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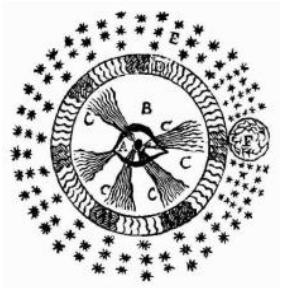
JANE  LEAD

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The Preface

[EW P:1] What is contained in this treatise the subordinate Author is very sensible will appear more than ordinarily strange to the greatest part of those who shall look upon it. But yet it is not the least doubted that it will carry along with it such a Living Testimony for the confirmation of its truth—not only to those that are already redeemed from the earth and follow the Lamb wherever He goes, being set free from the traditions, rules, and manuductions of men—but also to several who may yet be under the Name, Mark, and Image of the Beast, and of this worldly principle. This may be sufficiently evidenced by its primary Author, and demonstrate that the Great Shepherd of *Israel* is not now remiss[1] to lead His sheep into fresh pastures.

[EW P:2] The acceptation which the former books, that have through this Instrument been brought forth to the light, have found abroad in other nations (since the setting forth of the *Heavenly Cloud,* and the *Revelation of Revelations* in the high Dutch tongue), is certainly greater than what could have proceeded from any dead or lifeless testimony. To relate how God has blessed them, and does daily bless them (as it appears from letters continually coming from foreign parts), would be to write an history. And if a Prophet is not so much esteemed in his own country as in another, this is no new thing, or anymore to be wondered at, than that our Blessed Lord Himself did meet with the worst entertainment where He ought to have found the best: and was, as to His Divine Power, more a stranger and less believed in by His own town than any other.

[EW P:3] §.The Wisdom of God is exceedingly wonderful in the choice which He makes of instruments to manifest Himself by: so that it may not be attributed to the creature which only belongs to Him. He takes up a meek and fearful vessel, to make the most haughty powers to tremble; the youngest and most despised son of a shepherd, to make him a glorious conqueror over many potent princes, and to leave a kingdom to his posterity in peace; an ordinary plowman, to make him mighty to command both Heaven and Earth, even to teach him to destroy his enemies by an invisible power, and to raise up again the dead to life; a woman, to be a mother and a savior in *Israel* when no man was found; and a few fishermen, to stand up against and triumph over all the strength and policy of the world. So that it must be said, *This is truly the Lord's doing,* and it is wonderful in our eyes.

[EW P:4] §.There is certainly so far from being anything of the art of man in whatever has passed through this Blessed Instrument, and such an incapacity in the subject to make use of it, that it cannot but give great offence to all that seek for it. For to those who seek more for the Wisdom that is above than that which is below, there is a clear demonstration from where it must have proceeded. And I have here leave to say, that whoever shall desire further satisfaction in this subject here treated on, in the meek and sober spirit, the Author will readily answer such inquiring minds, and orally confer with them while remaining in this outward principle.

[EW P:5] §.This much is undeniable: that however some may perhaps think that they may be somewhat here advanced (which will serve to render souls more careless as to the great concern of

1 SDV Note: "wanting" in the original.

their future state, and to adjourn their provision for it), yet there is not so much as any possibility of admission—even into the lowest heavens—without the New Birth, according to the Foundation upon which all this stands. Therefore it is highly needful for everyone to secure that, and to press forward with the greatest earnestness, that they get entirely out of the Hellish source and the Evil Nature, raising themselves up above whatever is elementary; that at their leaving this Visible World they may be found clothed upon with the Holy One Element.

[EW P:6] §.What is here revealed might not have gone farther than among a few confiding friends. But the same Spirit who revealed it was pleased to raise up, in a wonderful manner, a great and princely defender and protector of these Divine Truths, and of the high Mystery of Faith (whose name shines gloriously in the unsealed Book of Life); to do all that is needful for the promulgation of the glad tidings of the Everlasting Covenant and Kingdom of God with man, and for the building of the Temple of *Jerusalem,* and the raising of the Tabernacle of *David* that is fallen. The effect of it will be more abundantly manifested by what shall be hereafter published, through the assistance and direction of the Great Master-Builder, the LORD blessed forever.

Jane Lead

Chapter 1
The Eight Worlds Revealed

SDV Note: Jane Lead's vision of the Eight Worlds was a further revelation of the message given to her on April 27, 1677. See Revelation of Revelations, Question #6 (RR Q:6, SDV)

Wherever possible, Jane Lead's original paragraph numbers were retained.

[EW 1:1a] §.Whereas it has been sounded in my ears that no new Spring of Revelation comes down from Him who is ascended into the Heavens, behold, I JESUS the Lord, have given, and raised up, and will yet more evidently give and raise up, Witnesses to contradict the unbelieving; who while they continue so, will be excluded from this great and inestimable privilege of taking from me, and thereby of knowing the Hidden Secrets that lie in God, the Fountain of Eternity.

[EW 1:1b] Now then, to you who have already born a True Witness for me, I give a further commission to go forth from a Book within Unsealed; wherein you shall meet with an immeasurable Deep of Revelation, to publish for the universal enlightening of the ignorant and blind in mind. For from this the Spirit's Day shall break up apace, that it may be known that God in His Christ has not forgotten to reveal Himself to the inhabitants of this lower world, in truth and righteousness. But together with this, there will be that which will take up a false covering of the Spirit. Therefore my LORD said to me, that Pure and Right Revelation should not go forth Naked, or only literally, but clothed with power in the Number Seven, where the strength of an Almightiness shall be a guard upon its testimony of truth and verity.

[EW 1:2a] §.Now then, I am to make report of some particulars revealed by the Spirit of CHRIST, of which the first was this: That the time was very near approaching, in which the earth should cast forth the Dead, that have been buried in the Body of Sin. For this end a terrible blow and stroke will suddenly come upon the nations of the earth. God said He is wearied out with this Sinful Abomination of this world, to which He purposes shortly to put an end. For it has accordingly been sounded in my Inward Ear, that the ends of all Sinful Worlds are now determined by their Great Creator.

[EW 1:2b] Upon this saying I queried in spirit with my LORD, *In what other worlds besides this Visible and known World did the evil of sin yet remain?* It was replied, that such as go out of this world in their gross and unmortified earthly life, without Clarification obtained through the Water of Regeneration, and the Blood of Christ shed in them to atone for sin and trespasses, which not being entirely done away before they go out of this life, will still abide with them in their nature and quality after death. These will pass into such Worlds, Stations or Centers, which are most agreeable and natural to them, and will accordingly bear great varieties and various Degrees of punishments proportionate to the impurity that is left in them. For sin dies not totally with the body, except while there has been a dying to it, by the Spirit of Righteousness spreading over it. Therefore a cry goes forth to all nations, peoples and languages: to purge out the corrupt Leaven of Sin; that it may not go with them into that world, or worlds, where their lot may be.

[EW 1:3a] §.For it has been revealed to me that there are Several Regions, or Worlds, that receive the souls of all Degrees and Ranks, to the Number Eight.

The first of these is this *Mortal Visible* World.
The second is the *Astral* or *Aerial* World.
The third is the *Waterish Elementary* World.
The fourth is the *Fiery Dark* World.

[EW 1:3b] These are all the worlds where there may be sinful lustings, with punishments answerable, till Sin shall expire therein, through the Mediatorship and Propitiation of CHRIST the Almighty Redeemer. For into the next Four Worlds nothing of evil or sin can enter, or in their inhabitants dwell.

1. The first of these 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,
2. 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.
3. The third heavenly world is the Royal and Principal Seat of God the Father, with the Eternal Virgin-Wisdom, and the Seven Spirits. This bears the title of the great city called the *New Jerusalem*, which is encompassed by the Glassy Sea.
4. Then above this is that world called the *Still Eternity*, out of which were generated all of these above-mentioned worlds: all of which I must give an account, according as I have had them shown and opened, from their Deep Center and Original Being.

[EW 1:3c] I did not know when I published my two last treaties,[2] that my God would ever again make use of me in this way; the day of my life being so far spent, and growing to its evening rest. But my LORD still follows me with Fresh Revelations and Enkindlings from His own immense deep; which run through me as a Fiery Stream, so that I find there is no resisting this all-driving power, by which Hidden and Unknown Worlds must be made manifest in this Last Age of times.

