

Jane Lead's Journal Entries: June - September, 1676

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Jane Lead's journal entries emphasize the urgency of spiritual vigilance, the contrast between the Heavenly City and worldly temptations, and the necessity of faith for spiritual victory.

Scripture: Romans 6:4, 1 Corinthians 15:53, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:24, Ephesians 6:10, Colossians 3:10, 1 Peter 1:3

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Description

Jane Lead preaches about the spiritual journey towards transformation and the overcoming of obstacles through faith and divine guidance. She emphasizes the importance of letting go of the old self and embracing a new creation in Christ, symbolized by a new body and spirit. The sermon highlights the need for courage, valour, and faith in facing spiritual battles and entering into a higher state of divine communion. Jane Lead encourages believers to seek the creating power within themselves, to trust in God's promises, and to persist in prayer and spiritual warfare for the manifestation of the new spiritual body.

Transcript

June the 1st. 1676.

After the Opening and Interpretation of the Vision of the Globes of Light, that moved with me, where-ever I went, a Voice run through me, crying, The End of all Things is at hand: Watch therefore and Pray. Upon which Word I pondered, and drew near in my Spirit to that burning Center, from which the Voice did go forth, where I did further sound the meaning of the Cry, which echoed still, saying, Come and see, the first created Light begins upon its Eclipse to be. For the evil corrupted Birth of Life, had sent up such Fumes, and Unsavoury Incense, as must needs darken the first Heavens and Earth, that away they must flee before the New Foundation City ye can enter into. Therefore to thee, let it not seem harsh or terrible, that an end of all things, which came in through Mortality of Time, is determined: for absolutely despoiled of all false, glittering vain Glory and Light must be that City, which is only built upon a Sandy Foundation: Which hath indeed, according as it is written, deceived, and made drunk all Nations, with its adulterated Wine. As the Heavenly City is compacted, and made up of choice, pure, polished, and living Stones; so again is Babylon of dark, muddy, course, and earthly Metals, ponderous Bodies, Inhabitants that know no higher Sphere. Out from which I am with a strong mighty Hand bringing you my Elect Stones; therefore up, haste

out, and fly away upon the Wing of my Eagle-Spirit; touch, taste, mingle no more with her Sorceries: a new state and place is prepared for you. Scorn and deny all her charming Delicacies, for Vials of Wrath upon all will be poured out, that are in combination with this Harlotry City, though it be as a Mountain at present, that hath filled the whole World, and enticed its Inhabitants with her Whorish Attire, yet in one hour all shall be blasted. Therefore with fear, draw off others, whom you see yet in her strong-holds do stay, that have not their Eyes opened their danger to see, in holding such mutual Compliances, with that which is so subtle and deceivable. Of which cease not to warn them practically, as Noah did: when he his Ark prepared, and went into it, then all the World did lie in their Unbelief, which was a Figure of what is now approaching nigh, tho' after another method. For the second Revolution will now work, and an end of all Flesh, as Grass is come before the Alpha and the Omega.

June the 20th. 1676.

Having suffered for some Space of Time a Protraction of those Emanations, and wonted Manifestations, that still did meet me in my close and abstracted Attendance upon that sweet Intelligencing Spirit of JESUS, it returned now so much the more strongly upon me, to remind me of the Work and Calling, which my Friend and I had so solemnly put our Hands to, even the Plow, which prepareth for the Seed of the Kingdom to spring forth, through the Spiritual Inclosure. Which I well experience, is not to be given over until the end of the growth. For when all in our Field shall white unto the Harvest be, then the Sickle or Sword of the Spirit cometh forth, to reap and gather us into the Everlasting Store-house, under the Care and Custody of our Fore-runner JESUS. From whom I had about this time many Calls and Cautions, to strike up the Sail of Faith, and to watch against all those subtil Spirits, which would break in to cancel the Seals thereof, which are the Evidence of what is not at present seen, or yet come to be enjoyed. Moreover it was shewn me the Danger that we were in this Particular liable to, through the least crack or breach upon our Faith's Seal; By which alone the Magia worketh, and raiseth Powers from that Original Might. Upon which Center there is yet such a strong Inclosure as no Creaturely Being can break open; because its Signature is compounded and made up of all contrary Properties, degenerating wholly from this mighty Engineer of Faith; which worketh all through, and in, the Central Fire of Love. O who can here work till fully unclothed of the gross cloathing of the Animal Sensitive Life, so as to reach to this Original Wisdom and Might, which was existent in the first Paradisiacal Adam; who lost it by the Sin entering in, and can only be regained again, through the extinguishment of it, and the Dying out therefrom Totally. Which gives a full Answer to those Objections which so pestered my Mind, and which I Recorded in Writing June the 5th. receiving Satisfaction now again herein, upon a fresh waiting and inquiry. Which after this manner spake in me: Thy Queries, O searching Spirit, are to be resolved by and from the manifold Wisdom; with whom all Secrets are hidden, until the Spirit of Faith arise to find them out.

This having Opened during a Remove of the Doctor from the Author, was not found in his Copy. Whence also the Objections herein referred to, upon the 5th. of this Month, are not to be recovered; as neither is whatever else may relate to this matter, during this Interval, unto the last Day of this Month. That which next follows, is likewise from the Authors own Hand.

June the 30th. 1676.

Wisdom. Now as to the Necessity of the Use of all thy Rational Properties, it is good in its Kind, meet and suitable for the Degenerated Estate, to guide and govern the Outward Terrestrial Man; as the Head Principality of this Visible Kingdom, unto which Wisdom and Scepter all Nations do bow. But knowest thou not, what it was that withdrew, as soon as this awakened and got the Headship? Should I open thine Eyes

to see all at once what came in hereby, thou wouldst not but disdain, and quite fall out with thy Rational Man, so as never to it to be reconciled again. For the Coming in of That, was the Going out of the pure Magical Might, and Power, which should have been retained after the Similitude of God the Creator; who designed to Generate Spirits to live in his own Property of Princely Purity and Power, to his Honour, and not to his and your own Reproach; as is now too manifest. For, alas! there is now quite Another Thing gotten in, than what was found in the Beginning: which Reason protects, and is a Wall of Defence about, maintaining its Sovereignty without Check or Control, so long as the Beasts Reign is to endure. Which shall be put an end to by degrees, and first in some chosen Witnesses hereto allotted, who after Sion's Freedom do at this time importunately look, and weary are of being Tributaries to these Usurped Powers: From which nothing can you Totally free, but Total Death, after that way of Spiritual Dying, which both Mystically and Magically, by and through the Heavenly Constellations doth operate. This is a Death worthy of all Acceptation indeed, which at once shall put an End to all Earthly Sense and Sin. Then room there is, O Soul, for the Superiour Life to come in, which shall reign, as God enthroned in Nature's Kingdom, that is restored to its first Institution. First Breath then take, and faint not, but forward to the Mount of Olives go: the Mountain is indeed high, to which you are to ascend, but my holy Gales shall drive you on, that so you may come thither to sup with the Lamb.

