Spirit's Day Studies
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Shake, shake your earthly dust away
Now it's the Spirit's Day,
that will admit of no delay.
The Eight Worlds

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Notes on Patriarch, Patriarchal

The Patriarchal Age which was before the flood, and is again to be renewed in righteousness (as contrarily that was in wickedness and vanity of mind). (AS P:5)

1. [God) is the same now as He was yesterday (in the days of the Patriarchs, the Prophets, and the Apostles), and will be the same forever—the Yea and the Amen. (1F P:3)

2. It was said to me by Wisdom, and by the Apostle John, "You shall now be brought to the ancient worthies, that have made projection upon this stone, as well understanding it both as to the spiritual and natural part of it." And when I was brought there, I saw the Patriarchs and all the great Philosophers divinely taught, both of former and latter ages. (1F 2:28)

3. There is a known number to make up the Flock for this Upper Fold; whereof are the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles, who are nominated to be Elders among that Great Assembly; who are moved out of Paradise to sit in heavenly places, with their Head Prince and Mediator. To which Holy Place there are some holy and perfect spirits in every age added, as Saints breaking away from this principle. (2F 4:2)

4. Had not Christ come down into a body, the highest Saint could have attained no higher state than Paradise; though endued with all the internal excellency from the Word of Life, as a seed incorporating with it. For their highest dimensions was Adam's Paradise, beyond which region neither Patriarchs nor Prophets did arrive before Christ's appearing in the world. (2F 4:23)

5. *Verily if a man keep my sayings he shall never see death*. (John 8:51) This was a strange saying, which the Jews took up presently to disprove Him by the Patriarchs and Prophets, in that they were deceased, which our Lord contradicted not; for except Enoch and Elias we have no knowledge of any, but they all died a natural Death. Yet it is written God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. (3F 1:11)

6. For this we are not without some precedents that did come hereunto, and made a visible show of conquest. As some Patriarchs, and Prophets before Christ, who was the Head and Principal Conqueror, and is so still in us, as He was in his Apostles, *John, Paul, Peter,* and *James.* These plainly glorified in a triumphant victory, *having fought the good fight of faith,* and doubtless did perfectly

subdue all of the Man of Sin, and thereby were capable of translation, of which no certain account has been given. But whether or not this we are sure, they died the common natural death, yet they were such Overcomers, as had right to reign both in Heavenly and Earthly places. Which they had not only the foresight, but the possession of, though in an invisible sphere, and world, that is not known to mortals, and gathered to their Conquering Head and Captain, that we hope will bring us up in victory, through the whole part of the earthly-life subdued, and not only so, but that all things in this earthy-principle shall be under control, and shall be assuredly bowed under the pure Birth of Life. (3F 3:38)

7. But it may be Queried, Who and where are such, that can be with the bright Heavens in such a high degree, thus involved with God, for any duration of time? Or abstracted with God from all of this Earthly Region? In answer to this: It is no new thing, but what has been witnessed in foregoing Ages. A Cloud of Witnesses is recorded hereof, in the Holy Scriptures, as Enoch, and Moses, Elisha, Elias, Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Steven, Paul, and John: They were caught up with God to see, and hear, what the invisible Heavens did show. From which they did give forth all their records, from clear sight and inspiration. Upon which all the Holy Patriarchs, and Prophets, and Apostles attended. They neither framed nor formed any matter, but as the Holy Ghost gave it unto them, knowing no other ministry, but what was immediately dictated unto them by Vision and Revelation. They were contented to be dumb and silent, till the Lord gave them Words, fresh Words, from time to time to utter. They, who are called hereunto, were not to go off their Watch-Tower, but to keep to their undefiled walks, where the Spirit from Jesus meets with a full lading of all precious Truths. (3F 5:7)

8. The Word, even that Word which was from the beginning with God, and was God, is become a Spring of Wisdom, and Counsel unto me, and a Word of Prophesy, which I am to mind, and keep close to: For it is the Rock that followed the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles; inspiring them with Truth, from the Being of all Truth. (Fountain of Gardens Vol. 4, July 12)

9. 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. (1M 41a)

10. 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 4)

11. As to the arrival to the Patriarchal Age which was before the flood, and is again to be renewed in righteousness (as contrarily that was in wickedness and vanity of mind), Christ being to revive in the souls of such as shall be counted worthy to personate His reign upon the earth in His own purity. For the attainment of this perfect state it is necessary there should be length of days. (AS P:5)

12. The true Bride and Spouse of Christ will live to the good old age of the Patriarchal Life (AS P:5-6).

13. "The Restoration of the Patriarchal Longevity: and of the First Resurrection. (AS 25a, etc.)