[EW 1:4a] §.But before I go on upon this large and copious matter, it will be proper to answer a grand objection that is expected to be cast in upon reading hereof, namely, *Since the Holy Scripture makes no mention of such variety of worlds, how shall we give them credit?* In answer to this, it is given from Him who was, and is, and will be the True Inspirer, to open new volumes of His mind, which are not to be less reputed and credited than the foregoing Scriptures: The Old Testament having been appropriated to the ministration of the Father, the New to the Son. Now the Third Day is come, in which the Holy Ghost will have His. It will excel all that went before, to unseal and reveal what was never yet known or understood, that will be communicated to and by such as are in an extraordinary manner sanctified and set apart for this holy function.

[EW 1:4b] For from this Spirit's Day must go forth a New Spring of things yet to be revealed, both as to the present and future state, that has lain hid within these mentioned Worlds: the account of which I am more particularly to give, according as it has been shown to me from the Spirit of Inspiration. For I write here from no other ground than what the Spirit of CHRIST, in the Glass of Wisdom, has presented to mine Inward Eye; which pierces into the deep of God's mind,

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[2] SDV Note: *The Enochian Walks with God*, published 1694; *The Laws of Paradise*, published 1695.

and which is no longer to be concealed. For the Holy Unction is given for this end, to drop His Golden Oil, which will dissolve all those Seals that have stood so long hiding and shutting up those Mysterious Truths, that a commission is now given to bring forth, in order to their being proclaimed and inscribed upon the Pillars and Temple of God's House. Whether believed or not, it must stand as the engraving of God's hand.

THE ELEMENTARY WORLDS

The Mortal Visible World

[EW 1:5] §.The first in order is this Corporeal Visible World in which we now live; where good and evil births have been produced from *Adam*, and shall go on to be procreated, till the Numbers shall be finished and filled up, that are indeed as to us numberless, but numbered by God. Here is laid a foundation for His manifold Wisdom, to be made manifest in a wonderful way and manner from this first ground of Natural Generation. These Births after a limited time must pass through the death of the Elementary Body, to such Regions as their lot will fall.

[EW 1:6] §.As for such ranks of souls that die Unregenerated, having no part in CHRIST, and having lived ignorant and without God in this present world, these go to their own direful place within the circumference of the Evil Worlds. There they will be proved and tried, till the General Restitution of all Lapsed Worlds shall come to be effected by the Mighty God and Savior. But of this we will not now further insist, having more largely declared it elsewhere.

The Dark Hellish World

[EW 1:7a] §.Now beginning from below, I proceed to make known to the true Simplified Inquirers, what is the first and lowest of these Worlds or Elements: This is entitled the Dark Hellish World, and by the only Supreme Creator and Judge, is allotted as a receptacle for *Lucifer* and the rest of the Apostatized Angels of that Hierarchy. It may also be called the Direful and Black Kingdom, over which *Lucifer* is king, ruling there in the pride of his might, in the Wrathful Fire.

[EW 1:7b] Now from this it is given us to understand, that such souls that in the time of this life are infected and deeply essenced in this Satanical Principle, being stained with all that is diabolical, and without being renewed and transformed in some degree by the Love and Light Principle, must expect this Hellish World to be their habitation and portion when they die out of the Body, with all those punishments that the Evil Angels will delight to inflict upon them. O that this dreadful place and company could warn and terrify all that are of this Diabolical Spirit! For who would ever endure such intolerable sufferings, were it but for a year, or a few years, if they might by any means be prevented? Which may be done—if in holy fear they eschew all those evils that lead here.

[EW 1:7c] So having no more to say to this Dark Kingdom, we must leave it to the Fiery Purgation, until the Venom of Sin in every Evil Property shall by the means of it expire, both as to angels of the Hellish Source, and to such souls as have been deceived and captivated by them. For the creating *Fiat* will move the Mystery yet once again, for the making of all things new. Then shall the old things of Hell, Death, Sorrow and Pain come no more into remembrance. God is said to be Everlasting and Unchangeable in Love, but not so in Anger and Wrath: For Love must drown and swallow that up.

[EW 1:8a] §.But now the Elementary Worlds are next to be searched into, with their peculiar furniture or inhabitants severally allotted to them. Be it known that each Element has a Spirit of another kind than what is known, or can be seen amongst mortals. The Fiery Region has a Spirit proper to it that is of the Nature and quality of the Fire. The Water likewise, and the Air each have their proper Spirit to inhabit therein: which are to fill up the Wonders of God's Creation, having their several offices known to the Creator, which are not yet manifest to mortals. Only this much is revealed and deserves to be known: that these Elementary Spirits cooperate and qualify with the Elementary Nature of man, both for good and evil, according as the propensity of the mind either way inclines. But we shall leave this Mystery till the One Everlasting Element shall stand open for unveiling these Secrets; and so proceed to let you know the state of such as depart out of this body: which I am to order according to their several Ranks and Degrees. The first I have already mentioned, who depart out of the body in the Diabolical Spirit.

The Airy Region

[EW 1:8b] The second sort are such who are ignorant of God and of their own Eternal Being, looking no further than to an Earthly, Animal, and Rational life, in which they are swallowed up. Yet they darkly see something beyond, believing in God and Christ historically, and are convinced by the light of nature that they stand in need of a Savior, and so falsely take hold of Him. These, when they die, pass no higher than the Airy Region, where they are to abide until they receive power and strength to mount higher: For in these Elements the proper rest is not found.

The Watery Region

[EW 1:8c] Now for the third degree of souls: These are more knowing and believing in GOD and CHRIST, being truly convinced of their Depravity and Lost Estate, and of the necessity of Redemption. Yet they cannot come off clearly from the Worldly Principle, sticking in the Outward Birth, so as they cannot pass through the Strait Gate of the New Birth of Regeneration. And yet notwithstanding they entertain hopes of Salvation through CHRIST, that at death they may presently enter without more ado into the Heavenly Kingdom—*in which millions of souls are deceived.* For they that are of this Rank and Sort have but somewhat an higher degree in the Elementary Regions, where their receptacle and Mansion must be, until Time shall wear out all of the gross matter of the Impure Elements. They feel not much pain, agony, or sorrow, but also so little pleasure or joy, because they cannot reach the Vision of God. But Redemption will operate in these, and work through great compunction and reflection, for the lost time and opportunity which has been missed to gain an Higher State.

[EW 1:9a] §.But here a query may be put concerning the Fiery Soul that is Eternal and Breathed forth from God, and found to lie hidden in the Unregenerated persons. For it may be asked, *Where this Divine and pure Spirit goes upon their decease?* In answer to this we give you to understand according to what has been made known in the Divine Magia: That the Supreme Spirit returns to God that introduced it into the Elementary Body, so that God takes that which is His own to Himself. For this is an High Graduated Spirit that belongs to the soul, and being smothered and stifled by the Contrary Principle, never came into any dominion to suppress and reign over the opposite nature. And so with relation to this, God said of the old Wicked World, that His Spirit should no longer strive with man. So that the soul, which never was Renewed and Born Again, may go into deprivation and suffering, together with the Astral and Elementary part, for a known and limited time: until that which is Elementary shall be refined and transmuted. When therefore the set time

shall come for God to move and open the One Element, that shall transmute all Elements into itself, then the New Creation of pure Celestial Bodies will be manifested in every Region.

[EW 1:9b] But here I must stop my pen; for the Mystery of both Living and Dead is so hidden and deep, that the Holy Ghost brings to light a New Record which this Present Age cannot well bear or understand. Nor will it, until there comes a breaking off from the old traditional knowledge, and a weaning from the Breasts of a Strange Mother; that so as New Born Spirits, they may draw fresh Unction from the Eternal Word of Wisdom, that gives light to the understanding, and by which the counsel of the Most High is made known, and all the Secrets that can be desired are manifested; which leads on to the Four Heavenly Worlds.

