Spirit and Truth, of His worship, and from the *form* of Christian piety, to the inward *life* and *power* thereof: setting forth His gracious intention, and His great *Love,* and the future greater manifestation of it, in the now-opening Ministration of LOVE; that they may prepare themselves to meet their Lord, and be filled with the blessings of it: laying

aside their heats and divisions—which proceed only from a furious zeal, and inordinate concern for the outward shell and husk of religion—and freely uniting and embracing each other in the unity of peace and charity, which is the true *Philadelphian* character and state.

[3M P:14] §.And for this moderation and temper of the divided brethren towards each other, particularly of this nation, a peculiar argument may be drawn from the manner of God's address and Call to them in this Message. Where though the divided parties themselves (at least too many among them) will scarce afford each other a part of their charity, or allow them to be churches of God; but mutually brand each other with the odious names of *heretics, schismatics enthusiasts;* or mere *formalities, Anti-Christian* and *idolatrous:* we find God graciously overlooking the faults and flaws of their particular foundations and constitution. And though He reminds them all of their insufficiency and declension from the Spirit of Religion, yet owns them all freely as His Church and people; giving herein a pattern of the divine goodness and condescension to all: That whom He disdains not to embrace in the arms of His Love, we should not exclude from our charity and Christian affection.

[3M P:15] §.The repeated calls of God at this time are loud and earnest; the cause to be engaged in, noble and glorious: yet with its proportionable hazards and difficulties; The *Philadelphian* Crown most weighty, and worthy of the highest adventures and achievements in the Heroes of Divine Faith and Love. And for further encouragement to all, the first difficulties are past and conquered; the Gulf is broke through; the *Philadelphian* Door is already opened, and a passage made for participation of the Powers of the World to come. The young and infant Dove now flutters her wing, sweetly inviting, as yet in a soft still voice and Breath of Love: as it were calling for assistance, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Now it is that the Spirit and the Bride say *Come;* and those that hear it repeat that Call, and say *Come:* And whosoever will, may come and drink of this New Springing Fountain of the Waters of Life freely. *O who will lend their hand?* Who will break through the clouds and mist, and pay their first homage and early attendance, to meet and bring her in, to partake of her first smiles and favors, her first and tenderest Love? Who, through a holy zeal and ambition, is emulous to be nearest the Heart, and lie in the bosom of Divine Love? The highest honors in the *Triumphant* Kingdom of right belong to such that shall reach this happy station, even the Supreme and Royal *Unction,* both to the *Sacerdotal, Prophetical,* and *Kingly* dignity.

[3M P:16] It is not to be expected that the Holy Spirit, now returning again to the Church, after the breaking open the Seals, and the time of *Antichrist* expiring, should be tied up to, or take up any of the many forms of man's invention; being now to open, though by degrees, a New and more Perfect Dispensation. Here then will be the great difficulty: Every party, being deeply prejudiced for their own establishment, will thereby be too apt, as the Jews did at our Savior's *first coming,* to set up their own law, as if it were perfect, and needed no further completion, against the Spirit of God coming to fulfill it. And many, being well-settled and provided for in their present state, will have a shrewd temptation to endeavor the continuance of it, and not to listen to the Call of God, to a more full and thorough reformation. And it will be very hard for the *First Adventurers* herein, to stem the tide and current of the popular vogue and cry against them, to be defamed and condemned by the generality; and even by good men, though not able to discern what they do; and to come in earnest to deny and forsake all for Christ. Yet there will be such Heroes, who shall break through all, and generously bear their testimony: who, in spite of all temporal regards, shall openly profess and own the Dispensation of the Spirit in its *infancy.*

[3M P:17] To such the Call is now gone forth; and chiefly to those that are the Head Shepherds and Pastors of the Flock of Christ, as most capable, and also most concerned to look out for and discern the *Day* of their Visitation. That they may behold with joy that the fields are already white unto the harvest; and may themselves, being anointed by the true Spirit of God, be sent forth as *Angel-*

Reapers: and experience a more full and blessed effect of their ministry and labors. Happy are they who shall be early engaged in this vintage of God. These shall enjoy all the high and peculiar prerogatives of the *First-Born:* and in this great opportunity, shall with St. *Paul*, work out for themselves a Crown of innumerable converts; which are to be as the subjects of their future kingdom; their joy and glory forever. To these in a special manner belongs that prophecy, *They that be wise* [or teachers] *shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever*.[3]

So let the true laborers in your harvest go forth, O God, even the *Messengers* of your Kingdom: and let truth and judgment go before them unto victory. So let thy Kingdom come: and let thy will be done; even here upon Earth, as it is in Heaven. *Amen.*

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[3] Dan. 12:3.

A Third Message to the Philadelphian Society

[3M 1] §.Whereas there have been *Two Messages* already given forth to the *Philadelphian Society*, there has been a mighty strong enkindling, from the Seven Spirits before the Throne of God and the Lamb, for sending forth a *Third;* giving no rest, but echoing night and day, till the Angel-Heralds shall go forth as Ambassadors from the Prince of all Kings, both of the Upper and Nether Worlds: which are known and nominated in the eternal counsel and wisdom of the Father. These are Seven Bright Morning Stars, that shall go before Seven Shepherds, that shall be raised in conjunction with them, personating the great and mighty Kingly Shepherd, Christ the Lord, by His giving them a commission, power, and authority to sound a *New Alarm*, for the gathering in and making up a True *Philadelphian* Fold; which are yet scattered throughout all nations to the utmost ends of the Earth.

The Seven Churches in England

[3M 2] §.Love, good-will, grace, and peace from the God and Father of the whole creation, and from Him that is the First Begotten of the New Creation; and from the Comforter that reveals and opens the Great Mystery and Love of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Eternal Wisdom, to the Seven Churches in *England:* and generally to the Seven Churches throughout the world dispersed:

1. As *first*, the Ancient Church of the *Jews*, that was, and is not, and is to be.
2. The *Roman* Church.
3. The *Greek.*
4. The *Ethiopian.*
5. The *Lutheran.*
6. The *French*-Reformed, or *Calvinist.*
7. The Ancient Church of the *Valleys.*

An invitation to you all, from the Great Head-Shepherd, is to fly out of the confusion of *Babylon*, and to come under the orderly and peaceable government of the *Sion*-Kingdom: where no strife or contention is known, but where truth and righteousness, and love are the only ruling law.