14. The Restoration of Methuselah's Years (AS 26)

15. The beginning and method of this was thus platformed out to me, as in the mount was seen in the threefold court there; in persons so endued and qualified to be Prophets, Priests, and Kings, which are to be laid as the foundation of that ever-springing creation, that are born into a state of eternal genera-

tion. These shall know length of days, as it was in the Patriarchs before the flood, even to Methuselah's years. This good old golden age will presage that Christ has set His foot to reign upon the earth in His Spirit, made manifest in His Temple-Body, whom He has espoused to Himself as His Bride: who will rise and shine in her ornamental gifts and powers, clothed with that flaming robe that the moth of corruption cannot eat out. (AS 26)

16. And we are to note further, according as it has been seen in the clear glass of divine secrets, that such of the long-lived Stones that shall reach to the Patriarchal ages, will be found in a more fit capacity to transcend all these bounds and limits of numbers of years, by putting on that glorified figure, which can never need to fear the diminution and alteration of its beauty and perfection. As they shall bear up in the unwavering faith hereof, they may hold out till the personal glory shall descend; (AS 27b)

17. The first of these [Eight Worlds] is the Paradisical World, being all celestial, and a very pleasant state, where there is a growing up to higher degrees of perfection, to complete us for the Kingdom of Mount Zion, where Christ the Lord's Kingdom is in great magnificence, with all the angelical principalities under Him, and with the elders, as Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles. (EW 1:3b)

18. Let none be so rash as to judge that nothing more is to be known, than what has been reported of. For God does not bring forth or reveal His counsel, and the whole extent of His mind, all in one age, no not in several ages. For instance, what He revealed in the Patriarch's Days and the first ages of time had their cessation and period. And so as occasion was, new prophesies and revelations did succeed, till after Christ's time. Now we are not to think that there was a stop, as if no more discovery should be made of what is further needful to be known: Of the which there are many witnesses, both dead and living, that have further and new discoveries relating to the restoration. (EG 9)

19. Without this habit of spirituality, there is no commencing of this acquaintance with either Angels or Patriarchs, Prophets or Apostles, or any evangelical Saints since those ages. For they having put on incorruption and glory, and quite redeemed out of the earth, will touch no more with such as are defiled with corruptible things. (EN 5:12)

20. The same Spirit that inspired the holy men of God to record [the Scriptures] is now in this Last Day more abundantly shed forth, to multiply volumes of Scripture. For whatsoever is purely dictated by the Holy Ghost may be called by that name; and so it was, before Christ's appearing in flesh, by the Patriarchs and Prophets, which was then succeeded by a newer ministration, the former being fulfilled in Him. (EW 1:22d)

21. The Father stands more peculiarly charged for His own family, as knowing what things are needful for them, and by conferring that princely gift, which is faith in Him, as the key that opens that unknown store house, where all treasures shall stand open at the hand of faith's command: which must be steady and never wavering, looking upward with a fixed eye; not divided between two principles. Then will it be experienced as it was by the great Patriarchs and Prophets of old: who were encompassed with blessings on the right hand and on the left; not knowing which way they would be brought in; confiding in that Everlasting Fountain that was unsealed to them, in all its fruitful springs. (GL 18)

22. We have received good assurance that if bodily death should overtake us while upon this Ascending Ladder, there will be a considerable advantage that an open access by Christ the Lord is made for such as die in the faith hereof. These will find a free pass through the mortal death into that Mount Sion, to be received where the Lord Christ, and the High Order of Holy Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles, are beforehand gathered. (HC 4:11)