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July the 8th. 1676

THIS Morning after some private Ejaculations to the Throne Majesty, this Word came unto me, Will ye actually deny your Active Life, as you denyed passively your passive Life? Even that Life, which ye so often have decayed down, because it is found in that room, from whence proceeds all Unbelief, and Deceiveableness of Unrighteousness, which naturally generateth those Essences; from whence the Thoughts that are light and evil do spring. The great conquest will be to put a stop to these, till thou hast found the way utterly to undermine, and for ever to bind them.

Yet thou shalt be allowed, warranted, and justified, to stifle them, before they can come to a Birth. Though Reason may tell thee, this would be as a new Entity, and that it would straitway overturn, and overthrow thy breathing Existency; yet give thou not any ear to such Objections that are cast in from that Principle; perhaps then no more in a Creaturely Being thou canst be known. Well, admit it, and suffer thy Creaturely Self thus far for to expire, as to the imaginary Life; be assured that all Peace and Safety hereby will accrue.

For by this silent Vacancy, another Source will open. All dyings thou hast indeed gone through to this, which is the main Head-Vein, which doth lie so deep under Ground, thereby preserving under it self hidden even from the Vulture's Eye. Oh this Original Root is that which must be struck at: Up, and Out with it, and overturn it, and thou wilt see what doth lie in the depth beneath it, to wit, every precious thing; which without care or toil, will voluntarily spring, when this imaginary Root is quite cast out.

For the croppings of this Evil Seed will never free thy inward Ground. Come then and descend with me, and I will shew thee where this Grand Enemy doth lurk, who unconceivably doth send forth those dark Fumes, which hath hitherto prevented the overflowing Breath of the Holy Ghost. If then thou canst not to a cessation from every unruly motion come, which works from the Astral Spirit, then try the Power and Might of that Spirit, which in thee doth reside, and cross these strong Tides, and through all break, and leave behind the Flowings of Jordan, and look not back, but forward do thou pursue, and keep up to thy Region

high, and as an Eagle Spirit bear up most mightily, no more returning to take up any weight of earthly stuff, which in the Imaginary Mind doth lie.

But away, away, ascend with thy Jesus unto another Principality; where other Presentations will all thy Senses employ when once thou hast forgot, and lost this World, out of thy Eye and Heart. What other meaning dost thou think those Words do bear, which are upon old Records, which saith, Except ye deny, relinquish, and suffer the loss of that Life, which is bundled up, tied, and knit together with the stringing Sinews of the imaginary Mind, ye cannot enter into Life, into the Life of God and Christ; which to know is Life Eternal.

Therefore it is again said, That none can receive the Kingdom of God, till they can come to be as a little Child, that is new born, who is passive, having no thoughts of reluctancy working, to hinder the opening of the Everlasting Kingdom of the Light, Joy, Love, Power and Peace. Wouldst thou know why so few have got entrance here? It is, because they could not untwist, nor get from under this binding Cord of the Natural flowing Cogitations, which beset the Spirit every way, holding it under a most slavish Captivity.

Yet is it not perceived; but by most it is believed, that this whirling Wheel must run round of absolute necessity, and there is no way for it to be avoided, while subsisting in a Body of Elementary Corporality. True, O Spirit, those who in this gross state only care to be, do walk and abide with, and amongst those, which are of their own likeness; relishing and corresponding with what doth proceed from this unsavory part. But from you, I your Lord, expect another thing, who have taken the Vow of a Nazarite's Life upon you, invoking me so often, for a remove, and translation, into the same Life and Liberty with me your forerunning President.

Now then, I must plainly make known to you the Mind of God and your Father, which is to Famish all those numerous and multiplying Essences, which mutiny against the Eternal Stillness and Eternal Nothingness, where the all sublime Goodness, and Everlasting Rock of Power, is to be seen, felt, and known. Verily this is the way, I can only describe to thee, and those, who the mark of this high Calling would reach, and would be traffickers within the Holy City, which is all Crystalline.

Through which none can pass, that hath the least Lumber of imaginary stuff yet hanging upon him. Now weigh these Sayings, for they are from the Yea, and Amen, who hath good-will to make riddance of all those superfluous Thoughts, that have been as the gulph separating Principle. To which thoughts by one act, God moving in the Mystery of the Fiat, yet once again, will put an end quite to them. For a New Heart will be created, out of which will flow continually such a choice Treasury, answering to the Sight of the Flaming Eye.

July the 16th. 1676.

A Vision of God's Flaming Eye.

This Morning as I was in my Spirit, let down into the deep Abyss, attending the pure Openings, from that central generating Source or Fountain Life; In a moment there appeared to me an Azure blue Firmament, so Oriental as nothing of this, in this Visible Orb could parallel with it. Out of the midst hereof was a most wonderful Eye, which I saw Sparkling, as with Flaming Streams from it. Which I am not able to Figure out, after that manner, in which it did present it self unto me. But according to this Form it was, as much as I am able to give an account of it, it was thus, or after this manner. There was a Flaming Eye in the midst of a Circle, and round about it a Rainbow with all variety of Colours, and beyond the Rainbow in the

Firmament, innumerable Stars all attending this Flaming Eye. From which the Word said, the Earth and the Heavens shall flye, and nothing abide, but what can live in this Eternal Eye, as ministering Stars of Glory, before the Throne of him: who like to this Circling Eye, which thou hast seen, hath neither Beginning or End.

After this Word it disappeared, leaving its Flaming Influences upon my Heart. And further of this secret Vision he did say, he would it impart, as I for its Manifestation did wait: and the signification hereof should come to be witnessed, by that rising Birth, which is called up to this Globe, among these Stars to fix, in this more excelling Firmament.

July the 17th. 1676.

The Interpretation of the Vision: or, of the Flaming Eye.