[3M 3] Then this was cried in the inward heavens of the mind, Be no longer silent, nor slack to go forth to declare and make known what further relates to the call of these churches. For this is the Great and Notable Day, as belonging to this age, wherein the great and mighty Angel of the Covenant has in verity said, that He will not suffer His Flocks that are to make up the *Philadelphian* Church to lie slumbering in their formalities any longer. And therefore He has commissioned His Seven Angels to go forth to blow their horns, to awaken such as have a name to live, and yet are deaf and dead, because the *life* had not been freely accepted and entertained by them: but the Love of the Eternal Father does so strongly and vehemently burn in the heart of the beloved Son, as therefrom to cast forth the living sparkling powers, conveyable through the Holy Ghost, to enlighten and inspire where the cloud of darkness and deadness had overspread. For Love-violence shall overtake to bring

the backsliding churches into their own native country and land. And by a terrible and outstretched arm this gathering will be: according to the wise method, way and manner of the great *Alpha* and *Omega's* proceeding: as He has given forth the description unto the in-seeing mind, by way of figurative representation, according to what is here declared.

[3M 4] §.The pure Heavenly Element opening, gave the sight of the high *Emanuel* King, encompassed with myriads of Angels, that were said to be the Virgin-Church of the First-Born Fruits, that make up the beginning of the New Creation. The beholding of which was so amazing, that it put a stop and suspension to all of the mortal part. But there was an hovering and over-shadowing presence, that gave strength both to see and hear what the design of this Great Visitation and Love-Emanation was, which was related and referred to this whole visible creation. After this discovery, it was moved to inquire what this Great Appearance did signify. And it was answered, that according to this Pattern in the Heavens, such a *Jerusalem* was to be prepared here upon the Earth.

A New Thing

[3M 5] Then it was queried further in the spirit of the mind, *By what way and means shall such a Redemption be wrought out here in this lower world?* Then was it opened to me, that as there was a flood of water that drowned the old world, wherein was all the abomination and Venom of Sin, whereby the Creator was burdened and wearied; so also He is at this day, for the oppression and cries of the groaning creation. And therefore as it has been decreed, so now it is pronounced that a *New Thing* God is about to do, which is by opening (in another manner) the windows of Heaven, and breaking up the deeps below; that so the Waters of Life from there might flow, for the covering and drowning the earthly part in man, fulfilling that prophecy hereby, *The Glorious Lord shall be a place of broad waters,* which shall rise as the waters of the Sanctuary, till to that height, as to be an overwhelming. This was said to be a Baptizing River, wherein the Healing Virtue should be for the cure of all that had been infected by the poison and Venom of the Serpent.

[3M 6] §.All this is to be the forerunner, to make way for that New Creation World prophesied of, which is to be expected and hoped for. Some footsteps whereof are already taken, in order to its entrance: for the Spirit of Prophecy has in some declared that from the year 1697 to 1700 a good progress will be made; and from there it will proceed and increase, till it comes to the Seventh Thousand Years Sabbath, answering to the Seventh Day of rest from the Creation. In the compass of this time will be great and wonderful revolutions, and are already begun by the Spirits' breaking forth; which as yet is but the light of one day; but this one shall multiply, till it come to be as the light of Seven Days. And then our Sun of Glory shall no more set, nor the Spirit withdraw itself, as it has done since the Apostles' days. For in that Age it was only as a sudden shower, in comparison of the remainders that are to be poured forth in the Latter Age, wherein the New Modeled World, over which Christ shall reign as a mighty Monarch, shall be made manifest.

[3M 7] But it may be queried, *What method or way shall be taken for the bringing these prophecies to pass, there being so little yet appearing in order hereunto: the Babylonish confusion still reigning, and such divisions among the nominated churches, by their taking up the spiritual weapons of war, and piercing and wounding each other, the which grievances have been spread, and lamented by such as are quickened into the Birth of Love?* This answer was given from the Throne-Seat of Love: That these rendings and dividings were taken such knowledge of, and had so pierced the Heart of Him who is to be Heir and Restorer of all nations, that He would now raise up Messengers and Pastors, whom He would make as Vials to pour in His all-saving and healing Name. And as the former ministration went forth in the Washing of Regeneration, by *John the Baptist,* who was a type in his day, so now again the Spirit of *John the Evangelist* is to rise and be the forerunner of the Ministration of the Love, and to make ready the *Philadelphia* Bride, whose adorning and covering will be

by the flaming Sun of Love; by waiting in the Kingdom of Love for her Bridegroom to appear to her, in His glorified person.

The Higher Baptism

[3M 8] Now then give ear and listen to the Spirit's voice, from the mighty King and Shepherd that stands charged with all the flocks that are to make the Virgin-Body: to you this message is sent, who are Pastors of the Churches of this nation, whatsoever denomination or title you bear. Be it known that your commission is to go forth first to baptize with the Water of Life, not according to the deadness of the letter, but by the internal conveyance of the life-quickening power, that may give sin its death-wound; and this in order to a higher degree of baptism, which is from the Glassy Sea (wherein the Holy Fire is mingled, and co-operating with the Water) which is the Ministry of the Holy Ghost, which requires a true examination of those that are called hereunto, whereby it may be known that they have the right mission.

The Characters and Rules of the True Philadelphian Church

[3M 9] §.For the confirmation of this there was shown to me a descending Angel, coming down from the Glassy Sea, with a pair of Golden Balances in his hand, uttering this voice, *All must be tried and weighed, who through these baptisms are to pass;* that they be as live coals or burning sapphires: such as appeared in the one scale; and were to answer to a golden weight in the other. For it was cried by the Angel, *Thus it is absolutely necessary that those Fire-Stones, that are to be gathered to make up the Virgin-Bride, must be found answerable to their glorified Head. According to this rule therefore measures are to be taken for degrees and growths in stature, till they come up to this full weight.* Then was there a roll shown me in the hand of the same Angel, the writing whereof shined like gold, giving the characters and rules whereby it might be known who are of the True *Philadelphian* Church, that they might be distinguished from those that should take up that name and title for a covering; who are to be tried by what was there expressed.