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Eight Worlds Chart

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Chart #1 - The Eight Worlds Described
(All references are to the Spirit's Day Version)

The Four Punishing and Purging Worlds

Where sinful lustings may be, with punishments answerable, till sin shall expire therein…(EW 1:3b)

The Four Heavenly Worlds

Where nothing of Evil or Sin can enter, or in the Inhabitants of them dwell. (EW 1:3b)

#1 Mortal Visible World	#2 Fiery Region	#3 Airy Region	#4 Watery Region	#5 Paradisiacal World	#6 Mt. Sion	#7 New Jerusalem	#8 Still Eternity
Corporeal Visible World (EW 1:5)	**Elementary Worlds** In these elements, proper rest is not found. (EW 1:8b)			**Upper Worlds** Shall open for allotted souls while in the mortal body (EW 1:11)			**Abyssal World** The Highest World
First ground of natural generation (EW 1:5)	The Dark Hellish World (EW 1:7a)	For false professors (EW 1:8b)	For the truly converted, but still in the worldly principle (EW 1:8c)	For those regenerated and "born of the Spirit" (EW 1:10)	Is the Magnificent Kingdom of Jesus Christ (EW 1:3b)	The Royal Seat of God the Father (EW 1:3b)	Out of which all other [7] worlds were created (EW 1:19).
Good & evil births since Adam (EW 1:5)	The first and lowest of all Worlds (EW 1:7a)	Who live in the earthly, animal, rational life (EW 1:8b)	Have not passed thru the "new birth of regeneration" yet entertain the hope of salvation through Christ (EW 1:8c)	An all celestial, and pleasant state (EW 1:3b)	Inhabited by Angelic Principalities (EW 1:3b)	With The Eternal Virgin Wisdom (EW 1:3b)	The Highest Court or Principle of the Triune Majesty (EW 1:18)
A number to be "filled up" (EW 1:5)	A Receptacle for Lucifer and His Apostatized Angels (EW 1:7a)	Who take hold of God and Christ falsely (EW 1:8b)	Where most true Christians (being deceived) will go upon death of the mortal body (EW 1:8c)	For growing degrees of perfection (EW 1:3b)	Inhabited by Elders, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles (EW 1:3b)	And the Seven Spirits (EW 1:3b)	God known and understood abstractedly from Eternal Nature (EW 1:18)
Foundation for God's Wisdom (EW 1:5)	Is for those infected with the Diabolical Spirit (EW 1:7b)	Believing in God and Christ only historically (EW 1:8b)	Experience little pain, agony or sorry—but also little pleasure or joy, because unable to reach the Vision of God (EW 1:8c)	Prepares for passing into the Mt. Zion state (EW 1:3b)	Philadelphian Firstfruits gathered here (3F 17:3)	Encompassed by Glassy Sea (EW 1:3b)	Eternal Virgin's Womb (1:21a)
Leads to death of the body (EW 1:5)	Consists of Wrathful Fire (EW 1:7a)	For purging until they receive power to mount higher (EW 1:8b)	Remain till time shall wear out their gross matter (EW 1:8c)	For putting on of the Virgin Body (EW 2:2a)	Christ reigns with His perfected saints (EW 1:12a)	Called the Mother City (EW 1:14)	A vast Globe of Eternity (EW 1:18)
At death souls will pass on to their own place (EW 1:5)	Intolerable sufferings (EW 1:7b)			Bridal trimmings are finished here (2F 2:14; 7:5)	Is yet under the Mediatorship of Christ (EW 1:14)	Called the High Court of Eternity (EW 1:15)	The Origin of First-Born Spirits (EW 1:20-21e)
	Inflictions by evil angels (EW 1:7b)			Bridegroom will fetch them to Mt. Sion (2F 7:5)		Filled up with pure and immaculate spirits (EW 1:14)	
	Ultimately to be drowned and swallowed up (EW 1:7c)					The highest state that the redeemed can arrive to, for here redemption is completed (EW 1:14)	

THE HEAVENLY WORLDS

The Paradisical World

[EW 1:10] §.The first of these is the *Paradisical World*, the inhabitants of which are such as have attained to a good degree of Regeneration, being born of the Spirit, and have been partakers of the Baptism of Water, Blood, and Spirit for Renovation. And so thereby the Principle of the Paradisical World has been opened in them before they depart out of the Body of Mortality, which gives them a swift passage to enter *Paradise*. There as plants they spring and grow for an higher transplanting, into the Kingdom of *Mount Zion*. For it is very rare that any souls come up to be with CHRIST the Lord immediately upon departing from the body. Though I do not say that some may not reach to such a perfect degree of *Christ-likeness,* so that when they die, this Angelical World may stand open to receive them. And so being admitted into that High Glorification, they may still be Ascending, from Glory to Glory, till at length they arrive to the *New Jerusalem* State. And beyond this there remains no more to pass into, but the innermost place of purity which bears the title of the *Still Eternity;* for nothing but Everlasting Rest, Stillness, and Silence is to be perceived here. Of each of these worlds there are some particulars to be declared at this time from the Faithful Witness, that it may be discerned who they are that are made qualified to inhabit them.

[EW 1:11] §.It ought then to be known how that those souls that are born of God, and so Renewed in every part, the whole man being changed into a Deified Nature, must of necessity enjoy and know beforehand the joys and pleasures of these Worlds to which they belong, according to that Degree which any shall reach in this lifetime. Such as are allotted for the Paradisical World when they decease, will have it at some time or other Open while in the body. For the Spiritual Property will qualify most interiorly, so as the true Mystical *Paradise* puts forth its Flowing Glory in the Inward Ground of a Renewed Mind. So that this Outward Principle and Evil World does not prevent those pleasant Golden Springs from running in the holy and Heaven-born souls, to circle and water every Plant which has been renewed by the Spirit of CHRIST. Therefore the Holy Trinity delights often to manifest themselves in the soul's Paradisical Heart and Mind, now as well as hereafter.

Mount Zion

[EW 1:12a] §.From this it was given me to understand that as with the Mystical *Paradise,* so also the Mystical *Zion* stands open in the ground of this Pure Heart, gradually shooting forth and revealing itself in it. And concerning this more than Glorious World (the Kingdom of Christ in which He reigns with His perfected saints), it is shown me how the same Light and Pure Principle opens itself in those souls where the Paradisical or Angelical Life springs spiritually. For every world or principle attracts to itself its own which belongs to it. And the powers and influences of each are sensibly felt, according to the Constellations that any one is under: The Vile and Wicked sort are pulled and drawn by the Magic of the Dark World; but the Heaven-born souls are inspired and qualified by these Upper Worlds (as is well known by some), so that *Paradise* and the *Mount Zion* World are manifested in their own Original Light in the Center of the Soul. From which I give a description of these Invisible Worlds as they were first opened within, from where Love, Power, Joy and Peace do spring, which makes Heaven to be the Soul's present dwelling with Christ and all the Angelical Train, though not visibly seen yet essentially enjoyed.

[EW 1:12b] But this is only to be known by spirits that are deeply Introverted, and carried out and beyond a Creaturely Life. And when any Worthy Ones shall be fixed in this Light Principle, then we may expect that the Eternal Powers will move and work through such, to whom the dominion of Christ's Kingdom here below will be entrusted: For which we have many Scripture prophesies, as in *Isaiah,* the *Revelations,* and *Daniel,* that abundantly declare how it must and will be given to the Saints of the Most High to possess the Kingdom. There is also a confirmation by a renewed Spirit of Prophesy that assures us this day is very near, and that it will be upon the world before they are aware. For as the Man of the Earth has had his ruling day universally, so shall the Lord from Heaven descend in such a manner into His own Prepared Vessels here below, in His Kingly and Priestly Power, that shall overturn and bear down all earthly powers. But of this we shall speak further in the next advance, or remove, up to the Third Court or principality of God the Father's majesty: That is,

The New Jerusalem

[EW 1:13a] §.The *Jerusalem* City is more glorious and magnificent than what has yet been made mention of, far surpassing the glories of the two lower blessed worlds. As to the Walls and Foundations, with the Gates that open into it, they are all so Diaphanous and full of Splendorous Light, that it is altogether impossible to make it out even in any degree, according as it has been exhibited and seen in the Spirit, in the Metaphorical Figure, which yet represents it very much short of the spiritual substantiality of this City—which is God Himself Dilating and Spreading forth His Godhead in such amazing varieties.

[EW 1:13b] This is a Principle and World to which none can any have access, but CHRIST in His Glorified Humanity, with such High Saints as are Glorified with His Glory, of which unconceivable abundance of glory these are with Him continually participating. There is no pass into this City but through the *Glassy Sea,* which none can tread and stand upon, but such Spirits that are qualified and clothed upon with the self-same matter: which is all Crystalline Water and Transparent Fire. O how I am lost out of myself while this Globe Light and all the wonders therein do open! For in this interim it was said to me, Behold! All the weights of glory I have prepared, not only for pleasure to Myself, but for such as Love and put on their Lord CHRIST in deiformity, and so as Conquerors pass through the Glassy Sea to enter through the Gates, having this City written upon their Foreheads.