This Vision of the Flaming Eye is given for to see, that which is worth pondering for thy pure Mind continually. For glorious Idea's will multiply, that hereupon all thy Senses may be employed, in such sweet Rarifiedness, wherein there is no danger of Excess. While this Vein from the Heart of God in thee doth run, it will feed that which doth come from the pure Font, and hereby stop the running issue of the Imaginary part. Which I will assure thee will compleat the Victory, because it strikes at Sin's Originality, which had its beginning from the Conceptive part of the Heart, there it came in, and there it must be banished out. Then it will be a new Heart, in which the Flaming Eye will fix; Which in Vision thou didst see, with its innumerable Stars in the Firmament, which are generated from this Globe-Eye, for numerously will holy and pure Cogitations from hence arise, and so habitual strong and forceable, as to out-pass all strange Essences, that would come therein again to lodge. Therefore, within this Circling Eye do ye abide, that so you may keep out all evil Motions, which the Serpent knows are the Foundation-matter of his Kingdom, and will sting you with them, if ye do not fully exclude them. Which ye no way can, till ye hasten away, and with your Spirit fly to this bright Firmament, where this Eye all Dangers will for you espy, and know all secret Mysteries, making you wise in that one great needful thing; which will make all strait, that crooked and out of the way is. For such is the property of this Fire piercing Eye, that it will look through the Host of the whirling Imaginations, and put them to a stop, that so they may not persue, as to overtake those that are upon Faith's flying Banner: on which keep, till it hath brought you within Zion's Gates.

This great and weighty thing concerning Cessation and Annihilation of all fruitless Imaginations was still the Call within me, to come into the Believing Rest, for that this was the true dying into Jesus; which passive Life is the pure Mother, out from which the Birth of the God-acting Life is to be expected. For the Faith of the co-operating Power worketh here all in all. The New Heart being replenished with ministering Powers suitable hereunto, that will perfectly bring things to pass, as the Mystery is moved in its own Sphear, driving on by the mighty force of this Birth of Faith, Which produceth great and marvellous things, according to the sublime Nature of it. For it hath no other ground to go upon, but the absolute Co-eternal Deified Will, which Will willeth in the New created Heart as in its own Royal Seat.

July the 18th. 1676.

This Morning I was in great Heart-searchings about this precious Lily of Faith, if I could by the sight reflecting from the Eternal Eye, it any where espy. Querying thus with my Lord Jesus, Ah Lord, if the right Plant be in me, as it was found in thee, why doth it not act forth? Where are the Signs which should follow, as the Seal of Believing? What makes the Birth of it stick thus long, whose going forth must make way for the Holy Ghost? Tell me, O thou inspiring Word, why hath it had a Name to live, and yet hath been as

dead? For it hath not been Justified by such mighty Heroick Works as in the foregoing Ages did bear witness to it. And this hath made it as a Body without a Spirit, actless and fruitless. Thus I earnestly expostulated, that if we had it existing in us, then we might have skill to use and manage it, for the reviving of this worthy and unknown thing, which hath been a Stranger in the Earth, but is now a stirring in our Heavens, and a turning up the Mould, that hath from our Eye this all-precious Grain hid. Where then doth it lie? (said the blessed Alpha to me) thou hast to the heights for it ascended, and for it has sounded into the Depths, but thy Arm hath been too short to reach it, and thy Eye too dim for to espy it, though it is so nigh: Yet not known to any, till they do retain the bright glance of the Flaming Eye, which hath not only the specious Faculty, but the streaming Power of Might, to bring back again this worthy Champion, that hath been by the combining Powers of Reason put unto flight. Which so soon as Tydings come, that they are dead, who so wickedly have conspired against Faith's Life, then it will return again and appear on the Earth mighty and supream, to open the door, for the Holy Ghost to enter in. Then this Mystery of Faith will be finished: To which ye are directed, that by contending for it, ye may obtain it unto Victory.

July the 19th. 1676.

As we this Morning were in our Spiritual operative Powers, each one bringing forth out of the Treasury; the Doctor being much carried out upon the Subject of Faith, it was spoken to me, This is the Ministry, which goeth before to make way for the Holy Ghost. And I saw, as a Confirmation hereof, a Flying Banner, passing swiftly by, as a Trophy of Faith's Victory, Which each one must bear, before the Day in which the Holy Power will shower upon us, till which in one Spirit of Faith we were directed to wait together. After which also a Word run through me, There is need enough to provoke each other hereunto. For the Day is now nearer, than when first ye did set upon this Believing. Oh now let us go through, that we may reach to all the Degrees of Faith, which will assuredly make up our fallen Breach. For this is the Power that will make us all whole, as the true Weapon-Salve, which is anointed by the Hand of our dear Jesus, to smooth and make ready for the Flying Banner of the Holy Power, for to descend into us, who in this Faith do wait, within the secret Gate of the New Jerusalem state: where into by no means must we bring any Spirit that may make mutiny, for to break the holy League, which must be still maintained with him, who is the Covenanter. Who hereby reneweth our Peace, and Joy, in believing without annoy or staggering; which hinders the purchase of the Field, where the Pearl is found, which Field is called Faith's Eternal Ground.

July the 24th. 1676.

In the Morning-Watch, this was first cast up upon the shore of my Mind, by way of expostulation with my Jesus, whom I felt hover over me with thronging Powers of Love, as an Invitation for Discourse, after the manner of a Spirit, without the noise of Words: This thing I say, was with me to offer in way of Query, How it came to pass, that after such mighty high winged Prayers, and strong Gales rushing in through them, as I had witnessed, but the Night before, in such ascending strong Center-Raptures and Powers coming down, that yet the Gulph was not shot through?

That is the parting Principle, which still shuts out the Spirit of the Bride, from her native home, where she may have power of Command to act and bring down, what may make for renown to the Virgin Crown, while walking up and down in these Earthly Bounds. My Spirit took all boldness to know why it should be so fruitless in its Mediatorship now, over what it was in foregoing times, when Prayer of Faith was, as a ready Messenger, to fetch in whatever was wanting. I did lay hard upon the Mighty One, using the same Arguments, as Dalilah did with her Sampson, how, O my Jesus, can it be, that thou dost love me, without thou shewest me all that is in thy Heart; that so I may know where thy great Strength lieth: and this by

coming thereto, as thy loyal Bosom Spouse, in whom thy Heart may rest in, without any suspicion, that ever I will betray so great a Trust, if thou wilt but once reveal this secret thing unto me?