Crucifixion and Death

[3M 10] §.The first was the bearing of the dying-mark or crucifixion to the degenerated birth: in a most deep sense, deploring its lapse and apostasy from its original pure state, renouncing the Earthly born life and worldly principle, quite sinking away by abnegation and annihilation, being thus buried with Christ in death, we are taught to lie in the passive grave in silence, till the Lord the Quickening Spirit shall descend, to become a life-quickening birth, whereby a new creaturely formation is brought forth, according to the nature of the divine humanity of Christ: which will gradually spring and grow in every such one, till they come to be as full grown Trees of Life to replenish the New Earth and Heavens.

Fruits of the Renewed State

[3M 11] §.For the further proving and trial of this renewed state, it will be known by the effects and fruits that will accompany it. There will be a renewing and finding of that which was lost in the *first Paradise*, answerable to every part of the lapse and depravation. For the First Adam by finding himself (that is by introducing the selfish properties through the Serpent's subtlety), lost God out of himself; so that he became naked and impotent, being unclothed of the garment of purity, power and dominion, and turned from the angelical to a terrestrial form; all his offspring became the deplorable image of it. And so there is no way for the recovery of this, and to find God again, but by undoing all this, and through the death to this outward principle, by the power of the creating Word, he drawing himself as a living draught upon all that gives a new birth from the dead, being restored again to all the same supercelestial dignifications by the God-man.

Adam's Slumber

[3M 12] Now Christ being the Firstfruits of a New Generation, multiplies Himself through the Virgin-Wisdom, that the degrees of God may be therein fulfilled; running parallel with the First Adam that was planted in *Paradise*; who had his Virgin in himself, and should have brought forth a God-like offspring. But he turned his eye from the Divine Essential Virgin within himself to speculate the outward creation, and so his desire being captivated therein, he fell into a slumber, losing thereby the Supercelestial Element and his true Virgin; so that God saw it necessary to give him a terrestrial help. Through which all low mortal births have sprung forth, which a death (at least) mystical must pass upon, till the Second Adam, which is the Lord from Heaven, in a new principle of Light and Life, shall put forth as a Paradisical plant again by a renewed Virgin-generation. And it shall be out of all danger of being deflowered, because it is secured as being now no more twain, but one Spirit with God and the Lamb: so fast tied in His matrimonial union that no subtlety or wiles of the Serpent and all his hierarchy shall ever nullify or make void.

Children of the New Creation

[3M 13] For the Paradisical property which was in locality, no place for it is found: but the inward and mystical rising from another fund or ground shall remain inviolable; as arched about with flaming Seraphims for a glorious defense. Wherein enclosed is the Second Adam, with His Virgin Spouse the Eternal Wisdom, who without any molestation shall bring forth the Children of the New Creation: so multiplying and replenishing the New Earth and Heavens.[4] To these new modeled and God-formed creatures, the lost and disappeared Angelical Image, with sovereignty and dominion shall be restored again. Then that saying, though from an apostatized Angel, will be made good a better way: that they *shall be as gods, knowing good and evil;* looking into and understanding the root in which the evil property was manifested, without breaking the harmony, or permitting it to go out of its order; but reigning over all the dark regions and worlds in a god-like supremacy.

[3M 14] §.This is set forth in the first place to all Pastors and People here in *England*, that as in a glass you may come to see the most glorious restitution, which is designed by the *Alpha* and *Omega*: whereby He will bring forth Himself in His Bridal Church, that shall be all comely without spot or blemish, as the White Stone upon which shall be written, *The Lord our Righteousness,* or *Jehovah Shammah dwells here,* as in His own glorious city, compact and made up of *Philadelphian* inhabitants.

[3M 15a] §.Now it may be queried, *Whether such a Philadelphian state may be expected, or be in any measure begun in this age?* §.The Sower is already gone forth, that has cast into the Earth such Living Sparks of light, in order to that Great Harvest that must bring forth these Golden Sheaves that shall be offered upon the Flaming Altar: where nothing can suffer loss but the straw and chaff hanging about them.

[3M 15b] It will be said perhaps, *What appearance is there of any such thing, because so much of the thorny ground is everywhere upon the face of the Earth spread, that should seem to choke and stifle this Grain?* Too deplorably true it is; but the day is come, and still breaking, for the Spirit of Judgment and Burning to pass through, for refining and purging the inward floor in man, and nature; as that Fiery Leaven that shall be the Transmuting Stone to the gross metal, changing it into the *Ophir* Gold, according to that Scripture, *A man shall be as the Gold of* Ophir.

[3M 16] But the beginning of this will be very small, weak and despicable, threatened with many tempestuous storms, to stagger the first puttings forth of this New Plantation; according to that prophecy of the Psalmist, *There shall be an handful of corn in the Earth, upon the top of the moun-*

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4 Gen. 1:28; Rev. 21:1.

tains. The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like the grass of the Earth.[5] So that out of this Stem and Root of *Jesse* there shall be a mighty increase, till there be a City all compact of precious Stones, that shall send forth their sparkling radiancy, recovering the lost Virgin-Purity, and flourishing in the Rosie-*Sharon*-Beauty, mingled with the Lily white and brightness; For so it becomes the Bride of the Lamb to appear in this transparency. This is what in general is represented in the clear mirror of Wisdom's Glass, that such a new sown crop will come forth, and even in this latter day appear.

The Quickening

[3M 17] §.But I think it is cried in my ear, *Show us more particularly after what model this must be, whereby we may yet better know the character of this True* Philadelphian *state, that no counterfeit or deceivable spirit may clothe themselves with the Name, without the essential Body of it.* §.Now then to give forth the unquestionable *signs* and *description,* we must define their nativity and birth, which is no less than from the Godhead itself, bringing them forth through the Womb of Eternal Virgin Nature, conceived within the human form and vehicle. And so gradually in all internal spiritual members it comes to be quickened to a spiritual body, within the outward body: which is as the husk that covers and hides it from the gross and vulgar eye. And not only so, but in many for some time it is unknown to themselves, by reason of the predominancy of the degenerated outward birth, till the supersensual begins to arise stronger and more powerful than the outward, and so proceed conquering and subduing it, and working out the gross elementary part, till it come to a perfect annihilation.