[EW 1:14] §.Now it remains to open the more Mystical sense of the Invisible Eternity of this Mother City, the *New Jerusalem,* that from the Father, in union with His Virgin Wisdom, multiplies and so fills up that principle with Virgin Spirits that are most perfectly pure and immaculate, that nothing beyond this can any of the Redeemed ever arrive unto. The Mount *Zion* Kingdom is most great and glorious but yet inferior to this, because that is in the Mediatorship of Christ; but in this world all is completed and finished. So that when this *New Jerusalem* shall descend it will soon put this old, sinful, and impure world to an end. But being able to give no more than a short and finite description of this Infinite, Eternal and All-glorious world, I am led on further to open the Mystery of it, so far as it relates to this Present Age, and to the Saints who are to make up this City, and to bring their glory to shine in it.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE HIGH COURT OF ETERNITY

[EW 1:15a] §.Here now it may be questioned, *Whether any Spirit or Person in this* Mortal World *can possibly be so Clarified as to become a part of that High Court of Eternity, seeing none must come there but what has passed through those two principles, namely* Paradise *and* Mount Zion's *Kingdom?*

[EW 1:15b] It is granted that it must be so. Yet this is no impossibility to the good-willing and obedient, into whom these Heavenly Worlds will come down and open, and diffuse their Qualifying Powers, to qualify them to be partakers of this *Jerusalem*-world as to its spiritual substantiality, which will bring souls into a present, most happy and blissful fruition of GOD. This is not spoken only by a revealed intelligence from the heavens, which is witness great enough to confirm its truth; but there is yet a greater evidence, where and in whom this City is already come down in its Purity and Brightness, though veiled to the mortals here below. The Splendorous Deity may for a time lie obscured, under a shade of contemptible humanity. But Virgin Wisdom's Day will shine forth by her bright *Star,* through the Dark Picture of this Earthly Form; that so in this time of our Evening-tide her Morning Light shall spread upon the earth.

GOD'S VIRGIN WISDOM

[EW 1:16a] §.But I think this query meets me by the way, *What is it that I mean by this Virgin Wisdom, that is the true Mother of the Citizens of this* Jerusalem, *and the Princess of this Kingdom?* I shall give the Impartial and Pious Inquirer a true and right account, from the great knowledge which has been freely communicated to me, and of which I have therefore made mention in some formerly printed books.[3] Also now, upon the opening of the Four Heavenly Worlds, a fresh stream of her brightness has circulated about my Inward Mind, that so I might know and understand what till now has lain hid in her Secret Deep. It is now commanded to be brought forth to light and manifestation; which command for publication I must obey, and all her Rules and Methods observe.

Her Eternal Originality

[EW 1:16b] In the first place, we shall describe her Eternal Originality, which is from God the Tri-Un Deity, being a Virgin hid in Him from all Eternity, but as to her Nativity, brought forth *in time.* Now I shall not speak in a proverb but plainly as thus: God created *Adam* at first to bear His own Image and Figure, who was to represent God Himself, the High and Divine Masculine, Male and Female; so that *Adam* had his Virgin *in* himself, in imitation of his Creator, which *in time* was brought forth in a Distinct Figure. And this was a Type of the Eternal Virgin Mother, that lay hid in God, the Center and Heart of Flaming Love, from which the production of a Glorious Female figure was brought forth, that was so co-mixed and mingled with Deity, that she became God's Spouse and Bride, being Spirit of His Spirit.

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3 SDV Note: *The Revelation of Revelations*, *The Enochian Walks*, and *The Laws of Paradise.*

Wisdom's Offspring

[EW 1:16c] Now be it known to all, that from this Eternal Virgin Wisdom, a New Generation of Virgin Spirits shall be born, to make up the glory of the New *Jerusalem;* JESUS CHRIST being the Head and the Firstborn of this Royal and Princely Generation, who was after the way and manner of human nature conceived in the womb of that Virgin *Mary;* that was but a Type of the Eternal Virgin, who brought forth the Son of God before all time. But *Mary's* womb was sanctified to bring forth CHRIST *in time,* who was the Son of God before all time. And so the Eternal Virgin Womb goes on still, according to nature, to bring forth Wisdom's Offspring by the Overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, and the qualifying powers from the *Jerusalem* World.

Her Children's Education

[EW 1:17a] §.In the next place, I am to acquaint you with the way of bringing up, and the manner of Education in which Virgin Wisdom's Children are to be nourished and disciplined. As their Birth is great and high, being Heirs to the Father's Kingdom of Eternity, so they may have all those worthy accomplishments suited to the same, which are required; the chiefest of which shall be declared and made known according as they have been revealed by the Spirit of Wisdom.

[EW 1:17b] This then is the first proviso or caution which is given: That these Holy Births are encompassed with an Evil and Sinful Principle, wherein lies a great danger and temptation, to prevent and hold down this Pure Thing from springing. Therefore as soon as this Birth comes to pass, whose descent is with all high graduations, it must deny and despise the Image of the Earthly Sinful Birth, by which the Heaven-born Spirit will be daily proved. For as Christ the Lord was not exempted from temptations, so must all be tried in like manner until the Conquest be wrought out. Therefore we are charged to forsake our Sinful Native Country and people of that sort, with our Father *Adam* and *Eve's* family, and to return to our First and Ancient Degree, as free Denizens of that City of which God is the Light, and which Wisdom, through the Eternal Spirit, rules and governs in all Love-sovereignty.

[EW 1:17c] This then being premised, I come to give the particulars of the manner in which Wisdom's Children are to be educated. In the state of their Infancy and Minority, as soon as they are Spiritually Born, care is to be taken that this Holy Birth draw the Sustenance of life from no other than its own Virgin Mother, whose Breast must at all times satisfy and nourish. For according to what it sucks in, such is the kind, nature, and quality of the Birth; for it draws in the Spirit and Life of its Mother. Therefore watch to it, and hang not upon any Strange Breast.

The Royal Clothing

[EW 1:17d] Next it may be inquired, *What kind of Clothing must this Royal Birth have?* Though it is born a Pure Spirit, yet it must not be Naked, and without a Body for clothing, of such a sort as becomes the degree of Wisdom's Princely Children. You will ask, *What is that?* It is a Pure and Fine Robe, made up of a Diaphanous Matter from the One Eternal and Unmixed Element, which can no more fade as did the First *Adam's* Paradisical Body, that was though Celestial yet alterable, and so withdrawing itself he became Naked. For he had then lost his Virgin Body wherein his strength did lie. But now again care is taken in the New Creation, that a body be fitly prepared for the making up the New *Jerusalem* Bride.

The Royal Robe

[EW 1:17e] But here it will be objected, *That none can expect to be made so qualified and rarified in this lifetime, so long as they are Clothed with the Body of the Four Elements.* In answer to this be it said, that the Corporeal Body is but an outside covering, as the Badgers Skin was a covering upon the Tabernacle Glory. Yet I must distinguish between those who are Renewed and Born into this Virgin Mind and Nature, and they who are strangers to it, and know nothing of it, albeit capable of it. But for want of searching into their own deep where the Original Matter lies, they may and do wear out their clothes, and go away Naked, without being clothed upon with this Spiritual Body—without which, there being no getting up so high as to face the Throne Majesty, they must abide in Centers of Low Degree, till they can put on Christ's Resurrection Body. This is the Royal Robe that the Virgin Bride appears in, with all her Offspring, at the festival day in which the marriage shall be solemnized. The firstfruits of it are given as tokens and pledges to Wisdom's Children, by CHRIST now in the time of His Betrothal to the Pure in Spirit, who keep their Virgin Mind undefiled. As a most intimate Lover, He will make frequent visits, bringing them choice and Spiritual Food, so that the Espoused may Banquet with Him, while the Cup of Love is still Renewed and Filled as fast as it is drunk in.

[EW 1:17f] Oh, is not this the ravishing Love of our Immanuel that makes it out to this degree, considering that we are yet but in our minority, and carrying the mean appearance of a mortal shade? From out of which He will give such a pull and shake in His time, that shall make the Vile and Gross Image which we bear to be more fine than the Ophir Gold, by the means of that Superior Element, which will with our minds so qualify and co-mingle as the Light, so as to arise in a shining luster, to come up into the unity of the Lord's Glory.