For I desire, I seek, I look only after this, to be united to the Lock of thy Power, and Might, as a springing Plant from thy Godhead. Which will give me all Power to answer to the present state requiring, which is made up of nothing, but Sin and Self original, and Ill Consequences bundled up into innumerable Grievances, So that verily I did see the whole visible fallen part of things all putrified, unsound, unstable, weak, low, and poorly spirited: therefore out of this deep sense, I could not but cry, Help, Oh help thou mighty Prince and Saviour nigh.

For who do see themselves lie in this Golgotha state, but are willing to take the Wing of the Everlasting Morning, and herefrom fly to the Rock that hath the Clifts of Munition, to hide all that are weary of this loathed Place? Therefore with unutterable Sighs, and Requests, I did this our deplorable, and defective state, beseech my Jesus to read over, and to take away the Reproach thereof. For I argued with him, that if thus Indigent we should still be, it would sure reflect upon the Lord our New Covenant-Restorer, who nothing was to leave short or imperfect in those, for whom he became an Undertaker to his Father, to bring them back again.

After all this on my part, by way of Spiritual Parley, this Word came unto me, saying, Arise, arise, yet, and wait; Why art thou jealous, that Love is wanting, or the Arm of my Power abated, because I do not tell thee where the hiding of this Lock of Strength is? I know, I know thy sore Longings after it for to partake with me, that it might free thee from the fallen state: Which is in such Shame and Derision, that thou canst not lift up thy Head with any Confidence, because the Accursed Thing is everywhere in and about this lower Sphere; where thy abode is yet for to be, in Temptation and Fear: but faint not, thy Bridegroom is near, who will the Shield of Faith anoint with the Oyl of the Holy Ghost, which will be Joy unspeakable, and full of Glory, after all thy heaviness.

The reason why thy Praying, as to matters of so high a Consequence, hath wrought so little, is because Faith hath been so dry, for want of the pouring out from on High the Golden Streams out of the Oily Fountain, of the one pure Deity, which would make all Prayer mighty and operative, when this Balsamick Oyl doth flow from the Fountain-Head.

July the 26th. 1676.

As my Spirit was Contemplating, after some Breathings forth in Prayer, these Words came to me, To love the Lord thy God, with all thy Heart, is more than all Burnt-Offerings and Sacrifices; this is that which I prefer above all, and to which I do look to in all that draw near to me with Love unfeigned, and with a whole Heart transmitted over to me, and no part kept back from him that calls for Incorporation of Hearts. That so there may be but one Heart of Purity, as with thy Jesus in his Humanity. This Love is the Box of Spikenard opening therefrom, whence thy God smelleth the sweet savour, from which the Curse flyeth, and will be no more found to hurt, blast, or destroy the springing Vine about the Walls of thy Mind: From which the Wine of the Kingdom will flow to refresh the Heart; then shall you find you are not far from the Kingdom, that consisteth in Love, Joy, and Peace.

Then followed upon this, that Scripture about the Ark, being sent away by the Philistines. It was shewed me, it would not abide with the uncircumcised in Spirit, but Dagon would be smitten, and fall before it. For in contrariety, the Wrath-Vial opened, and though the Philistines thought they had got the Blessing, in regard they had heard and known what Victories and Salvations it had wrought, yet it became a Curse,

where they held it in Unrighteousness, and in an unhallowed impure Temple, setting up other Gods equal and jointly with it; which by no means would be endured. God will be All, or nothing at all: to such as would retain his Ark-presence, in the mixed unsanctified Mind, there is nothing but Gall and Wormwood to be found, instead of Sweetness. The Ministration therefore that shall be afoot on Earth, must be all upon a New Bottom, which is figured out by that new Cart that the Ark was put into, which represents a new Heart, in which the immaculate presence of the Lamb will be retained. No unconsecrated Uzzah must take hold thereof, but only the hand of Faith, and the Flaming Spirit of Love that yoked are together, as strong and able, without more addition of help, to bring this to its own place, within the Vail and Tabernacle, where its Rest is to be. For the All-seeing driving Power is with these two Kine, upon whom no breach shall be, as formerly, when the rash Bethshemites that were not purified, looked into it.

July the 26th. 1676.

Again, this Word came to me from the Lord, Up, stay not here: the Ark, though in the House of Obed-Edom, that is, in a Nazarite Heart, yet, here the Blessing is not ever to rest and abide, but it must move forward; for there is yet much Land to be possessed, which only the Eye within the Ark can spy. Therefore be sure still to enquire at it, who can tell you where the most pleasant Situations are: for to some the Lot may fall out to possess a more rich and fruitful Soil than another shall, according to the donation of Royal Favour; which in all Ages advanceth to Spiritual Dignity, according to the determination of Divine Will. Oh it is worth seeking, to be enlarged with the Borders of these Everlasting Habitations, to possess the utmost Bounds hereof, which is a Joseph's Blessing: Who as thou mayest read in the History, Joshua 17.15. grew so strong and great, that they would not be contented with one Lot, though they had Beth-horon the Upper, and Beth-horon the Neather, which was indeed a fruitful Soil: yet they pitched forward for the Mountain or Forrest-Trees, which they by greatness of Power obtained above their fellow Brethren. So now as thou growest strong, and encreasest in People, that is to multiply till thou comest to be of mighty force in Spiritual Powers, to encounter with them, who would keep thee out of the Land of Blessing; thou must come to Enlargement to the very utmost Bounds of the Everlasting Hills and Mountains. And as there are seven Nations to War against and cast out, to answer to these, thou mayest need the Seven Throne-Spirits, which will multiply within thy Ark to an unconquerable Strength, that so all Enemies will be chased and made to fly from before this sevenfold Eye. Which shall be thy Guide, to see every way to bring thee up to the South Land, within the Borders of the high Eternity. Therefore gird up, for as I was with Moses, so I will not fail to be with that Joshua, who within thee is the Ark of the Almighty Strength, that will go before thee. For as the Father was with me, so I will be with you in this present Warfaring state.

This Word mightily raised my Spirit up, for it confirmed what went before, as to the going on to possess, what was yet behind. For when we grow so nigh the Kingdom, as to come to the matter of Possession, then Joshua must arise in the greatness of his Might, to fight the Battles for us. For the great and strong Nations will come out with great fury against us, because they see they must have no share in our Lot, but be totally cast out.

