
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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The Most Certain Way of True Revelation

Revelation of Revelations
Chapter 31

[RR 31:1] §.But now I shall come to describe the true and more certain way of *divine openings* and *revelations*. Know then, that where there have been *holy consecrations* and *special separations*, as the foregoing preparation to this *High Ministration*, those are such as may come to feel in themselves the *One Essential Birth of Life* to spring: which is not to be taken in by *verbal comprehension*, *knowledge*, or *understanding*. No such thing. But the *Spirit of Truth* and *Revelation* opens Himself in the *Fiery Essence* of the *soul*, in a sweet silent stillness, where all thoughts are excluded. Then the *Light Ray* of the *Deity* rises, and overshadows and fills the *Temple* of the *Mind* with light and glory; then will the *soul* sink away deeper and deeper into the *Abyssal Being*, where the *greatest* of *Wisdom's secrets* are to be known. When the *spirit* of the *soul* can, after this manner, steal and slide away from *Time* and *Mortal Day*; [1] then stands open that *Gate* that gives entrance to behold the *Glorified Beings*, and to hear the language of that *Light World*, which none else can hear but them that have gotten out of the noise of all other hearings, into that still and silent Deep. Here most *pleasant*, *joyful Voices* and *Sounds* are heard which entering in through the several *Organs* as a *Fiery Breath*: and nothing of *vocal Words* is either required or needed there.

“Being in the Spirit” Interpreted

[RR 31:2] Now then by this you may judge, that pure and unadulterated *Revelation* and *Vision* of a true sight is not so quickly rushed into, nor easily attained. It is a great and peculiar Gift; and also requires great watchfulness, and attendance upon it, if any would enjoy and hold it incorruptibly. And that there may be no deceit in this matter, when you come to try your own and others spirits, take this observation further with you: *If any one brings out a prophecy or revelation, take notice what defensive power and guard it has upon it*. The beloved *John*, when he had all those *visions* and *revelations*, gives an account how they were seen and heard by him; for he said, *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day* (and there was good proof of it), as much as if he had said, *That it was neither man's nor mortal's day that did rise and enclose upon him; but the One Everlasting Day, or Ancient of Days, in whose Light he had*

[1] How blind to Time, must that Eye be,
Who sees the Glories of Eternity?
Sure those who Heaven most desire,
They from all of the Earth do most retire.

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the glorious prospect of heavenly things themselves. Thus he was *in the Spirit*, which was his defensive power and guard, to keep out all other trifling spirits.

[RR 31:3] §.Observe this further: It is a much different thing for the mind and spirit of the soul to be caught up into *the Spirit* pure and abstractedly; for then it is secured from mixtures. But when the Holy Spirit is come only into the properties of our souls, giving forth lustrous *light* and *revelation*, and in-speaking fluently; yet it is *hazardable* to be twisted about from the self-promoting essence, that is ready and apt to dash in upon the Divine Inspiring, as soon as it arises from its own central deep. This I speak knowingly, having traced through the deep meanders, before I arrived to know the true and certain Way of *Revelation*: by which now I am put out of doubt concerning the *True Oracle speaking in the center of the soul*, as to my own particular; through watching thereunto with all heedfulness, for the keeping out all fluttering spirits, that have both their birth and nourishment from the *Astral* and *Elementary Region*; and that can go in and out for proving, till we are gotten beyond their kingdom. Now indeed when the spirit of the soul meets with such a pull up into *the Spirit*, as the beloved Disciple, then it is out of all fears. But this is very rare; they are Heaven's high favorites, who frequently meet with such *transportations*.

[RR 31:4] The other is more common and frequent to Saints that are lovers and enjoyers of *That Ministration*, for whose sake I have been impulsed to open these secret things: that they may exiled be, to put on their impregnable strength of defense, for the preserving this great immunity, as the choicest of all of *God's favors*; and that incorruptibly, as from the pure Spring of the Spirit. Then you will find every faculty of the soul tinged with the *fiery glance* of the *Holy Ghost*; as you see by the dark and hard body of *Iron*: which being enclosed with *fire*, is so penetrated therewith; as it becomes, as it were, one and the same *Fire-Flame*. But you must keep and feed it there as the *Salamander*, which always lives in the fire. After this manner does the Holy Ghost, with His invisible *Flaming Body*, penetrate through the spirit of the soul; that it is encompassed with light, as was the Angel which is said to be *standing in the Sun*, or, all appearing as the very Sun of Glory. Therefore it is highly valuable for any Saint to get such a *Clothing* of the Spirit upon them. For nothing of *Adam's* weak or impotent *nakedness* can here be seen; but all *glory, strength* and *power* will be your *habitation*. These are gifts to be much set by and desired; and not slighted or despised.