The Still Eternity

[EW 1:18a] §.Now having given you an account of the Seven Worlds, with the Inhabitants assigned to fill them up, I proceed on to the Eighth, which is the beginning and the highest of all worlds, called the *Still Eternity.* There is no way possible for anyone to describe or give account of, but by being taken up into it, and from which there is a freedom to give a description, according to what has been seen in this world by a spirit there translated.

[EW 1:18b] It may be most properly entitled the Highest Court or Principality of the Tri-Un Majesty. The situation of it is founded upon an Abyssal Deep, from where an inaccessible Light generates and spreads itself without bounds, as a vast Globe of Eternity. God is here to be known and understood abstractedly from Eternal Nature, as abiding in His own simplified Deity, before either the Angels or other Creatures were created. Here the Holy Trinity dwelt in the meek stillness, enjoying themselves before they brought forth any Image or Likeness to themselves. For in this High and Lofty Sphere no Figures of Glory could be seen, though great powers did move here, and Variety of Wonders did appear, sending forth a Majestic awe-fullness.

[EW 1:19] §.But it may be demanded, *What the Wonders of this World are, since there is nothing in it to behold by way of figure; neither the Father, nor the Son, nor the Holy Ghost to be known in any such distinction?* Truly it is so. Yet there is a co-subsisting of the Blessed Trinity in each other. The fullness of the Godhead dwells here unbodily, with His Virgin Wisdom, and the Seven Spirits: All which here open themselves from an Infinite Source, and from there all the Creating Powers flow forth; For this is the Abyssal World, from which all other worlds were created.

The Simplified Spirits

[EW 1:20] §.It may be further queried, *What further Wonder did you here see?* A Glorious and Wonderful Element was seen, with numberless Sparks of Light. As this outward air [or *ether*] is full of Stars, so this Element was spangled with lights. Upon the inquiry of the spirit that was caught up there, *What these might be?* It was answered: That all these were Simplified Spirits that were ordained to garnish that Globe, and to attend there the Tri-Un Deity from whom they are generated, evermore watching the Eye, to see when it would send them forth to assume or take up bodies. These are all pure, meek and mild spirits, which perfect whatever and wherever they enter. These are the spirits that will sublime and make bodies to become all-divine.

Their Origin and Birth

[EW 1:21a] §.Then was it further asked by this Translated Spirit, *What is the Origin of their Birth?* It was answered: From God the Father, in conjunction with the Eternal Virgin Wisdom who brought them forth. Upon this I was advised how that these Spirits are reserved in this high Globe, till Wisdom's Day should break forth upon this Visible World as the Morning Star. Then they are to go forth to multiply and make a Princely Host, to display God's Wonders throughout all nations; that so this world of misery and mortality may see a more happy day, by the operation of this Eternal and Meek Stillness. It will Infuse their powers, and qualify with souls that from before all worlds were Preordained to be spirited after this kind, by the means of simple abstraction, answerable to the production of these Pure and Eternal Spirits that fill up this Globe of the Majesty of the Tri-Un God, who generated them out of Himself before the creation of Angels or of any other beings. For these spirits are the Firstborn from out of the Womb of the Eternal Virgin, which were hidden in God before there was any figurative manifestation.

Spirits of Light

[EW 1:21b] They will enter therefore into Holy Souls, with such penetrating powers that shall give another habit of mind, casting it into an Eternal Stillness, and quieting all the Working Properties in the Region of Nature. There shall then be no awakening or stirring up of the Soulish Essence from its conjunction with the body; for the property of these spirits is to do and act all in a still and silent way; and from there the greatest power and force shall most effectually go forth. For it was told me that as these Spirits of Light (naked and unbodied) filled up the Globe of the Unbodily Majesty in Trinity, so it should come to pass in the full Age of Time, when Wisdom's Firstborn shall be made manifest, that this World (or Globe) should then descend and open in the Virgin Offspring of Wisdom, by whom alone the mighty deeds and works will be made apparent, so that it may be discerned that they are wrought in God only. All counterfeit actings of this kind will fall down as *Dagon* before the Ark, so that no Dark *Magia* shall be able to stand. For in this day, all faces of a covering shall be rent away, that so the True and Right acting Spirit may be known.

[EW 1:21c] Now in this new modification (which is a passiveness in spirit, soul and body, so as there is no other motion of life but from the Tri-Unity, that may beget pure and Simplified Spirits as numberless as our thoughts), these holy, mild, and all-quieting spirits may multiply in souls accordingly prepared for them. For it has been further shown to me that the very images of the mind should be all of a Deified Stamp, and of a most Deep Engraving from the Most High Majesty. Thus it is given to let you understand, that as the Outward Mortal Eye speculates the objects and things of this world, conspiring with the Outward Ear which hears and receives them, so that thoughts arise and

multiply according to temporal matters and concerns of that kind—so likewise these spirits that proceed immediately from the Fountain Source of all Spirits, they seeing and beholding their Original Being, can do no otherwise but to contemplate and delight themselves in what the Eye of God sees in them, and His Ear hears in them. Having no organic speech but such only as is by Pure Thought, they generate according to what they see and hear in that Globe of Eternity, which fills them with exulting joy.

Heavenly Spies

[EW 1:21d] Now be it known that when, by the Holy Ghost, the time shall be expired for their descending into Corporeal Beings here or elsewhere, in Upper Mansions their Eye shall become our Eye, their Ear ours. So that we, seeing and hearing in them (to whom do stand open all invisible kingdoms and worlds, with the great varieties of glories in these), shall have thoughts of a right kind to spring in our minds, according to and agreeable with the objects presented, in as much as it quite turns the stream, making that which was formerly downward and earthly now to become upward and heavenly. O blessed time and day, when this Still Eternity shall thus open and be made manifest in corporieties! It is given me to know that this will surely be.

Holy Cogitations

[EW 1:21e] And it has been revealed that when these spirits shall descend into nature, a transfiguration so continually impressing will be upon the mind, for an incessant generating of high and holy cogitations that are no less than the very nature and quality of these Simplified Spirits themselves. As we are admitted hereby to look always into the Orb of Light and Love, and to fix there steadily the Eye of the Mind, at certain Seasons and Times of a more intimate union and commixture with these powers, Glorification may be brought down upon the Visible Elementary Body (while remaining here) in the manner above-mentioned. Thus as occasion may be, mortality may be hid, or swallowed up in Immortality, to make good that saying, *We shall not all die, but be changed, from Glory to Glory*, by the bright influencing, namely, of these Spirits, through the Father of Spirits.

God's Eternal Liberty in Revelation

[EW 1:22a] §.But here it may be queried, *Is not the Holy Ghost assigned for this* great *change and work of renovation? And where do we read in Scripture of such a Globe or World, having such Spirits to inhabit it?* It is true, the Holy Ghost is sufficient, as being so deputed and promised by the Lord CHRIST for the Perfecting of the Regeneration or New Creation. But what if it be the all-wise designation and pleasure of God and His Eternal Wisdom, to separate such Pure Spirits from His own Fountain-source, thereby to effect the counsel of His Will relating to His Lapsed Creation; and to put a New Face of Glory upon what is so deformed and vile, through the variety of His Operating Spirits and Powers immediately proceeding from Himself? They are thus most qualified to open the depths that lie deeper than Nature and Creature, being brought forth before any Elements were in existence, for procreation of the inhabitants of the Several Worlds: all of which are to give place to that Superstructure and Building, which will be GOD Himself, quite throughout His whole creation.

God's Perpetual Variety of Wonders

[EW 1:22b] For although Seven Thousand Years may be expired, in the miseries and temptations of an Elementary Life, in this Outward and other Invisible Regions, yet what are these to a God who is

an Eternal Circle which can never end? In this Circle of a Boundless Eternity, the Infinite and All-powerful God has much more to do in all Worlds than what has been declared in Scripture, or yet by any other ways made known, finding all Prophesies and Revelations in Scripture records extend no further than the limits of the Seventh Thousand Years Sabbath. What will be successively produced between this Age and that Great Jubilee, both in this our Visible, and in those Invisible Worlds that I have mentioned, cannot now be particularized. But in short, there will be for certain most strange and wonderful alterations throughout the whole Globe of Eternity, for higher admiration than is yet conspicuous. For GOD is so full of an Infinite Store, that He must bring forth Himself in a perpetual Variety of Wonders.

