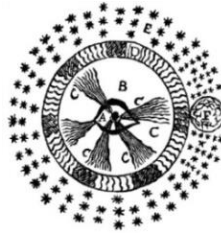

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*Shake, shake your earthly dust away
Now it's the Spirit's Day,
that will admit of no delay.*

The Eight Worlds

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Jane Lead's 60 Propositions

Proposition 3, Part 2

The Holy Seekers

or,

Progressive Revelation

**The Holy Spirit is at hand to *reveal* the same to all
Holy seekers and Loving Inquirers.**

Fallen man, a most rebellious creature, will never search for God on his own.¹ Therefore, in the grace and mercy of a benevolent Creator, God has arranged that every soul *must* search for Him *with the whole heart*.² Why? *Why cannot an omniscient and omnipresent God simply say to the soul, Behold I AM!* Because searching implies *desire*; Desire implies *need*; Need implies *emptiness*; Emptiness implies *loneliness*; loneliness implies *heartache*; heartache implies *desire*. Thus the soul has come full circle. Desire, emptiness, heartache, and loneliness are all evidence of the soul's innate *yearning* for "something more." Sinful man will search the world over to find ways to fill that emptiness: job, family, money, health, prestige, vices, etc. But man will ultimately discover that this yearning cannot be truly satisfied with anything the world has to offer. Therefore God must initiate the search; and it is left for man to *respond*.³

Progressive Revelation

As the soul's quest for God is *progressive*, so too is God's revelation of Himself to that soul. The sinner, in seeking answers for his life and circumstances, must *first* come to the Father by way of contrition and repentance.⁴ The Father then sends that soul to know the Son.⁵ When the soul has demonstrated faith in the sacrificial work of the Lord Jesus Christ, next he must learn the Word of God, how to walk with Jesus, and the importance of obedience.⁶ Once he has advanced to the degree that is pleasing to both the Father and the Son, they will concur together in the Holy Trinity, and send the Holy Spirit to take over the soul's education. The Promise of the Father⁷ will come as the Resurrected Life of the Jesus Christ, shed abroad the Love of God in the heart,⁸ and begin the crucifying conduct that will lead the soul towards victory over the sin-principle within. This is the fulfillment of God's promise in the Garden. This is Jesus coming to bruise the Serpent's head *within*.⁹

God's Plans are Progressive

God's revelation of His plans to His people is also progressive. The understanding the Christian has today will be replaced tomorrow with something deeper and richer—if he is diligent to seek Him while He may be found.¹⁰ What He reveals to one may not be the same that He reveals to another, or in the same way. Daniel was not given John's revelation; Peter was not given Paul's. And yet their messages work together, at various times and seasons, and in a variety of interesting ways. But this seeking also requires desire, as God calls the soul closer and deeper,¹¹ and moves it toward finding that “something more” that He wishes to unveil. The Christian is on a treasure hunt;¹² and must *seek* Him until he *finds* Him—in the way that *God* chooses to reveal Himself.

The Bible is Progressive

God's Word is also progressive. We have the Law of Moses, the historical books, the poetical books, the Prophets, the Gospels, and the Epistles, etc. Why did God not stop at Genesis, or Isaiah, or Malachi, or even the Gospels? Why continue on with the Epistles and that *Mystery Book* of things to come? Because God is always speaking!¹³ He spoke then, He is speaking now, and He will continue to speak for all eternity. No Scripture *demand*s that God no longer speaks to us except through His written Word alone. What He speaks, and how He speaks, may be open for discussion. However to say that the Holy Bible is His *final* Word is a bit presumptuous. The Old Testament skeptics insisted that God stopped speaking at Malachi. The New Testament skeptics *demand* that He stopped speaking at *Revelation*. But God has, always does, and will always continue to speak, to inform and exhort His people. Mortal man cannot claim to know when God will speak, what He will speak, or to whom. Man is finite; God is infinite.