Question. Now in this great and last Battle-Engagement, What will be required of us in order to Conquest?

Answ. It was shewn me, that the rising Spirit of Faith in our Jesus, as an incorporating Power in us, must go forth with the self same Word of Command, that it did in Joshua's time to command the Sun to stand still, and the Moon to stop; that the first should not go down, nor withdraw its shining Strength, neither the latter its meek, watery Brightness. For by the Light of this renewed Day, where no Night can come to

intervene, all dark Reasonings, Doubtings, and Fears are expelled, by the Majestick Light of Faith. How easie is it, I do see to wage War in the Light of this Eternal Day, and then quite to overcome, and get the mastery, and to subdue the five Kings: Which were presented to me, as those five Senses,

Which are all armed for the Fight,

To maintain their Sensitive Right.

But so long as the Bow of Faith is in the Hand of our Jesus, we need not fear; for he hath said, He will make bare his Arm for us; therefore we need not fear any of their Weapons of Cruelty. Let us now courageously War and Work while it is Day, and the Sun of Power is thus shining upon us, to give us our Possessions with and among the Conquering Worthies. In the Name of Joshua, the Jesus which is with us, let us move forward, for Jehovah's Banner goeth flying before us, till it shall bring us to Shiloh, where the Lots shall be cast for us, and we rest in them for ever, according to the description of our Star, Leader, and Seer: Even so Amen, dear Jesus.

July the 27th. 1676.

Oh then if ye intend to be the Ark-drivers, that so ye may bring it back again to its own resting Place; consider how expedient it is, first for you to be bathed in this Consecrated Oyl, which hath been to you presented; for who may it dare to touch, but such as are scented with this spicy Ointment, that so all their Garments may give a good and sweet savour thereof. For this Ark being retained in a clear washed Heart, in what variety of Birth Powers will it go forth, and what fresh Testimonies? To which give all heed as to the true anointed Oracle. For out of the Thundering Voices, Glances of Light from the Majesty will proceed.

While then I lay under the pouring down of these sweet Breathings forth from my dear and familiar Jesus, sighing, after the accomplishment of them, as never thinking I had enough of these Love-Emanations, I saw a sweet amiable Person, in a solemn manner presenting himself to me, saying, I am he that hears thy Mournings, who am included in thy Suffering, and Sorrows, as thy true Dove Mate, sympathizing with thee: but behold this state shall not always be, but thou shalt arise with me into the high Dimensions of the All-circulating Kingdom of Light.

Then appeared after the vanishing of this Personal Humanity, a bright Glance without any Form, but only an overshadowing Light, which left this Word with me, This is that Light, Strength, and Majesty, that riseth over all the dark mourning indigent Life. Here thy state is presented twofold, first as the Ark floating up and down upon the Deluge, not come to its resting place, till the Eternal Dove-Spirit bringeth it up to the Burning Mount of God, where the Flaming Glance of Light is perpetually generating, so as in this great Body of Light, thou with me shalt live to act, according to the Energy of the Father's Will in the All-Spirit of Might.

Come on now if ye would of my High Calling be, and therein actually employ your selves, then no more stand halting, looking with a double eye, as part upward and part downward. Since this will never compleat your business, Up ye, make you my fellow-workers in mighty Deeds, till you come to take to the One only thing; for Diversities be great stops and hinderances to the attaining of this Practical Part. Sowers ye have been, throwing here and there in various Fields with many Seeds, but this hath not yet turned to that great account, which I design to bring about for you, if ye will abandon all other Callings, sticking and Binding your selves over to me, for the learning of the one high grand Mystery.

Which I cannot teach you, till coming to be ever with me, ye behold and see after what manner I do manage those Works of Trust, which concur for the full Manifestation of God's Kingdom in its lustrous Power and Glory. Have not I often heard your Cry, for this Kingdom to be revealed, which cannot be, till you come to enter into the Holy Calling of the working Properties, which are variously manifested, according as in the Glass of God's Wisdom is known. The one great and principal Instrument to turn, wind, move and act all by, is the strong Arm, and nimble swift Spirit of Faith, to whom nothing will be hard or mysterious to find out.

This Hand of Faith hath an Eye, that is fixed in the Palm of it, so as it hath a piercing Sight, to see what was, is, and must further be yet wrought, till the whole Science of the Eternal Mystery shall be understood and wrought out. Here then is required to learn of thy Jesus all that, which was acted forth in his Humanity; there hath been a great default, and hanging off as if it were a Criminal thing to expect, or make out for the same Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, whereby the same Life might reign in Power again.

Whereas much more is to be looked for, because he that was dead, liveth evermore to see greater things, than those now to be accomplished in them in this Age, that in the unfeigned Faith, and steady Eye shall search deep to know, what their part and share with him will be, in that most high and singular Profession. Which none can come to imitate till truly simplified as new-born Babes. Oh that is the great thing, to come to be little again, pretending to know nothing, but as its Knowing shall proceed from that Prophet, which is risen to destroy and nullifie all other Traditional Teachings.

Which are far too short to find out what in the Arcanum of the Holy Ghost doth lie hid, which will open the Heavenly Depths. Whereof a Witness thou mayst be, if thou canst stop thy Ears to those many false charming Cries; of which beware, lest thou be swayed by the Multitude. Who will assault the Will of thy potent Might, which is, as in the place of Pilate, that hath power to reserve or release, to kill or save alive. Take heed of Pilate's Spirit, who fearful is to displease, the great thronging outcry of People, thereby preserving Barabas, the seditious, false and faith-murthuring Life; to crucifie Jesus, the inspiring Word of Truth, and Spirit of Prophecy.

If thou makest this Choice, and be only owning its Authority, then he will be free to train thee up, to know every degree of the High Calling, which may make thee of mighty ability, when once fully understood. Fear not, but it shall surpass, and outvy all low Earthly Employs, that hitherto have vaunted high, above all that is called the New Creation working Property. But now arise I will and set afoot this new Mysterious Calling, that hath not yet been understood, but it shall be revealed only to those, who shall be thus wise in Heart, to suffer their Ears to be bored through, so as my Counsels to hear, and retain without demurr or doubt.