23. It is a nice and difficult matter to know the Spirit's speech and voice in His Day, since Christ the Lord's ascending, than what it was before, when the Word of the Lord came expressly to the Patriarchs and Prophets articulately, by immediate Voice. Up to this time God was very familiar in way of speech, as with Abraham, Moses, and so to the Prophets, till Christ's time; but now in these last days He speaks to us by the Spirit of His Son, which is the Spirit of Truth, and Comforter: that is the Spirit we are to try, and to be proved by, whether or not He is come into us, as a Spirit of Prophecy and Revelation. (RR 30:3)

24. And thus He becomes the true Prince of Peace, putting an end to the bloody wars and persecutions that have been raised against His Church, whether by the Prince and Powers of Darkness, or of this world: quenching the spirit of strife and division in it: Pouring out the Spirit of Meekness and Brotherly Love among all nations, and turning their swords into plough-shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: Reconciling the discord of the elements and all the contrarieties of nature, so that nothing shall hurt or destroy in His holy mountain. Introducing the blessed and peaceable reign of the True Solomon (whereof the former was but a type and shadow), wherein shall be the abundant increase and plenty of all good things; riches both spiritual and temporal; with the highest honor, magnificence and glory: and also prolongation of life, as in the Patriarchal Age, for enjoyment of it. Which is the dowry of the Virgin-Wisdom; as it is said, Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left, riches and honors. For this is the reign wherein she manifests and gives herself; and working with those that profess her, she orders all things sweetly and harmoniously, and brings them into the peaceful triumph and joy of concord and Love. (ST P:15)

25. The New Creation which is to be brought forth, must have their consistency of life by the faith of the Son of God; that as He was in this world, so may also His Bride and Spouse be, acting in the Holy Ghostly property, to do the wonders which the last age of the world is to produce. For it is expected that mighty deeds and works shall be wrought by this new risen Virgin Church, such as have, and such as never have been. For the Patriarchs, Prophets, and most highly spirited in the faith and love, power and purity, shall again descend, to assume persons that are of this resurrection life, so to do all the worthy exploits, according to the lot in which each ancient Saint did stand. All which shall be renewed again, for the state of the prophecies relating to Christ's Thousand Years Reign, which will overspread the earth with the Kingly, Prophetical, and Priestly Train. (TR P:2)

26. All the sacrifices and institutions of the ancient Patriarchs, the Law of Moses, with all its types, and rites, and ceremonies, had this only end; they were the methods of Divine Wisdom for a time, to keep the hearts of men from the wanderings of idolatry, in a state of holy expectation upon God, they were to keep the First Seed of Life in a state of growth, and make way for the further operation of God upon the soul; or, as the Apostle speaks, to be as a Schoolmaster unto Christ, that is, till the Birth, the Death, the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, should conquer Death and Hell, open a new Dispensation of God, and baptize mankind afresh with the Holy Ghost, and Fire of Heaven. Then, that is, on the Day of Pentecost, a New Dispensation of God came forth; which on God's part was the operation of the Holy Spirit in Gifts and Graces upon the whole Church; and on man's part, it was the adoration of God in Spirit and in Truth. (SP 2:31a)

27. The faith of the First Patriarchs could not have been in Being; Moses and the Prophets had come in vain, had not the Christ of God lain in a state of hiddenness in every Son of Man. For faith, which is a will and hunger after God, could not have begun to be, or have any life in man, but because there was something of the Divine Nature existing and hid in man. For nothing can have any longing desire but after its own likeness, nor could anything be made to desire God, but that which came from Him, and had the nature of Him. (SL 1:51)

28. [Christ] was a Seed of Life in our first fallen Father; He lived as a Blessing of Promise in the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Israel of God; He was born as a Man of a pure Virgin; He did all that He did, whether as suffering, dying, conquering, rising, and ascending into Heaven, only as so many things, which as naturally and as truly, according to the nature of things, qualified Him to be the Producer, or Quickener of a Divine Life in us, as the state and condition of Adam qualified him to make us the Slavish Children of earthly, bestial flesh and blood. (SL 2:71)

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