Treasures of His Wisdom

[EW 1:22c] Let none therefore presume to set bounds to the Wisdom and Power of the Immense Being, to shut Him up to this or that measure or degree, Age or Time, who always moves in eternal liberty, for the revealing and making known the Counsel of His Will, and does not pin up or confine the Worthy Inquirers and Seekers of His mind from fathoming the Treasures of His Wisdom. These Treasures are so manifold, and are still to be Renewed in every Generation, according as I myself have experienced in my Age of Time, as the volumes of my writings give witness: Proving that Revelation has no Cessation, but that it is Daily Renewed in Vessels or Instruments rightly Qualified to receive it. Otherwise I could never have known what is here written, neither have been able to give any account of the Several Worlds, Regions or Centers, had they not been shown to me.

A Special Charge

[EW 1:22d] Therefore this is much pressed upon me, not knowing but that it may be the Last Testimony I have to leave behind me in this nature, to declare to such who would know the Mind and Secrets of GOD, that a Special Charge is given from the High Court of Eternity: That you do not stint yourselves up to any foregoing Dispensation or Revelation, no, not to the Scripture record itself, though truly weighty and worthy to be received, believed in, and conformed to. Yet it is not to be taken up in and rested upon, as if there were nothing more to be revealed for the benefit and instruction of mankind, since the same Spirit that inspired the holy men of God to record them, 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. This He promised should excel all that went before, for a more plentiful Sowing of the Sacred Unction in the Holy Ground of Pure Hearts. The Sower is gone forth according to His promises; but where there is Stony, Thorny, and Unbelieving ground, it cannot enter so as to take Root, which has for a long time caused a great scarcity and Famine of the Spirit, with all its fruitfulness. But now the Day of the Spirit is arising, and its Bright Sun will no more set, but multiply to its Seven-fold light.

A Message to England

[EW 1:23a] §.Hear and listen O *England's* Inhabitants; for unto you a Great Light has shined. O let it not Cloud and pass over you; but be wise in this your day, to follow the Spirit's bright-guiding Star which is arising amongst you. O *London,* there is Hidden in you those who have a True and Right Mission from the Munition Rock, to give out the Waters of the Spirit plenteously. For a Cry is gone

forth, for persons to be prepared and sanctified by this Water of Life, that so they may receive of the Holy Ghost, and be witnesses of His power.

[EW 1:23b] Hear and listen in the Spirit: O listen, and you will hear the Seventh Trumpet sound, from the Seven Spirits that are before the Throne that tell you: that the Mystery of Time is now finishing; and that the Everlasting Gospel of the Love is opening; and that the Heavens are ready to roll down, to open their Glory upon the Earth, that its Inhabitants may no longer lie buried in the dark shade of an earthly life.

[EW 1:24] §.Over thee, O city of *London!* a Mighty Angel flies, with this thundering cry saying, Do not despise prophesy, neither decry down the Ark of the Living Testimony from which the Spirit, as a Flowing Stream, must renew *Paradise* upon the Earth. And this warning is given to all, of whatsoever Ranks or Degrees, whether high or low, whether outward grandeur or in the private and inferior means of this world: Even to you all and everyone does this call reach:

Shake, shake your earthly dust away,
For now it is the Spirit's Day,
That will admit of no delay.

[EW 1:25] §.For Scepters and Crowns must be thrown down to the Lamb of God: He is, in His Saints, come to reign. Therefore all Nations and Languages and Peoples, not only here in this dominion, but beyond the Seas, everywhere, must hear the sound of this Trumpet. For a Mighty CYRUS is already raised, whom the Most High will uphold and endue with His Spirit, in such a manner that He shall be able to bring forth His Temple-glory and praise; that so there may be a gathering out of all Kingdoms, Countries, and Languages, and that as Eagles they may fly to that High Mountain, where the Olive Tree will drop the Unctuous Oil most freely. This is the Oil that in Spirit I do see run: And I see that some in all Nations will hereby be shortly Sprinkled, to give notice that the Omnipotent KING is entering upon His Thousand Years Reign.

Three Particulars to be Observed

[EW 1:26a] §.Thus having demonstrated, in answer to that grand objection, *How there should be any World or Worlds, more than what the Scripture has made mention of,* that there is a succession of the Spirit of Revelation that is never to cease, but is more than ever to increase yet upon the earth, as will be known and witnessed in this very age, I must now draw to the conclusion of this world called the *Still Eternity*; concerning which I have this to declare from what I was admitted to the knowledge of, when taken up into it. I was then shown and taught these *Three Particulars* worthy to be observed.

[EW 1:26b] First, that no entrance for habitation is here found for any Departed Spirit, though arrived to ever so high a degree of perfection. Nay, it was said that CHRIST Himself, as the Firstborn from the Dead, and as Glorified in our Humanity, did not ascend up here. The unity in the Godhead is always here, but not in His Personality. For this Globe and Innermost court is reserved for a Greater Mystery than what is yet to be made known. Only this much was I informed with respect to it: That out of this *Still Eternity*, the Deity, in and through the Eternal Dilating Eye, speculated His own working properties to manifest Himself in Nature, and thereby generated out of the Eternal Meek Stillness. The creating powers went forth from the Trinity, to bring forth in the first place the Angelical World, furnishing it with Angelical Spirits, and so on proceeded to the rest of the above-mentioned worlds.

[EW 1:26c] The second thing we are to note is that this shut-up principle and Highest Court of the Tri-Un God, and of His Virgin Wisdom, with her Offspring of Simplified Spirits, is not to be opened until it shall be the will and pleasure of God, the Creating Father, to move Himself through these mild and Pure Spirits for some New Manifestation, and modification upon what is found defective in the created worlds; That so, by a Renewed, Creating Power, going forth in this manner out from the Still Eternity, another face of more excellent beauty, and more transcendent glory, may come over that which has been under a Lapse and an Apostasy, for an everlasting Fixation. But how finite and short is all that can be said or even imagined, in comparison with those more amazing and stupendous changes that still add to the glory of God's workmanship in His New Creation?

[EW 1:26d] As to the third particular we are to take notice of, which is the Order, Union, and Equal Degree of these Spirits in this Globe of Eternity, we can but just hint at. This unity and coequality is manifested by their operations. They are in their Working Motion most active. But all their acts and powers go forth in a most Profound Stillness, the Deity cooperating through them, by which an Influencing Stillness passes forth from them to the Inhabitants of the other worlds. And yet these spirits remain all the while unmovable within their own principle and center, moving according as the Deity glances forth in them with the Governing Eye, which gives them their All-seeing Commission, which in a delightful obedience they never fail to execute; neither can they do otherwise, being unalterably fixed in the moving power of the Holy Ghost.

Application of these Deep and Weighty Things

SDV Note: Paragraph numbering continues, though this section was not numbered in the original.

[EW 1:27a] §.Having now given a faithful and true description of these *Eight* several *Worlds*, not from history, but from the revealed Mystery, according to the measure of the communication of the Spirit of CHRIST, it remains to consider what use and application may be made by the readers of these deep and weighty things that have been here unveiled.

[EW 1:27b] In the first place then, we are called upon to consider with the deepest humility, the efficient Cause and Founder of these worlds, that produced them all out of an Abyssal Deep and an Eternal Nothingness.

[EW 1:27c] Secondly, we are called upon to appropriate to God what is more immense than immensity, and greater than all greatnesses, higher than all heights, deeper than all depths, more perfect than all perfections; who makes His dwelling in an Eternal Circle of Love, Power and Wisdom, filling all these worlds with the fullness of His Godhead, made manifest in the Express Image of His Glory, namely, in the Second number of the Three that bear record in Heaven.

[EW 1:27d] Thirdly, we are excited to consider what we mortals are, from whom our descent is, and what manner of spirit we consist of and exist by. For until we understand our own Eternal Being, we cannot know God, the Being of all Being. For as we are the Inbreathed Soul from God, we live in His Essence. This is the Glass through which we may see and know the Invisible Deity, and thereby also to know ourselves, as we consist of the higher principles and worlds above, as likewise of those

below. For they all qualify with the Immortal, and also with the Elementary part in us, for most wise and wonderful ends.