[3M 18] It will be then asked, *If that be that mark of a perfect Philadelphian, who can hope or believe to arrive thereto?* True, it is so strait that few there are that can pass through it. But let it not be counted impossible; because Christ the Lord will be both the Way and the Door of entrance. He would never have propounded and excited to it, but that He well knew where the power of sufficiency did rest for the accomplishment of it, by incorporating Himself within them after a high and spiritual manner; and then this Pure and Perfect Thing growing up, will make it all easy and natural, to live, move and act in deiformity.

The Birth of Love

[3M 19a] §.Now hereby all are to seek whether their birth be from above, even from the God of Love. For the true *Philadelphian* state consists altogether of such an essential *Birth of Love,* as no place is found for enmity, envy, malice, hatred, evil surmisings, jealousy, fear and unbelief. These are the fruits of the Evil Tree that must wither and die out of nature's property. Now opposite to this will-tree, when it shall be rooted up, then place is found for the Tree of Life and Love, to grow and flourish out of the new refined Earth: which is laden with all precious fruits as the Golden Apples of Love, whose drops distill so sweetly, as to melt and dissolve all remainders of those bitter fruits which did spring from Death's Tree.

[3M 19b] Now from here it may be expected that out of the new Paradisical mold, the choice and precious minerals from the deep mines will be broken up: So that what lay under a dark face of covering in nature's ground, by the bright luster of the Love Fire-stones, shall be brought to light. From there shall spring that true Charity and Love, that thinks no evil, bears all things, believes all things, hopes the best, and is not easily provoked or offended at anything that thwarts or crosses it. It lives above all mutations proceeding from temporal things, so as you cannot put it out of this even and divine temperature of mind.

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[5] Psa. 72:16.

First and Second Adam

[3M 20a] §.Now, from this deep grounded *Birth of Love,* faith will also put forth, and work in such a conquering degree, as will subdue all, that in a lapsed degeneracy, had its dominion throughout all of man's old creation: by and through which another kingdom will break forth, consisting of wisdom, purity, potency and might. So that the nakedness of the First Adam (in us) in its shame will be thus clothed upon; recovering its dominion by the reign of the Second Adam, the Lord from Heaven, descending into nature again, to act and perform, what to His own resurrection-life does, through His chosen Vessels, belong; which consists in such a high unity of faith, as that whatever shall be willed and decreed by this Spirit here below, shall be established in the heavens.

[3M 20b] For this is that Golden Key that will open that gate for the *Philadelphian* Flock, that shall enter them into the Lebanon Glory, where they shall have power to bind and to loose, to open and shut. Here the Prerogative-Royal will be given to do all miraculous wonders, as Christ Himself did, who said, *Greater works then these shall we do.* So that the lost Apostolical Gifts will return and flow again as from their own fountain; the possibility here will be to have power over death and mortality, recovering languishing nature, and having the understanding opened to comprehend the pure language of nature; and to reduce out of all confusion of tongues to the one pure and Angelical Speech. 'Tis not to be numbered or expressed what may be done by this faith that operates from the *Birth of Love.*

[3M 21] §.Now listen and hear all, from the highest degrees and dignity, whether of order temporal or ecclesiastical, descending from the greatest to the least, whether *Jew* or *Gentile*, bond or free. To you this message is sent through and by the Ambassador of Love, who has received the Vial of Golden Oil of Love to pour forth, that if possible it may heal what the Scorpion Spirit has gone forth to wound everywhere, by rending from this Love-Principle; and opening the wrathful and Satanical Kingdom, which the *Philadelphian* Kingdom of the Love shall be able to shut up.

[3M 22] §.O what greater motives can we present, to gain upon the dark unbelieving and averse spirit that is stirring in this present generation, than these great immunities that are entailed upon the True *Philadelphian* Worthies, the Virgin-Church of the Firstborn: that is to be made the New *Jerusalem*-City; bright and glorious not only within, but also without, compact and made up of Oriental Stones, and adorned to be the Bride of God and the Lamb, out of which will spring that Kingly Birth that shall set up the everlasting reign in majesty, power and dominion, in the midst of His *Philadelphian* Flock.

The Principal Shepherds

[3M 23] §.Now a cry from the heavens goes forth: Who shall be those Angels, of all the several Churches of this nation, that shall go out as Trumpets, for the awakening the sleepy *Laodiceans* that yet remain in a lukewarm temper: To come out of their traditions and formalities, confusions and divisions, into the unity of the *Philadelphian* Love? Who among the true enlightened wise and serious minded, would not be ambitious of this high honor, to be Principal Shepherds, having the Golden Crook of Love to hook and gather into the fold of the Great Shepherd; where a feeding shall be upon the *Lebanon* fruits, that will every day renew spirit life and power? O *England, England,* know the Day of your Visitation; for a wonderful Morning-Light is springing. Therefore open the windows of your mind and let it in, for then it will usher in the Lord of Glory: who had said, *Behold I come to reign in Love's Kingdom.* So let all who shall hear this message cry with one heart, Let your Kingdom thus come in peace and amity.

A Second Cry

[3M 24] §.But now the *Alpha* and *Omega* sends forth a second cry to the Seven more general and remote Churches, to you also the fountain deep of God's Love does flow. The Angels of the Love are commissioned and flying towards you, declaring that there is a pool whereunto you are invited to enter in, for healing of all the sick and lapsed nature.

To the Roman Church

[3M 25a] §.Now to you first of the *Roman* Church, who plead your antiquity and succession from the Apostolical fountain: You are cautioned and counseled to try whether your title hereunto, by your practice and conformity thereto, can be made good. For know that a Fiery Law is gone forth out of the mouth of the Great Apostle of your profession Christ *Jesus*: yea a Spirit of Burning and Judgment, to try both your ways, works and worships. So that whatever is found light that cannot balance the Golden Grain, and whatever is superfluous and drossy, you must expect will be devoured by the fervent heat of God's Love-jealousy. Therefore a call is to you, that you may recover your first and primitive state.