Holy Seekers

Holy Seekers are not sinless people. They have simply heard the call of God to come closer—and they obeyed, anxiously drawing near the Lord. They are also *broken* people, having experienced the devastating effects of their own sinful nature that continually offend God and man. They have heard the good news of the *Everlasting Gospel* of Jesus Christ, and believing that Word, have waited patiently and expectantly in faith—and have now come into the *Promise*. And they are progressing daily, in true confidence, that the evil and sin-inducing life within will be brought to its knees; for this is what the Promised Indwelling Christ is sent to accomplish.¹⁴ Therefore the Holy Seeker no longer lives for himself, and seeks only to do those things that please his Lord.¹⁵

Loving Inquirers

Every Holy Seeker was at one time a Loving Inquirer. Loving Inquirers are those that have heard the good news of a Life *in Christ*, and have come to learn more about this wonderful and mysterious Gift.¹⁶ They have long-yearned for *something more*, and have come to *ask*, *seek*, and *knock* for this vital and life-giving Spirit. Therefore they pursue this *Blessing* daily—even every moment. For the Father is now moving them beyond knowing Jesus after the flesh, and is leading them to know Jesus after the Spirit.¹⁷ And though they are hopeful of this Good News about the Kingdom Life—yet they are diligent to search the Scriptures to confirm whether these things are true.¹⁸

A Caution to the Mockers

Only the faithful ones—who walk and talk with Him, who obey in every area of their lives; who long for the complete salvation of their spirit, soul and body—these alone will be made privy to understand this *mystery* of a total and full redemption.¹⁹ The disobedient Christian is excluded. The critical

Christian is excluded. Only to the pure in heart will God invite to come and partake of His *Love-plan*.²⁰ Others may aspire to understand; but without an invitation from God, and without the Promise of the Father, they will only understand the *letter* of the message—not the *Spirit* by which it is given. Without the Indwelling Spirit of the Resurrected Lord, they will interpret the truth as lies, persecute the faithful, and grieve the Holy Spirit—all under the pretext that they do God a service.²¹

The Philadelphian Church

God has *always* kept a *Remnant* that He could reveal Himself to in greater and deeper measures. It is His great joy to share with them His most intimate intentions and designs. The Bible is filled with stories of His Elect, His Chosen Ones, and His Remnant—*loyal* servants that *He* chose to be His instruments of truth and righteousness. They are marked by their unwavering love and faithful devotion. Who they are and what they will do is closely monitored by the Lord: for they belong to *Him*. Therefore it is no presumption or great error to say that He has His *Special Ones*. But *God forbid they should ever consider themselves special*. No! For they have been under the heavy hand of the Lord, who is ever destroying that *self-life* within.

Every Christian understands that judgment *will* begin with the house of God.²² And though a Christian may be confident in his standing before the Lord, yet he is exhorted to go *beyond* that—and move into the *Inheritance*. This is what the true Philadelphian is pressing hard after.²³ This is the race that they have chosen to run in all faith and hope.²⁴ For they have set their faces as a flint toward the *New Jerusalem*.²⁵ They have responded to the call to come out of *Ichabod*, and to make way for the *Shekinah*. To them it's no longer a matter of living *for God*; it's a matter of living *in God*. And though they be mocked and ridiculed, attacked and mistreated, forsaken and condemned, yet they *are* and *will* forever remain—God's *Special People*. †††

To be continued...

NOTES & SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are from the KJV. Unless otherwise noted all references to JL's writings are from the Spirit's Day Version (SDV).

- 1 There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. (Rom 3:10-11)
- 2 Ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. (Jer 29:13)
- 3 Look unto me, and be ye saved...for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. (Isa 45:22)
- 4 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart...(Psa 51:17)
- 5 No man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. (Joh 6:65)
- 6 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him...(Deu 30:20)
- 7 John, Chapters 14, 15, 16.
- 8 Hope maketh not ashamed; for the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (Rom 5:5)
- 9 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Gen 3:15)
- 10 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: (Isa 55:6)
- 11 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. (Psa 42:7)
- 12 The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. (Mat 13:44)
- 13 Job 34:14-17.
- 14 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ... (Rom 7:24-25)
- 15 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. (Joh 8:29)
- 16 *1st Message to Philadelphian Society* (1M 2).
- 17 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. (2Co 5:16)
- 18 ...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. (Act 17:11)
- 19 *1st Message to the Philadelphian Society* (1M 1,2)
- 20 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (Mat 5:8)
- 21 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. (Joh 16:2)
- 22 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God...(1Pe 4:17)
- 23 I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. (Act 20:32)
- 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. (1Co 9:24)
- 25 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint...(Isa 50:7)

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, (Luk 9:51)