[EW 1:27e] O how great is the mysterious greatness of the soul, that lies veiled, covered, and unknown to itself? The Body of Outward Sensibility shuts it up from understanding its own power, as an Essence derived from God, and an out-flowing Breath from the Most High Majesty. The earthy life binds it down in all men, until *Christ* in Spirit enters in, to make it free in His own liberty, by Quickening the Dead Essence of these principles of Light, Love, and Power. And by this the Soul is Restored to its Pre-existing and True Nativity in God, which is apt to be forgotten if not continually revived in the mind; which being exercised, it will put a check and awe upon it, from the consideration of what it is, and to whom it must return as to its Eternal Center.

A Word of Caution and Exhortation

[EW 1:28] §.Being come to the Conclusion of this subject, I must be permitted what I am commissioned for by the High and Heavenly Court, to leave this word of Caution and Exhortation to all who would see a Full Redemption, and would be glad to be set free from all fears, doubts, and concerns upon that account: Watch against all Cavils and Commotions that are apt to arise in the mind, by way of opposition to the pure inspiration of the Holy Spirit. O! grieve it not, either in yourselves or in any other, remembering that you have it for a Counselor and Comforter, and for a Key to open the Heavenly Worlds unto you, and to give you an Inheritance in them; The assurance of which, will be Perfect Joy, Peace and Glory, as some do truly witness and give it forth as their experience. Therefore they advise and exhort all, to whomsoever this Treatise may come, whether in this nation, or in any more remote places where God is pleased to have it published: That they seriously study and soberly ponder what has here been Unveiled and declared by the Wisdom of God. For it is a Seal Broken up that belongs to this Present Age, wherein Knowledge is to Increase, in order to prepare for the Great Day that has been prophesied concerning the Daughter of *Zion's* Kingly Dominion.

[EW 1:29] §.O come forth! be no longer hid, you precious Stones of Zion, wherever scattered and dispersed, whether near or far off, at home or beyond the seas, wherever you lie hid, come forth. To you the Golden Bells from the Four Eternal Worlds sound out their Alarm, to draw you into them, where, as to your own people and Native Country, you may come to the Feast of Tabernacles, sitting down together in joy, and evermore celebrating this Marriage Feast in the Unity of Love. There the Author of this Treatise would meet with you in the Spirit, and so never cease to congratulate you as Fellow Citizens, and there to eat with you the Feast of Love.

Chapter 2
A Further Manifestation Concerning The Four Heavenly Worlds

According to the Experimental Process that some have passed through.

PARADISE

[EW 2:1] §.Into *Paradise* my Spirit first takes its flight, where all things are in good order, and in the same flowing state as before *Adam* had lost his Virgin Mate. *Paradise* is now stocked again with such as have waded through the floating Sea of Sin and Mortality, in order to put on that Image of Purity, which is given by JESUS to the Children of the Resurrection. For not the least Guile or Fault may be found in any of the Inhabitants of this place. My spirit sees here all in wonderful harmony: and this Word was heard from the High and Lofty One, saying, With the Risen from the Dead I will dwell, though for a certain time this principle of *Paradise* be allotted to them as a Separated Mansion, until all is gathered up into the superior Kingdom of *Mount Zion* and of the *New Jerusalem.* Thus did I hear the good news: that all is rich and flourishing within the Paradisical Kingdom. Nor is there any Decay since *Adam's* day, but increase and augmentation daily, through the Resurrection of the Spiritual Man.

Local Paradise

[EW 2:2a] §.After this the Spirit of Wisdom said to me, These things of which an account has been given to you may be declared of the Local place of *Paradise.* Spirits separated by Natural Death enter here, putting off their Mortal Earthly Bodies, and there put on their Virgin Body, which prepares them to meet the Bridegroom, who from there fetches them up to *Mount Zion.* These are such who in this very time have fought the good fight of faith, and had very near overcome this world. What is lacking to make them fully perfect is to be done in this Paradisical place, where they are appointed to stay till all their Bridal Trimming be finished, and they find that they can pass the way to the Tree of Life, through the Flaming Cherub, who remains still a guard upon that Figurative Tree. In this place Holy Angels also wait by their course, to minister to those who come here as the Designed Heirs of that more Glorious State which is revealed in *Zion.* This is some part of those good things which belong to your Eternal Father.

Mystical Paradise

[EW 2:2b] But now I shall open to you a further Mystery which is, *What may be entered upon in this very lifetime.* For there is a Mystical *Paradise* as well as a local, which springs metaphorically, opening from a Pure Magical Center.**4** This will amount to your present peace and joy. Wait, I say, to feel that now; that your spirit may give a Seal with me that you have received the Anointing, and that you walk with your Spiritual Man in this Paradise, where you often hear the echo of your Bridegroom's voice, calling you still, to haste the getting on of all that which will make you look sweet and amiable in His eyes, and the obtaining of the Fragrant Sweets that may Perfume and Scent you;

4 Margin note: *Laws of Paradise, Conclusion*. (LA 4:9, SDV)

that so all your Garments may smell of these Beds of Spices, upon which you may stretch yourself. Here a while be confined to dwell after the manner of a spirit in a Spiritual Body, till you shall overcome all of this Visible Orb, and much excel all creatures in it, having the Tree of Life to live upon. This is that which will aerify, and put upon you a most Transparent Body; for they who daily feed upon it shall be in good deed Transmuted by it.

[EW 2:2c] Behold, to you this Gate of *Paradise* stands open. And whatsoever of the things of God is there, you have a right not only to know, but to enjoy them as your own. But this word of caution is given: that you take heed to the *Laws of Paradise*, which have been in particular given to you for this end. Observe them, and your JESUS will here frequently talk with you, and show Himself according to the Love's Betrothment that is made afresh with you in this *Paradise.* This is what many years ago was communicated and recommended to me by the Spirit of Truth.

A Communion with a Friend in the Third Degree of Paradise

[EW 2:3a] §.As I was watching upon a deceased friend's account (upon the 17th of *October*, in this present year 1695), after some time I found that she had passed through the Elementary Regions. Then *Paradise* being opened, I searched for her, and after about two hours I found her in the Third Degree of this Heavenly World.

[EW 2:3b] She appeared to me of a most lively and angelical countenance. As soon as I had met her I congratulated her, and said, "I have been a long while seeking to find you." To which she answered, "Very well you might; for I have been so taken up with the Variety of the Pleasures of this place, that I had forgot all my mortal friends." Then she added after a short pause, "O my friend, the Death which I feared, and that kept me in bondage all my life long, has been my Friend to set me Free; and its Sting that I dreaded, became nothing less than a Living Balsam, by which now in triumph I can say, Mortality is swallowed up in joy and glory." To which I replied, "Did not I often tell you this, and that I would venture my own soul for yours as to the security of it?" Upon which, she smiling said, "Now I find it so to be." And so seeming to be unwilling to entertain any further discourse with me, as if thereby she was held from a better enjoyment, she left me.

[EW 2:4] §.Upon this, I was exercised in some meditation. And it was thus concluded that persons who lived very circumspectly and watchfully, in all piety in their lifetime (as this person had done), though void of all Sensible Assurance and comfort of God's favor while they live (as if they did not live, but are Estranged from this Elementary Body while they are in it), when they pass out of it they obtain a Swift Passage through the Elements, which are not able to cleave to or detain them long, but are swallowed up and changed into the Paradisical Body. This is a good motive to incite all persons to live above the earthly life, that so nothing may stick to them when they go out of this world.

MOUNT ZION

The Glassy Sea

[EW 2:5] §.Now from here the Spiritual Man must make another remove, to see what lies for him beyond this Region or Principle, among the precious things that flow from that Rich Ocean which is between *Paradise, Mount Zion,* and the *New Jerusalem.* This is that *Glassy Sea* that is spoken of by the Beloved *John,* upon which the Conquerors are seen singing their songs of triumph; and it encompasses the city where is the residence of the Great King, the Throne of the Lamb, and the Seven Sealing Powers (or Fountain Spirits of God), that go forth from the Most Holy One. Now this Burning Sea is for Probation, there being none able to pass but they who have gotten a full, perfect, and thor-

ough Conquest over this Beast, and over his Image, so as they bear nothing more of this Mark. They, and they only, can stand here; because they are Signatured from this Flaming Glassy Sphere, that will make Bodies clear, and shining as Terrible Crystal.

