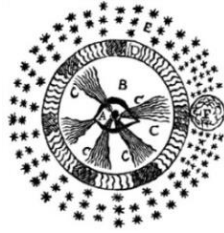


Spirit's Day Studies

The Writings of Jane Lead

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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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Abbreviations used in this study
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Jane Lead Chronology

Timeline of important events in Jane's life; will continue to be updated as information becomes available.

1624	Jane Lead is born in Norfolk, England in the month of March. (Some sources give her birth as 1623, however her gravestone states 1624. <i>See Behemists and the Philadelphians</i> , Nils Thune, 1948, pg. 68, footnote 2)
1640	During a Christmas party at her home, Jane (age 16) hears the Eternal Voice of God and immediately enters a period of darkness and despondency which lasts for three years. (Thune, pg. 68)
1640-1643	Jane experiences a religious crisis, with periods of deep melancholy and consuming guilt for her sins. (Thune, pg. 69)
1643	Jane (age 19) receives "the seal of her absolution and assurance, in a manner very special, there being presented to her in a vision the form of a pardon, with a seal to it; signifying that her transgressions were blotted out, and that she was sealed by the Spirit, for the Promise of the Father; as a witness whereof a mighty gust and power of prayer was then given to her." (Francis Lee's Preface to <i>Wars of David</i> , P:11, SDV)
1644	Jane marries William Lead, a local merchant.
1663	Jane meets John Pordage, who would later become a close spiritual associate. (Jane Lead's Preface to <i>Theologia Mystica</i> . TM P:2.
1665-66	The Great Plague of London.
1665-1668	Pordage moves to Bradfield due to the plague. (Thune, pg. 61.)
1666	The Great Fire of London Sep. 2-5, 1666.
1668	Death of Mrs. Pordage. Pordage returns to London. (Thune, pg. 61)
1670	Death of William Lead on February 5 th . Jane makes a vow taking Jesus as her Everlasting Husband. Two months later in April 1670, Virgin Wisdom appears to her for

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	the first time, and Jane begins writing her spiritual diary, <i>A Fountain of Gardens</i> , which would remain unpublished for many years. (<i>Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1, April 1670</i>)
1674	Jane Lead moves into Dr. Pordage's communal home. (Thune, pg. 61) Jane learns the teachings of Jacob Boehme through Pordage. (Thune, pg. 71)
10/16/1679	<i>The Revelation of Revelations</i> begins to be revealed to Jane Lead, though not published until 4 years later. (See 3F-Pt 2, 10/16/1679)
Nov. 1679	The Patterns of the <i>New Jerusalem</i> descended out of the heavens.
Dec. 1679	The <i>Seven Seals</i> shown to JL in vision. And after the opening of the <i>Seven Seals</i> , the Voices of the <i>Seven Thunders</i> were also unsealed.
Jan. 1680	The Seven Powers, and Properties of the Holy Ghost were manifested in a Spiritual Transportation; to make way for the Reign of Christ in Personal Power and Glory: with a most deep Discovery, concerning the Virgin Nativity of Divine Wisdom.
1681	Publication of <i>The Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking</i> in June. Although this was not the first work written by Jane, she is instructed to publish this first, as a foundation for the writings which would follow. John Pordage dies in December. Jane would then move to Lady Mico's College, a house of charity for women near London. Thune, pg. 86. The Philadelphian Society holds meetings at Baldwin's Gardens, at the home of Joanna Openbridge, where Ann Bathurst also attends. Thune, pg. 86.
1683	Publication of <i>The Revelation of Revelations</i> . Publication of John Pordage's <i>Theologia Mystica</i> . (Thune, pg. 62)
1693-94	Publication of <i>The Enochian Walks with God</i> . Francis Lee pays a visit to Jane Lead, and thus began a close spiritual alliance. Baron Knyphausen offers to have all Jane's writings translated and published in Germany. He purchases home in London, expressly to be used by Jane Lead for her dwelling and for holding meetings of the Philadelphian Society. He begins donating an annual allowance for her support. Thune, pg. 86. Francis Lee marries Jane's widowed daughter, Barbara Walton, and moves into their home. Thune, pg. 86. At some point Richard Roach also moves into Jane Lead's home. Thune, pg. 87. The Philadelphian Society is formed and begins to assemble privately.

	John Kelpius meets Jane Lead and the Philadelphians.
1694	<i>Heavenly Cloud</i> translated into German by Loth Fisher, who was commissioned by Baron Knyphausen, and published in Germany. Thune, pg. 81.
1695	Publication of <i>The Laws of Paradise, and The Eight Worlds</i> (Full title: <i>The Wonders of God's Creation Manifested in the Variety of Eight Worlds</i>). Jane goes blind due to cataracts.
1695	<i>Revelation of Revelations</i> translated into German by Loth Fisher, who was commissioned by Baron Knyphausen, and then published in Germany. Thune pg. 81.
1696	Publication of <i>The First and Second Messages to the Philadelphian Society, The Tree of Faith, and The Ark of Faith</i> .
1697	Publication of Jane's spiritual diary, <i>A Fountain of Gardens</i> . Publishing continues through 1701. Publication of <i>The Revelation of the Everlasting Gospel Message</i> . Constitutions were adopted for the meetings of the Philadelphian Society. Thune, pg. 91. The Philadelphian Society goes public. Publishes five issues of their periodical <i>Theosophical Transactions</i> . To answer the growing public interest in their meetings, <i>The State of the Philadelphian Society</i> was published. Thune, pg. 91.
1697	Public proclamation that the <i>new</i> "Kingdom of Christ is at hand;" as being born in the nation of England, and continues for six years. (See Roach's <i>The Great Crisis</i> [GC] pg. 36.)
1698	Publication of <i>A Messenger of An Universal Peace, or A Third Message to the Philadelphian Society</i> .
1699	Publication of <i>The Ascent to the Mount of Vision</i> and <i>The Signs of the Times</i> .
1700	Publication of <i>The Wars of David and the Peaceable Reign of Solomon</i> , which consists of two treaties: <i>An Alarm to the Lamb's Holy Warriors</i> , and <i>The Glory of Sharon</i> .
1701	Publication of a second edition of <i>Revelation of Revelations</i> , which includes an Appendix in which Jane answers questions about the spiritual life. Publication of a revised edition of <i>The Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking</i> , with a post-script added.
1702	Publication of <i>A Living Funeral Testimony</i> .

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1703	<p>Jane (age 79) suffers a serious fall, lying unconscious for several hours. Spends three months recuperating.</p> <p>Public testimony of the Philadelphian Society comes to an end at the conclusion of the year 1703. (GC p. 37)</p>
1703	<p>The Great Storm of 1703, which struck central and southern England on November 27, 1703. JL states that this storm was a “great blow and heavy stroke which may well awaken those who lie dead and buried in their carnal life.” RR described this storm as a “rod and scourge” in the hand of God, and states that the “Advent of Grace” had been turned into an “Advent of Judgment.” (See RL 1:23 and GC p. 37)</p>
1704	<p>Jane Lead (age 80) dies on August 19, 1704. She is buried in Bunhill-Fields on August 22, 1704.</p>
1705	<p>Publication of <i>The Resurrection of the Dead</i> in Amsterdam. Full title: <i>The Resurrection of the Dead, or The Royal Stamp and Sign Which Has Been Imprinted Upon Those Who Have Been Resurrected with Christ</i>. (Also titled <i>The First Resurrection in Christ</i>.)</p> <p>Francis Lee’s account of Jane’s final hours published in Amsterdam, titled <i>Der Seelig</i>.</p>

NOTES & SCRIPTURES