To the Roman Pontiff

[3M 25b] And therefore it appertains principally to him who has taken the chair of ruling power over this Church, as the representative head, to examine and prove whether he has the true mission: which can only be known by the power and Spirit of *Jesus* in him. In whose hand is the Golden Key to open the Kingdom of Love, Unity, and Peace: for the gathering in of the *Philadelphian*-flock. Thus he may become a true shepherd and overseer of such as may make up the Virgin-Church. Let it be known to you from the *Alpha* and *Omega,* that titles, words, and forms, will not pass through the fiery judgment: and therefore return, return; and strengthen that which is ready to die, of the more inward and spiritual life among you; And recover your First Love, that you may bear the right Mark and Character of the *Philadelphian*-Bride. This receive as a true message and call from Him that is All in All.

To the Reformed Churches

[3M 26a] §.Now to you of the *Lutheran* Church, and the rest of the Reformed Churches, the Word of Wisdom and Counsel is: That you do not think it sufficient that you have in some degree broke through the night of darkness and ignorance in the beginnings of Reformation. For you are not to stint and bind up yourselves here to the first dawning of the day, because the True Oily Lamp will burn brighter and brighter, till it comes to that unity of love and charity, that admits of no rupture or divisions, and till all that harsh and severe fire of the *Elias* ministration (wherein your First Reformation went forth, to prepare the way for a greater and higher to come after it), shall be swallowed up in the following Dispensation of the Love.

To the Head Shepherds

[3M 26b] Therefore now it behooves you, and chiefly the head shepherds that stand charged with the Flocks of Christ, to cast your eye back upon the purity, love, and zeal of the infancy, or first goings forth of your churches; and to compare and try your lamps hereby, whether they have advanced in light, and in the power of practical holiness, or whether they have not rather declined and burnt dimmer: and how far what opened in Spirit and Life is sunk in deadness and formality. Therefore each one of you are to turn inward, and there call to your Well of Salvation, to spring and make as a fruitful *Lebanon,* that the King of Love and Peace may walk among you, and seal you with the *Philadelphian* Seal; which is the Flaming Heart of Love and Unity. Slight not, nor reject this message that comes from Him that dwells in Love's Burning Bush; where He invites you all of the Reformed

Churches universally, to come and drink of the inspiring cup, the wine of which makes you ministers of the Spirit, to go forth as ambassadors of reconciliation, which will be your crown, joy, and glory.

[3M 27] Thus you are now summoned, both pastors and people of all churches, to examine and prove in yourselves, whether you bear the right character of the Church and Spouse of Christ; for the Princely Bridegroom is now expecting such a high degree of reformation, in such an uniformity, as shall transcend all literal and dead forms, that will not bear the touch of the Divine and Burning Stone of Love. Therefore as you desire and long for His Second Appearance and Kingdom, spreading in its power and glory here upon Earth, be watching in the inward court of a pure and perfect heart and mind, listening to hear the voice of your Kingly Shepherd, calling you forth to make up one entire fold; where He may go in and out among you, leading you to living fountains and fresh pastures, that no more drought or famine may be known: the Essential Word springing from the root-essence of your own souls, whereby in the ministration of the Holy Ghost, you may be sealed and signed by the Alpha and Omega, to whom all the churches are to be joined as one; crowned with the Everlasting Diadem, for praise, renown, and glory to Him, who was, is, and is to come, *Amen.*

To the Greek and Ethiopian Churches

[3M 28] §.Here also O you *Greeks,* and come from afar, even from the *East,* and from the *North.* And give ear, O *Ethiopia,* that was heretofore, and are still beloved of the Lord your God. O *Ethiopia,* make haste and prepare your chariots: for there is an alarm gone forth from the heavens. Fly apace, rest not, but obey this call that goes forth from your Angel, standing before the Throne of the Mighty Priestly King, and inviting you to hasten away, and behold the glory of *Solomon's* rising day, that is now approaching upon the Earth. Let therefore the Princes of Saba and Sheba bring their gifts. O come from the South, the voice says: And let offerings of myrrh, of incense, and of gold be presented to this great King of *Peace* who is to rule all nations with righteousness and with a Spirit of Love-meekness, and to confound those that delight in war; by turning their swords into sickles. For the South wind shall blow a sweet gale: and the boisterous *Euroclydon*[6] shall be appeased in its furious might, so that the *Ark of Faith* may ride *safe* upon the waters, without danger of a wrack: and the Prince, who has set up His throne *in the sides of the North,* being there by the *Michael*-Art confined, shall not be able to unbind the *North* wind anymore: or to teach the nations to destroy one another.

[3M 29] §.Behold the Angel of *Grecia* is gone out, not to fight, but to proclaim peace: and to summon in his captives from the land of the *aliens* and *barbarians*. Awaken, O you *Grecians,* and sleep not: Awake also, O *Ethiopians,* and let not slumber longer seem upon you. For the *night* of the Apostasy is now drawing to an end, and the *day* is at hand, which all your forefathers who received the faith did expect to see, and do yet press after, that it may appear to you their offspring. Therefore remember your first works, and look back to the days of old; before you got your espousals, and the love of your youth. Remember, says the Spirit, what was anciently said to the churches in you: and let everyone that has an ear, hear also what the Spirit still says to the churches, *Behold, I come quickly, as a Thief in the night: Watch therefore, and do your first works.* Therefore let all the churches in *Asia* listen, wait, and return to the Lord their Mighty Redeemer, who has wounded them for their transgressions; but will turn again unto them, and heal them for His Name's sake.

To the Flock of the Valleys

[3M 30] §.And as for you, O little *Flock of the Valleys,* who have not been afraid to bear a testimony for your God, neither have denied the word of the patience of your *Jesus*: He now calls unto you and says, Lo! I stand at the door, and will reward all your works, and what you have suffered for my

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6 Euroclydon. A violent northeasterly wind. See Acts 27:14.

Name's sake. Therefore arise and shine all you who have lain in the dust: for though you have been cast out *among the pots,* yet an Angel Messenger is descending, that he may give unto you the Golden Wings *of the Dove.* Be strong then, knowing that your salvation is nigh, if you believe.