[EW 2:6] §.This Kingdom of *Mount Zion,* where there is an innumerable company of angels, with the Church of the Firstborn, and in which are contained all the originals and Living Patterns of what was copied out by *Moses* who had a sight of them, must open itself and be established before the Kingdom of the *New Jerusalem* can come down, either invisibly or visibly. There is a necessity for the Mediatorial and Priestly Kingdom to go before and make way for that.

[EW 2:7] §.Yet there is such a near and intimate correspondency between these two, that they may in some sort bear the name of One Kingdom. For the Supreme Majesty often comes down here, and the Whole Grand Assembly which is here, at Certain Seasons ascend up into the *New Jerusalem;* so that from the strict Union that is between them, it is not to be wondered if sometimes the name of the one be applied to the other.

THE NEW JERUSALEM

[EW 2:8] §.It was further declared to a spirit caught up here, That in the time of the accomplishment of the *New Jerusalem* Glory below, there should be appointed Certain Keepers of the Everlasting Gates leading into it, most highly spirited, to let in and shut out according to the Laws of this Kingdom; and that every such Angel of these Gates should sound forth his Trumpet. For the Holy Breath out of this City, shall make them to proclaim and sound forth to all parts of the earth, the glory and the Mighty Name of: JEHOVAH SHAMMAH, which is the Name of the City that is to be written upon all those who are to be admitted into it. Therefore arise, arise Virgin Daughters, and draw near, having this Name inscribed upon you with the Finger of your God; and having your Twelve Foundations made clear and sure in you, according to the Number of the Precious Stones of the Holy Oracle, being all that which is to make up the honor of your *Jerusalem* glory. Draw near you Virgin Daughters of *Zion* that lie hid, and bring your Glory to this city, at which all Gates shall open to you fly, as soon as you can here, with this come nigh.

[EW 2:9a] §.The Apostolical name of the Lamb is here written upon every Gate, for the surviving number of Apostolical Spirits to obtain admittance by. None can enter through the Gates but these Virgin Spirits, who have before stood upon *Mount Zion,* and passed through the *Sea of Glass,* being the Living Jasper Stones that are all covered upon with the flaming colors of the Covenant-Rainbow. Such therefore must you be, O *Jerusalem*-waiters and Children of Wisdom! And by her Stone within you, you must come to be touched and changed, that you may be joined to all these Flaming Stones. Be of good cheer, for this Ruby Stone is as a Cherub, at work in the Heavenly Spheres of some that are known by Name, in order to this great and mighty Transmutation.

[EW 2:9b] Therefore it is given me to advise you that you give way to this Live Coal within you, that it may burn away all the Dross and Tin, so as nothing but the Golden Matter for coagulation with the Deity, may remain upon this Almighty and most Sublime Thing that is concealed in your Inward Furnace. Do you still wait upon ministering Fuel to it, that your Fire may never go out? Do you still take out from the Pool of Golden Oil, which will then make you come to that height, even to a perfect Jasper Purity, which will turn whatever it touches into its own source, light, and power? This is the White Stone to which the Bride of the *New Jerusalem* will be joined, and which will be hung in her Crown. Therefore beloved ones, aspire after nothing less.

[EW 2:9c] And say not in your hearts, *How can this be?* Let that be cast upon your God's all-sufficiency, who by Wisdom's Stone will do high, mighty, and marvelous things through them with whom it shall be found. These only shall have the honor of bringing the *Jerusalem* down, to be seen within this Orb. For such in whom the Stone of Wisdom is sown and grown up, they are the lookers and the expecters to see this wonderful time. Others who believe nothing of it will stand without this City, amongst the worshippers of the Beast; none of whom can traffic or merchandize amongst the Precious Foundation Stones, which are the Purchase of the Lamb for His Conquering Tribe to follow after Him, with Palms of Victory over all fears and doubts that spring from unbelief, which has kept numberless out and stopped their ascending up here.

[EW 2:10] §.Now to you who are given to look in through the Agate Windows of this Walled City, know that it is granted for no other end but to take your Eye, and to draw your whole Spiritual Body herein. It is not to tantalize you or only to let you see the Tree of Virtue and not touch nor taste of it; but you are evermore to live upon it. When as Fixed Inhabitants you shall no more go out, this Tree will be Food of a most high virtual strength, power, and spirit. This Word then I will only drop and leave with you: to wait in pure Love Patience till the Stone within completes you for this Last Remove, through its all-tincturing power.

THE STILL ETERNITY

[EW 2:11] §.As I was considering the high and weighty work to which we are called, my spirit was immediately caught up into an High Region that was all calm and still, where I saw no figures or images; but there was a wonderful Light which flowed into me like a River. Then it was opened in me that this was the Creating Light, from which all beings did proceed; and that what was now expected as a New Creation must be brought forth from the stillness this Light, with which the Soul's Essence must be mingled: And that from this Union the Variety of the Wonders should be produced in the world.

[EW 2:12] §.It was further said to me that I had been long driven to hit the furthest Center of all Centers, but the Plummet Line of my spirit was too short to fathom that Deep Gulf, which was some years ago shown to me in a *visional figure.* Being led by the Spirit to call it to mind, there came before mine Internal Eye a Deep Abyss, that opened itself, and streamed forth with such a commixture in all variety of colors, of Precious Stones so dreadfully sparkling and glorious, that none other but a Simple and Abstracted Spirit could behold it, and much less enter into, and so be mingled with it, as I was accordingly both times invited and called to do.

[EW 2:13] §.This second time it was renewed to me by an *internal opening,* from which it was given me to understand, that this Godhead-Gulf was now broken up, for a streaming forth with that high mixed matter, which would deify and tincture the soulish essence that had been under the depravity. Then it was said to me by the Spirit that this was the True and Right Baptism, into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, by which the soul would return to its first original. Then it would know itself to have power in GOD as His Virgin Heart and Spouse, to do and act agreeable unto so high an unity. This is the summit of all depths that can be searched into. Do but study this, and the Eternal Abyssal World will, from its stillness, come to qualify with, and operate in you, in order to the wished-for transmutation. Hereby you will be admitted into all Wisdom's treasures, and the walls about your habitation shall be the Rock of Fire-stones, in which munition strength shall be your hiding, as in God's own secrecy, until you go forth to proclaim another Day of PENTECOST.

Chapter 3
The Intimate Unity Between the Saints

An Answer to a Question, which by a Noble and Worthy Inquirer was upon his own Experience, sent to be Resolved.

SDV Note: Paragraph numbering continues, though this section was not numbered in the original.

[EW 3:1] To answer a query, *Why such departed souls that are detained in the* Middle *Regions often attract and draw their near relations and friends to be with them?* This you must know proceeds from a most intimate unity that was between them while living. Thus not having centered their loves higher than what was elementary, the deceased may have much power to draw away the life of such out of the body; of which kind some instances have been known. Let this therefore be a good caution to all dear and near relations, to carry up their love to one another beyond what is but creaturely. But this know: that no departed spirit can have any force or power over the living, unless they are such who are of low birth, under the laws and rudiments of this world, and the constellations of the Starry World. But as for them who are up higher by the Supernatural Birth, they are out of danger to be reached by any departed spirits; for such are above their influence, as making GOD their only Center.

[EW 3:2] It has also been shown me that there is a great congruity between the highest degrees of Saints departed into the *Mount Zion* and *Jerusalem* principle, with such here who have attained to that High Birth which can reach their principle. Now this sort act quite after another kind; they do not so much covet to draw them out of the body, as to influence, and bring down their Gifts and Powers into manifestation, in and through those with whom they stand in such Love-unity. These Perfect Spirits in the Separated Order well know and take notice of those who are most fitly qualified for immersing with them, though in Elementary Bodies. They communicate and disperse the Light of New Revelations into this Lower Principle, that so its inhabitants may come to be Enlightened and Transformed. For these Blessed Ones above, with much longing wait for their Kingdom to be opened and spread among mortals, till Immortality shall swallow up its own Everlasting light and Life.

[EW 3:3] This I thought important to super-add to the foregoing subject, as the opening renewed in me from Wisdom's Center, as now being under a commission to keep nothing back that may serve for the information or satisfaction of Wisdom's meek and lowly Children, who are restless Inquirers, to learn and understand what is to be proclaimed to the whole earth in this Her Rising Day.

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