Thus and after this manner did I hear the Bridegroom's Voice, sweetly alluring to impress his own likeness, which gave me boldness, to retort back again upon him with the freeness of Espoused Mate, to offer what lay upon my Heart. Oh thou Celestial Joy of the Internal Part, how is it that thy Calls are thus day by day renewed? What more is to be done, till thou the working motion in Nature dost absolutely raise anew, to be all in all in mighty Supremacy, according to the moving of the last finishing Mystery that God the Holy Ghost may expressly swallow up all our Mortality.

Thou hast said, We have long enough dwelt in the first Mount, and bid us pass on, till we this Day of the Bridal Glory see, but hast not shewn me when or how it must be obtained? or who they are that shall the first Fruits here bring to thee? Oh! I want a clear and full description hereof, my dear Jesus. Then should I be of one fixed Mind, and delivered from all Jeopardy, if once sealed up, to be privy to the Secrets that still

are shut up within thee; Who must be the Revelation of that, which my Spirit hath desired with desire to see, before I lay aside the Corporality. Oh! now then in plainness declare to me the Particulars of my High Calling, which thou hast said we must follow thee in.

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Here follows that which opened upon this my Inward Communing with the Spirit of the LORD JESUS.

True, O Soul, I have strongly moved thy Will towards me, yet thou art upon the Jealousie, as if I kept much hid from thee. Now as to that, thou must be subjected, and always allow me my prerogative to open, and to shut, to reveal or to conceal, who know my own Times and Seasons best, when and to whom to break open my Seals, that am knowing in my Book of Life, who those may be that shall persevere, and look not back, but are waiting for the fulfilling of all my pleasure. But know that to thee much hath been given, the Dew hath lain upon thy Branch, while others have been dry, and thy Fleece hath been watered: and yet thy expectation may be much more abundant in, and from him who is the Alpha and Omega. Who is now from Heaven revealed, for this end, to instruct you, who are seeking to be fellow workers with me, for the bringing to pass that which will Crown the Love Labourer herein, who can with me endure to bear the burthen and heat of the Day: then for a Reward, expect the Golden Penny will come in the mouth of the Dove. Who then will make all Labours to cease, for the Everlasting Gospel will run through those who shall give themselves to be faithful Workers. Therefore be apt, wise and diligent now to every Rule, which shall be revealed unto you, who have chosen the same Calling with me, and you may know Effects answerably.

The first Rule. You are called out of this Babylonish Country, into the Land of Immanuel, where in the first place you are to learn the Language of that Country, among the Divine Magicians and Spiritual Natives there: and then in the next place to understand the Manufactory, how to deal and traffick in that high Merchandize of the Pearl of the Kingdom, with all the Precious Stones of value, as the Bdelium and Onyx, which this Land doth afford.

The second Rule. You are called to Trade from that Stock, and Golden Coin, which bears my Image and Superscription; that will procure all the Precious Goods of this Heavenly Country. For it is Expedient that you should be made skillful in, and understand all these weighty Things, that may be serviceable to your self, and those that are in the same Calling and Vocation united with you. And I would not have you, after the Manner of the World, to go on Trust, upon anothers Talent, but to Improve your own, which I have committed to you.

The third Rule. Seeing now your JESUS hath furnished you with a good Stock, the Golden Mine being set open to you, you may Adventure to Buy, and to lay up in Store as a true Joseph, the sevenfold Increase of the Corn of Heaven; that in all times of Famine, may replenish thee with all the Heavenly Family, that in this High Calling numbered with thee shall be.

The fourth Rule. Now further on thou must proceed, till thou reach to a larger Patrimony yet, which is to Adventure upon that Vineyard, which enclosed is with Love's Flaming Wall, where the Red Wine doth flow out of the Grape. For this also thy Purchase must be: Vessels prepare thou not a few, for it will run, till thou canst no more find to bring.

The fifth Rule. Now all this Treasury Imbarked must be, and quick Sail upon the Floating Sea, which is the pure Love-Deity, must have: and here fear not to be robbed by any Pirate, which I your Pilot shall present with you be, to Land you safe upon your Spiritual Goods here, and taking New Lading in, to make still

fresh Returns, for the Universal Profit and Benefit, to all those that have Dependency, and Need of such Relief.

After this Manuduction ceasing, another opened in this wise:

July the 29th. 1676.

This Night I was much in Prayer and Contemplation, according as the Center cast up variety of Spiritual Matter to exercise my Internal Powers, as sometimes offering this and that, for to be resolved in by the Word of Wisdom, Which I knew was nigh unto me. Then sinking down into the unknown Deep, where the unmixed thing might open, which I did both feel and hear, even to a Soul satisfying pleasure; this Word spake to me thus; (as in all Cases and Matters of doubt) Whither should ye go, have not you found, that within you is the Ark of Enquiry? To which ever more do you give great heed, which shall fill all your Treasures, that so no Famine of The Food of Life shall ever be known in your Habitation. For the Tree thereout will spring, whose Fruit is ever thereupon to be found, because its Root is in Oily Ground, all from the depth beneath, answering to the Fountain from above, which meets together in the God of Love, from whom the Word of Truth doth richly flow.

July the 30th. 1676.

This Day being filled with great Zeal, Love, and Power, finding Faith mightily raised to believe that some good thing was nearer to be revealed to us that were diligent and fervent in Spirit; While we were met together in our private Exercises, the Powers did open and stir. In which interim, I saw in the Spirit of my Mind, one in the Figure of a Man, but not in gross Corporality, but rather like a Seraphick, or as a flaming Body, pouring out a vial of Oyl in the colour of Amber, upon our Heads. Which Sight was a satisfying Resolve to the large and big Expectation, for the pouring out of the Spirit. This Word attending it, wait still, for with this ye are to be filled, preserve it pure in your Vessels, and it shall never cease to run, so long as your Needs require. For this is the inspiring Power, that will fill with Ghostly Might to do the Father's Will. Great Michael-like, who may proclaim, that he is come to give, and shed abroad of this Oyl, that will give Light and Joy, all full and sweet.

August the 5th. 1676.

THIS Morning I heard this Word, saying to me, Ye have compassed this Mount long enough. Which was opened to me further, as thus, you have gone your Rounds, and are come unto the measures of the Second Temple-Worship, which is the Holy Place: ye are compassing the most Holy City also, which is the higher Court, but ye have not yet found entrance into it. But now to this Holy of Holies draw you near each one with his Golden Trumpet and do not fear; for the Oyl of Faith must run, to make a clear and certain Sound, at which the Heavens may rend and open wide, that ye may read and see, what within the most Holy do lie.