To the Jews

[3M 31a] §.Now an invitation and call is from the God of *Abraham* to you, who are His offspring, though scattered and dispersed into all nations, as branches that have been for a time broken off from your true Root. Return, return O backsliding *Israel,* and see how many generations are now passed over, wherein you have not known the Day of your Visitation. But let not another age of time pass over you, before you own and confess the great and mighty saving Name *Jesus;* whom though you have denied in His first appearance in flesh, yet His grace to you so super-abounds with all bowels of compassion, whereby forgiveness of your unbelief may work you to a kind repentance and remorse. Therefore you are charged not to neglect your time any longer, but to come out of your dead ceremonies, traditions and types; and to understand what lies under the vail of these shadows, that Christ the substance of all may be revealed in you; and that you may understand and know the many prophecies that are to have their fulfilling for your restoration, such as *Ezekiel* 36:24, etc.: *For I will take you from among the Heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you,* etc. *A new heart also will I give you,* etc. *And I will put my Spirit within you,* etc. But yet *Verse* 37: *I will for this be inquired of by the House of* Israel, *to do it for them.*

[3M 32] So that you see your call and duty; which is to cease from laying such a stress upon your literal Law, and to make no longer an idol of it. For that ministration, though great and glorious in its time, must give way to a higher: which is the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ (who only can make you free) as it is engraven upon your hearts. This is the True Circumcision of the Spirit which takes away the blindness of your minds. Oh, that Christ, the True Guiding Star, may now arise within you, to prepare you for His Second Coming in His Kingdom, in great power and glory. He only waits till you be brought in to the belief and love of Him as your King and Savior; and now sends from His throne a Mighty Angel, to sound forth His Trumpet unto you, O House of *Israel,* and to all the Tribes near and afar, everywhere: that you may hear the voice of your True Shepherd, calling you to be joined among the rest of these churches mentioned, and to make up One Fold with them.

[3M 33] What does the voice cry, but *Awake! Awake!* O slumbering Seed of *Jacob?* And make no lingering or delay; for hereby you retard not only your own joy and felicity in the peaceable Kingdom that is now in expectation, but also that of the whole body besides, belonging to Christ the Head. Therefore in the love and bowels of God the Eternal Father, and with the open arms of that *Jesus,* whom you and your forefathers have ignorantly despised and rejected, you are entreated and besought to receive and entertain this Love-Message of Reconciliation: so referring you to the True Oracle of the Spirit and Tabernacle of God, opening within you, as that Living Testimony, that rends away all vails that are before it. Even so, let all knees bow, confess, and own Him, who is made manifest for the salvation of all nations.

To the Turkish Church

[3M 34] §.There is another cry also goes forth to you of the Turkish Monarchy. How long, how long will you lie in your dark security, rejecting that Light of Christ, which was once made manifest in the flesh, and is now again to be revealed in Spirit, as forerunning His glorious appearance. Behold, to you also is the Golden Crook of Love held out, yea to all people, nations, and languages; even of the heathens that have not known God. All which have now their call to come from the utmost parts of the Earth, to the brightness of this Day Break; for the Gospel of Everlasting Peace and

Good Will greets you all: and though to many it has not come to the outward ear, yet the original book may open within you. For the age of time is come about, wherein the whole Earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, by the inundation of the Spirit, as the Living Waters that shall cover the dead and dark earth of man's depraved nature; which through the Baptism of Fire and Water, must come to be renewed. For the Amen says, *Behold I come to make all things new*. Even so, let all these churches acquiesce with one voice, to the *Yea* and *Amen*.

To the Kingly Monarchs

[3M 35] §.There is yet a louder cry and trumpet sound from out of the Throne of God and the Lamb, to the kingly monarchs that reign here upon this lower Earth, more principally to him who sits at the helm of government in this nation. Consider, O King, by what a wonderful hand you have been brought in and planted here. And recollect for what *end* the key of the government of these nations has been entrusted into your hands. And for what special *work* you may be designed by providence. And as a signal appearance of God, has been manifested for your preservation, and for the maintaining still to you the scepter, that it could not be plucked away. What is now required of you, but to sway it, as another *David* in righteousness and truth, by judging the poor of the people, by saving the children of the needy, and breaking in pieces the oppressors; Which may, as after the end of his wars, introduce the True *Solomon's* Reign in tranquility; whereby all the present divisions may be brought into a blessed harmony and unity. Whereunto you have already made some advance, and bent your force to a reconciliation of the divided parties among the Protestants, by opening a door of true Christian and native liberty; whereby the thrones of princes are established in the hearts of their subjects.

[3M 36] And let the other monarchs of the Earth, and sovereign princes, that have not yet reached to such a free and disinterested spirit, but stand more bound up to their own sentiments, and such a particular mode of worship, learn from such a president how to establish themselves, under the Throne of the Most High God and King. Go on in this great latitude universality of Love, under the great and mighty Shepherd Christ *Jesus*, to bring in all the scattered and divided flocks into one fold, to feed upon that pasture that puts forth only the sweet scented flowers of Love.

[3M 37] §.O, that it might be put not only into the heart of one, but also of all other kings, potentates, and states. What a mighty overturn would it make of the Babylonish strife and confusion that is spread over the Earth, if the great ones that are invested with power, would employ all their force and authority for the propagation of this Kingdom, which is to reign over all the kingdoms of the Earth. Therefore consider and receive it as a charge and command, all you who reign in subordination to him; and know that the prophetical time is now come, wherein God will anoint you with the pouring out of His Holy Spirit upon you, to make you true Kings, Priests and Prophets of the Heavenly Order, that you may become nursing fathers, and nursing mothers to His Church. By this a hopeful expectation will be of a full and thorough reformation, for the bringing in of the New Creation glory, whereby the Tabernacle of God will descend to rest in great splendor and glory upon the Earth. *Amen.*

[3M 38] §.Thus I have concluded my message in all faithfulness, according to the command given, hoping a blessed issue, which is the fullness of all blessings to come upon all nations. And in the meantime I stand in my lot, according to the council and decree of Him who will fulfill all prophesies, past and present.