[RR 31:5] §.Now having given a plain and experimental account of this nice and difficult point, which I hope may have reached to the satisfaction of the doubtful; I shall now, by virtue of an *Heavenly Commission* given me from the Lord, give counsel and caution to *three sorts* and *degrees* of persons.

Caution to the Disputers and Infidels

[RR 31:6] §.The *First* is to them that question, *Whether there be any Spirit of Prophecy or Revelation given forth since the Apostles deceased*; as believing that all died with them. This would be a sad and deplorable thing, if God should since that Age cut off the *Spring of Revelation* from its *Original*, so that the Sheep and Lambs of Christ's Flock should no more expect to be fed from the fresh springing Pastures, where no footing has been; or to drink of those flowing Rivers of Life that renew daily from the Fountain of the *Godhead*. Let such call to mind and consider those many Scripture-prophecies and promises, concerning the *continuation* of this *Gift* unto the very end of *time*; both in the Old and New Testaments. I shall mention only some of the latter:

John 14:16-18, 21

1Cor. 2:10-14

Eph. 1:17-19

1John 2:27-28

2Cor. 4:6,13

John 3:27

Heb. 8:9-11

Many more than these Scriptures could call up for confirmation of the continued run of the Spirit throughout all Ages; Christ by His Spirit comforting us, saying, *Lo, He would be with His to the end of the World*. Now, as from the Lord, I beseech you not to eclipse the Light of the *Day-Star* (2Pet.1:19) in your own souls, nor *quench the Spirit*, nor *despise prophesying*. Then may the *Witness of Jesus* rise in you, to confirm this most glorious *Ministration*, as a burning Lamp of *Revelation*.

Caution to the Initiated in the First Priestly Order

[RR 31:7] §.A word of *Love-caution* is to another sort of persons, who are entered into this Ministration in its *First* degree, and are under the *Spirit's* discipline and teaching. To such the Word of Counsel, from the Father of Spirits, is this: *That they keep precisely to the Rules and Laws of the Spirit*. For from such will be expected more shining and singular conversation, showed forth in a self-denying life; by dying to all of those mortal things, and sensual enjoyments, that strangle and choke the fiery Breath of the Holy Spirit, to stop it from kindling further and deeper in the soulish essence: that so there may be a coming up to a mighty increase in the nature of Christ, and fruitfulness in the love and unity of the Spirit; having all tenderness to support, love and cherish each Olive Plant that springs out of this *Eden-Garden*; which is watered by the Holy Mists and Dropping Dews of the Divine Spirit.

Caution to the Illuminated of the Second Order

[RR 31:8] §.Now to the *third* sort: This Word of Wisdom and Counsel greets them, whom we discern to be of a high and lofty stature, having shot forth their branches in great luster and glory, as having got beyond all declarative *revelations* and *teachings*, as not receiving or needing any but what their Center of Light will supply them withal; and so here from inclining to slight what lies in bank and store, with their fellow laborers for this same Treasure. To such this word is sent:

That they carry it in great humility and lowliness of mind, preferring each ones Gift *before*, or as their own, maintaining all sweet and lovely fellowship with those of lower or higher degrees, in mutual concord and harmony; for the maintaining a holy fraternity and spiritual neighborhood. Although each Saint may have a full provision and plentiful portion of Spirit in themselves, so as they have no dependence on another; yet *Love* is freely communicative, and disperses itself in great variety. So as what one Saint is gifted and furnished with, the other may want of that sort and kind: and so a heavenly traffic and correspondency may be maintained; feeding and feasting with each other, on the various Fruits, as all springing from One Stock and Tree of Life. For it is experienced that much increase of the Holy Anointing has flown forth, by the converse and declaration of divine inspirations, from one Saint to another: the which has begotten a New and Spiritual Generation, as in former Ages, so in this; sending forth Divine Sparks of *Light* and *Love*, for the gathering in of the *Holy Priestly Train*, that are to make up the *Temple-Glory*. Till the which shall come to be completed, there will be all need of this *Holy Inspiring Breath* to be breathed from one to another, whether by *vocal voice*, *inspeaking* or *converse*: according as the Holy Spirit shall go forth in its various operations; for the edifying of the Body of *Love*, for a Holy Convocation to the Lord. †††