Now as you have served in the due order and course of the New Testament Ministration with an Eye to what this will bring up further into. For the Ark of this Covenant can rest in no place, till it be fixed in the beloved City, which presseth hard until it comes to the Rivers of Broad Waters, that run pleasantly within Mount Sion's Walls. Which is that restless rising, that ye feel stirring, that makes after its own place. Now as you have been upon your daily Offerings and Services, in this second place of Tabernacle-Service, which for its time during, ye have done well to observe, yet from hence you must make a Remove, to a more excelling Habitation.

Where you may come to possess, what Prophecies, Prayers, Revelations, and Faith expectations have hitherto detained you in. But you will say, how shall we arrive hereunto? for this is a great and wonderful state, we know not, whether it may be decreed for our Age? As to this matter of doubt, consider there is no date of Time determined, though known & seen in the all-knowing Eye of the Deity, when and upon whom the Godhead Power, shall descend and ascend, to fulfill all general and particular Revelations and Prophecies.

Therefore here is all Liberty and Scope for Faith to stretch forth, and put in for its right, having a Propriety in this high and super-eminent thing, according to the free donation of Grace, which hath and shall still abound towards thee. Now then be assured, that no Bar shall stand before you, that ye may not summon in, and call up Power to break down whatever is Opposite, so that ye may raise the Eagle-Body by Spiritual Force and Might, that only can mount up to take this worthy Prey, that shall decide all Controversies, that do arise to cast in fear and doubt.

Awake, call up, and gather together all those Celestial Powers, which within thy Heavenly Orb do dwell; For they must go forth as the Lord's Hosts, in their Day, to lay close Siege, and by a wise Spiritual Stratagem to scale the Walls of the most Holy Place, that so thou mayst have entrance; for it is allotted, that by meer Conquest, the Prize within this City will be taken. Now then raise up all the Internal Force, you are able to make, and set upon storming it violently, sounding forth the seven Trumpets, from all the Seven-Throne-Spirits; which are filled with Oily Powers, and will be of mighty conquering force, to Alarm down that last reserved Almighty outgoing Breath, which doth bring absolute Sovereignty in all Heavenly Things, renewing that everlasting Morning, which from the Ancient of Days did spring, when all the Sons of God shouted for Joy, and as Stars of Glory did sing, knowing nothing then of Mortality or Sin.

To which state ye, by this Life-quickening Ghost, are to be reduced again, that so in the Primitive Angelical Figure, you may appear, as mighty Ones to act, according to what you have by Conquest obtained, within this Seraphick Kingdom, through Love's violent onset. Where ye shall then be confirmed Denizens, having all freedom to exercise your Heavenly Calling with me your Jesus, having faithfully fought for your Corporation-Liberty, serving out your time in the Faith and Patience, according to the Father's Will.

Which for a Recompence the holders out are to be endued with all Power, Dominion, with that unknown glorious Liberty, which shall empower you, all Wonders for to declare, by that Living Word, which was, is, and will arise up in this sparkling, consuming, all acting, dividing Flame; that is come to melt down every Metal, and to try which and which is sound, because nothing but pure Gold for this Profession will hold, or shall the Seven Trumpets in the Hands hold, thereby to ascend into my upper Sheep fold, where all my Lambs are cloathed with Fleeces of the most fine Gold.

Therefore now, Oh my Friends, see who they are that must ascend up hither to me; Lo, I have the Way disclosed, yet to you more full and free, that so you may rise up, and go forward, greatly Conquering till that ye may come to the Seventh Trumpet compassing about. Which Seventh Compassing, maketh all Gates within the Pavilion of Light open for to fly, that the desired Throne-Majesty you may there espy. Which I know will suffice, and please your Eye, when in my Glorified Nature you shall be able to greet with boldness, the Father of Spirits and Glory; having upon you my tryed Golden Fleece: without which ye will be speechless, but with it ye have all freedom to commune, and with your God to talk, and to have place evermore with him to Sing the New Jerusalem Hymns, which flow out most naturally from the Seventh Conqueror, who is brought up hither to hear the great Last Shout.

August the 12th. 1676.

I did hear from the Angelical World great and mighty Sounds round about me, with one distinct Word, saying, Behold him, who descends upon the white Throne. Who are there ready with their Garments washed clean and white, thus to meet their Jesus? Which Word of Alarm cast me into some Fear and Despondency, being conscious that I was not cloathed with such a perfect White Robe, as might answer to that White Throne; for to such only was this Call to.

Q. Therefore what must now be done for us that we may straitway find our selves here enthroned?

The Reply was this, Oh fear not; remember how Joshuah's filthy Garments were taken off, and then he could stand before me; even so it is decreed; and an express Charge is given to your Guardian Angel, to uncloathe and pluck off your Purple Robe of Sin, Ignominy and Scorn. For there is yet reserved one principal White Robe, which yet was never seen; but the Body upon which it is put, must be all Immaculate, for it will be no Covering to any polluted thing, because it is pure and transparent throughout.

Be of good cheer, for this also is with me, who want not Love, Power, and Strength to bring this great translation about. As for your Spiritual Adversaries, whom I see so vigilant, they shall never tire out that Spirit of Faith; which shall be animated still by that Word that riseth fresh and new. Keep but your Faith in me, and I will from all Viper Spirits secure you, that no hurt shall be to you, though their Scorpion Tongues would send forth Anguishing Fire to detain you, if possibly it were in their own hellish dark sphere, which shall fly from you, as you fixed be, to desert all but what can enter with you into this bright ivory Throne of the Everlasting Deity.

Whereto I now expressly charge you, to put all things in order hereunto, and be most free for the Unbodying your selves; that I may see no more a vile Nature upon you, who am come my self to be your Body. For no other will this unmixed Garment fit, being spun out from the Golden Fleece, which is all of the working Power of the Holy Ghost, who interweaveth it in great variety, with bright Oriental Golden Clouds: For to express, that this is the Cloathing of Sovereignty, and Righteousness, in which I will avouch you before the High Throne-Majesty, my all fair Spouse, and Bride: Who may sit with me on my White Throne, freed out from all former Sights and Contempts.