The Marks of a True Philadelphian

According to the Description of the Blessed Apostle St. *PAUL*

A Philadelphian Suffers Long

[3M 39] §.The first victory of the True *Philadelphian* hero may be said to consist properly in suppressing the *irascible* emotions of the soul: or in stopping the mouth of that Roaring Lion, which watches all the travelers to the City of Brotherly Love, how he may surprise and devour them. For the two great *Boanerges,* the most beloved brothers had like to have fallen into the jaws of this Lion; and the most masculine champion of Christ, and most zealous of all His disciples was bitten by him, and had much ado to escape with his life. Therefore having these examples set before him, he is exceeding cautious to guard himself against this wild and furious beast. And he strives to imitate the longsuffering and patience of the Deity towards evil doers. He studies to conquer his adversaries with Love, and to bring them over to him by kind offices, or by presents, as *Jacob* did his brother *Esau.* He is not for calling down fire from Heaven upon them, or anathematizing them; but for heaping coals of love upon their heads. He is not for prosecuting heretics or recusants with the faggot, or with the sword: but is for suffering the tares to grow with the wheat, till the Day of the *Harvest:* when everyone's work shall be purged by fire.

A Philadelphian is Kind

[3M 40] §.As courtesy and kindness is a *moral* virtue, so in him it becomes a *Christian* grace. Therefore he cannot be austere, or starched up to any little formalities. His religion makes him not sour or uneasy to others, but renders him more sweet, affable, and easy, if there be but the least opportunity for him hereby of doing any kind or generous office to any. And though he uses himself much to solitude and retirements, with his blessed Master and Pattern, yet whenever he appears in the world, he affects not a singularity, or to be taken notice of, but freely converses with it, and accommodates himself to the manners of it, so far as innocently he can. Thus the True *Philadelphian* is the most obliging person of the whole world: not only inoffensive in his carriage, but even pleasant, and nobly exercised in the most advantageous parts of human conversation, as well as the most delectable. And as different as the address of a Master of the Ceremonies to a strange minister, is from that of one brother to another most intimately endeared to him; so is that of this *Philadelphian,* when he converses with any, from that outward, formal, and ceremonial way which is practiced by the world. In short, none better (if so well) understands all the solid delights of conversation, and the permanent pleasures of a true and masculine friendship; not confined, but extended to the very utmost capacity of his sphere.

A Philadelphian Envies Not

[3M 41a] §.When he has thus slain the *Lion* and the *Bear,* he next proceeds to cut off the head of that most cunning twisting *Serpent* of *Envy,* that would insinuate himself even into Paradise. And it is

much more easy to vanquish, subdue, and harmonize the fierce wrathful, and the rough unmannerly properties of a disordered soul, then to eradicate this more secret and lurking evil, which lies gnawing on the very vitals of religion, in any great and specious professors. But the True *Philadelphian* is one perfectly content with that state or lot, in which he stands, through the wisdom, justice and goodness of God.

[3M 41b] He thinks not much at any advantages or privileges which another enjoys: but rather congratulates them. He is certain that the Master whom he serves, if he be faithful, will not fail to prefer him: and therefore he is not at all solicitous after any preferments, honors, or riches, which this world can give, or in the least envies those who possess them. And much less does he repine at any favors conferred by his Master, upon any of his fellow-servants: but is pleased thereat. And will not presume to bind up His Majesty to act thus or thus, and to confer His favors and graces upon none but those that are of this or that body, or society, that he likes best. No. He dares not do so. He prefers others before himself; thinking himself unworthy of the very least grace, or Gift of His Holy Spirit bestowed upon him. For,

A Philadelphian Vaunts Not Himself

[3M 42] §.He will take no glory or honor to himself; but will ascribe all to the Supreme Majesty, which he serves, the sole fountain of *honor,* and the origin of whatever is *glorious* or praise-worthy. He is free therefore from all ostentation. And being inconsiderable in his own eyes, he cannot be over-forward, temerarious, or precipitate in any design, but will wait always for the Call and Command of his Master: that so he may not dishonor, instead of honoring Him. And this also teaches him to weigh his words in the balance of the Holy Sanctuary, and not to speak rashly for God.

A Philadelphian is not Puffed Up

[3M 43] For he avoids all manner of ostentation and impertinence: this is a certain sign that there must be in him somewhat substantial, and that he is not a vessel filled with wind. He is neither elevated with any applause, nor dejected with obloquy or contempt. He is contracted within a very little compass, and is not blown up as a bladder, either with the vanities and pomps of the world, or with any spiritual attainments, fancied or real. But the more he receives, natural or supernatural, he is still the more humble, more passive, and more resigned to the Divine Will.

A Philadelphian does not behave Himself Unseemly

[3M 44] §.He takes care to do nothing that is judecorous: but is a most strict observer of the Eternal Law of Order. Which law is the rule of all virtue: and therefore though he is not solicitous about the niceties or punctilios of ceremony; yet having this Law written in his heart, all his actions proceeding must needs be regular, orderly, and decent. There will therefore be seen a decorum in all his conversation, that is not superficial, but essential; that is not counterfeited, but natural; that is not transient, but permanent; as derived from that Root which abides ever, and *fails not.* There is an inexpressible beauty in his behavior, both to the Children of *Men* and to the Children of *God;* that is insensibly conveyed from the Supreme and Infinite Beauty. And this he calls the reflection of the light of God's countenance upon his soul.

A Philadelphian Seeks Not His Own

[3M 45] §.There is nothing more that contradicts the beautiful Law of Order, than a narrow contracted spirit, which is always *seeking its own,* and not that which is for the good of the whole. Therefore a True *Philadelphian* is the most public spirited person that can be described. He seeks not his own private interest in the public: but tramples the former under his feet, even with the utmost dis-

dain, so he may but promote the latter. And he not only lays hold on every opportunity that is presented to him, for the exercise of this public, merciful, and beneficent spirit: but even sedulously watches for, and catches after opportunities, after the example of his Blessed MASTER, continually *going about doing good.*

A Philadelphian is not Easily Provoked

[3M 46] §.It is not otherwise to be expected but that a person of public spirit, whose study it is to do good to others, and to advance the honor and interest of his Great and Glorious MASTER, will meet with many affronts, misrepresentations, and provocations from the unthinking or ungrateful part of mankind. But a True *Philadelphian* will not be in the least provoked or irritated. He lives above the censure of the world, as being the spectacle of God and of His Holy Angels, and of all the great and good men now *made perfect,* who have ever lived upon the face of the Earth, and been the benefactors of human kind. Therefore looking steadfastly upon such as these, he matters not either the *good or bad report* of the present age; but is resolved to break through all, that he may be serviceable to it, and to posterity. He will not be provoked to lay down a good and noble design, whatever clamors may be raised against him: and will hazard both his reputation and fortune a thousand times over in this life, rather than not to do what he knows to be for the honor of his GOD, and the benefit of his neighbor; and more specially if for that of a Kingdom. In short, he is so great a master of himself, by the grace and Spirit of Christ, that should all mankind set themselves against him, they could not be able to cast him even into one paroxysm.

A Philadelphian Thinks No Evil

[3M 47] §.Candor is the most peculiar *Philadelphian* characteristic: by which he is distinguished, visibly and eminently, from all the parties, sects, and external denominations of religion whatever. He is ever willing to take things in the best sense: and when two opposite constructions may be put upon the same matter, he constantly remembers the council of that good natured philosopher, who charged his pupil never to take up a vessel by the left handle, when he could hold it by the right. So the True *Philadelphian,* considering how all things have two handles, and how the very same person is made both an hero and a monster, according as the painter is pleased to draw him; will suspend his assent, till he can be fully ascertained, and will incline still to the more favorable part. For,

A Philadelphian Rejoices Not in Iniquity

[3M 48] §.He sets not up for a critic upon the failures of others: nor would establish to himself a reputation of a *wit* upon the weaknesses or mistakes of any. It is the common vice of the world to take a pleasure in discoursing of the folly or knavery of others (without which topics perhaps nine parts in ten of ordinary conversation would be nothing), and to censure these is taken up as the most easy method to be thought a man of sense, or a man of probity. But the True *Philadelphian* genius is quite otherwise: it minds not the impertinent or insignificant buzzings of a fly, or the ridiculous gestures of a monkey. It finds no delight in calling over the political fetches of a cunning fox, the hypocrisy and treachery of a crocodile, or the rapacity and unmercifulness of a wolf; nor is diverted in raking into dung and ordure. The *Philadelphian* Spirit is far too noble for any such employment as this: and therefore, living above the genius of this world, converses much with the blessed inhabitants of the superior worlds; who *think no evil* of one another; neither *rejoice in iniquity,* or the failings of any of their fellow creatures; but *rejoice in the truth,* and in the conformity of things below with things above, or with the heavenly patterns. By whom being instructed,

A Philadelphian Rejoices in the Truth

[3M 49] §.Calumny is the very nature of the Devil himself, who never rejoices more than when he find matter for his accusations. And its opposite virtue is a ray from the Divine Nature communicated

to blessed Angels, and blessed souls. Hereby the True *Philadelphian* is made most like to the Deity, which is *truth,* and therefore never *rejoices* but *in the truth,* or in the reflection of His own immaculate Light. Therefore the *Philadelphian* rejoices not alone, but *with* the best company: with the Holy Majesty of God, with the whole Court of Heaven, with all good men on Earth, and more particularly with injured and oppressed innocence, that comes to be vindicated by the *truth.*

A Philadelphian Conceals All Things

[3M 50] §.As his great care is to do nothing against the truth, so since the world is very little able to bear it, he is forced to enjoy it by himself, together with this Secret Blessed Society, rather than to prostitute it, to such as would trample it under their feet. Therefore a True *Philadelphian* will *bear* and *keep all things* in his *heart,* that are not to be communicated to any but to the *wise;* according to the most express command and caution of Christ Himself, and His own practice, with that of His holy *Mother* and *Apostles,* and indeed of all the *Prophets, Wisemen,* and *Scribes* of the Kingdom in all ages. This gift of taciturnity and holy silence is most absolutely requisite for him, as he stands engaged in great undertakings for the glory of God. For if the secrets of princes ought to be sacred, then much more, thinks the True *Philadelphian,* ought the secrets of HIM *by whom princes reign.* And yet even His *secrets are with them that fear Him.*[7] However this taciturnity or reservedness must not hinder, but that he be bold as a lion to declare and promulgate all that he is commanded by his Supreme LORD: and thus to *bear up,* and *support* as it were, under HIM, the pillars of His government. For,

A Philadelphian Believes All Things

[3M 51] §.On the part of GOD, he believes that He is faithful and true to perform all His promises, even to the minutest tittle of them: and that he is no less ready now to assist them that *truly believe* in Him, than He was to assist all the ancient worthies, and great heroes: who are left as a *Cloud of Witnesses* for us to follow their steps.[8] And on the part of *man,* a True *Philadelphian* will also *believe all things,* that upon any probable motives of credibility can be produced either for vindication, or alleviation.

A Philadelphian Hopes All Things

[3M 52] §.On the part of GOD he hopes both for an *ordinary* and *extraordinary* appearance of His Majesty. The ground of this hope is upon a *Rock:* and nothing is too great for it to reach after, in advancing His glory. And on the part of *man,* where the *notoriety* of evil is too plain for him to *believe* good, yet he despairs not, but hopes that even the most diabolical sinner may at length repent, and become a very great and glorious *saint; loving much, because much is forgiven.*

A Philadelphian Endures All Things

[3M 53] §.This heroic *faith* and *hope* makes the True *Philadelphian* to *endure* and suffer *all things* in his Master's cause, and for His sake. For always expecting Him to *come quickly,* he will never flinch back, but will *keep* the *Word of His patience,* and will remember to hold *that fast which* he has, that no man take his Crown. Therefore,

A Philadelphian Never Fails

[3M 54] §.But when all other names of distinction shall fail, and be burnt up, this shall abide. The *Name* of a PHILADELPHIAN *shall endure forever: it shall be continued as long as the Sun: and all nations shall call him the* Blessed of the Lord.

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7 Psa. 25:14.

8 Heb. 12:1,

[3M 55] §.These were the *Marks* that were given to a Certain Traveler toward the Heavenly City of PHILADELPHIA, by a strong Angel that descended from there, who having taken out his heart, left as it were a *flaming coal* in the room thereof; which *burns* incessantly with most vehement desires, for the good of all His brethren; that is, of all mankind.

END OF THE 3RD MESSAGE