Until this state of Zion-Beauty shall appear, watch, and keep Company only with Lilly Spirits, feeding upon the Olive-Berries, that grow upon the Mountains of Bether, whereby you may become all lovely and fair, ready and meet for this high Princely decking. Wearing your present Garments so loosely, that so soon as I call, ye may let them fall, though you may think there is something good, which is not to be parted withal; as to that, be not concerned, for what is pure, and hath been tryed by Fire, shall still endure, all serving to make up One entire, and perfect Body, which shall be for a more sublimated use and service, than what ye have hither served in, when under the Law of Sin; but now are ye under another denomination, as Spirits made free, to walk in White Garments, within the Celestial Globe of Light.

Where now we enjoy each other in Spirit, but there is yet a superaddition of Joy and Glory, when Body and Spirit shall ascend together, passing through all Vails, Clouds, Rocks and Stones, nothing being able to sever her or it from the most Holy Place; for which state do you passive stand, till acted to go forth, by the mighty and strong Lyon, who must rise the Prey to take, which hath been reserved for the Lyon-like Heart, which no fear hath, nor repulse will take, but will enter through the Everlasting Zion Gates, to which haste, haste.

August the 13th. 1676.

This inspeaking was to me. Let muddy Matter no more be cast up in thee, for thou art called among the Golden Flocks.

August the 14th. 1676.

This Morning my Spirit was all free, and serene, meet to entertain Communion with him, who is cloathed with the Golden Cloud, and Rainbow on his Head, who said thus unto me, Escape the Spider's Web, who is always spinning to invite to come under her covering: Know you not a composition of Poyson is there? who cannot hurt you, except she can find you there to hanker, and so keep your pure mounting Spirits, from their own incircling Globe, and Heavenly Sphere; Where you know, I fail not to keep you Company, when at any time you are found there. For an uninterrupted Conversation is to be entered upon, by that which is all pure, born from the Virgin-Womb, which is distinct from the dark and all defiled part, and cannot incorporate with it. Oh therefore avoid, and quickly stop that muddy Source, the smell of which is so unsavoury to him, who can bear nothing but what proceeds from my implanted Nature, that so we may together as upon one Stalk grow, For to bring forth that choice Kernel, which may be ripe for the Golden Dove to swallow down. For herein lieth the most hidden of all Secrets; which is to come up to the full grown Ear of one and the same pure Lump, and Matter clear. Then Celestial Food ye shall know through this Virtual Consubstantiation; of which none shall have right to partake, but the Bridegroom, and his Mate. Therefore do not think, that I am slack in coming for to reap: I wait in Long-suffering with you, till I become a pure hardened Grain in you, and so become Heavenly Bread to satisfie the Life, that is born out of the Mystery. Whereof you are of the Number, appointed to grow up a pure Body, for the holy Air to pass through.

August the 15th. 1676.

This Word came, which was often repeated in me, Arise Jonah's Gourd must fail, though it was appointed for your succour and shelter, for its appointed Season, as a Shadow from the Heat, Wind and Storm. Which was thus made out to me, with respect to the present Gospel-Ministration, as it stood in divers Services, though of the Lord's own Institution, which carries a great force with it, consisting of pure, and Spiritual Exercises, offering up by Prayers and other constant Oblations, which have been too short, because transient Powers have only opened therefrom, wherein hath been some Refreshing: yet rest not here, for some better thing is provided for you, whose expectation must still run higher, looking to obtain that fixed Body, that can dwell among the Heavenly Quire, going out and in, by Commission from your Great King, whom only you are to fear and hasten to.

Then again this secret Word sprung, What toil you here? Have you not heard, that there is a Jubilee Year, wherein you are called to return to the Land of your Possession, to enjoy what is laid up in store, which was sown in the sixth Year of your Immanuel, who was such a fruitful Grain, as thereby ye may obtain a Sabbath of Rest, eating of the old Store, till the third Year, which will renew all things again to that Increase which never yet hath been.

Also, this Scripture was spoken to me, Ye shall not go through the Cities of Israel, till the Son of Man come again. Matth. 10.23. Which thus opened it self: Ye have had many Removes in your Israel Dispensations, yet you have not gone through all, there is one strong hold that is to be taken. Which being enter'd into, you will soon see your Son of Man so to appear, as ye shall not know him, from the Son of the Most High God in Humanity, glorious and clear, riding upon the Heavenly Sphear.

Also, this Word came unto me, The Golden Pot within shall still be filled with Manna: it is for the Priest alone to feed thereof, within the Holy Place. Where the Golden Bowl of Oyl shall also out flow, to those that can come near it, with their Consecrated Body, which scented is with the pure Unction.

August the 16th. 1676.

Being very inquisitive with that strong Rock, from whence I expected still new Aid, Counsel, and work of Direction, for going forward in the Process with our Jesus, till we were entered into the Land of Rest, Life, and Liberty, and it being made now all my Care and Concern to keep journeying on, making riddance of all that would hinder our ascending Might. In order to the prosecution thereof, this Word came to me, Knowest thou not, that the most principal City, is yet to be inhabited by you, which can only be entered upon by Conquest: now what less, than the Spirit of Courage, Might, and Valour, which did rest upon Othniel will serve you in this matter? For the taking of this strong City of Conquest, a Reward will be given by faithful Caleb, the good Heart, who here represents the Eternal God and Father. Who engageth to give Achsah, who is his only Virgin Daughter, unto Othniel, who is the Man of War, the strong Michael who feareth not but he shall still overcome: to whom is given the utmost Ends of the Earth for his Inheritance, Moab shall be his Wash-Pot, and over Edom the most High will rule. Oh Lord, it is most true, thy Power and Sovereignty is not to be questioned, I know, thou canst do all things; but what is this to me; till this Mighty Man of Valour do arise, to bring me into this strong City, or the City of Strength, wherein will be all our defence? Thou hast said, Go on to possess what yet remains behind, pointing to this Walled Place, that is fenced round with Bullworks; by which we, who have often made any Attempts against her here, have as often been repelled. How, and by whom can we make this Enterprize if thou, Oh mighty Othniel, dost not undertake this for us? A necessity there is, I do see, for thee to assume, and to take in us the strong Battle-Ax of Faith's Magnanimity, that will force the most Mighty to yield. Oh how long must we War, before the Bride shall come for to be our own in the New Jerusalem City? Ah sweet Jesus! speak comfortably to us hereto, to whom it hath been said, Ye look for her, who never can in this Life-time be here enjoyed.

August the 19th. 1676.

This Reply was given to me.

Oh why should ye hearken to any thing, that would quench and kill your Faith. For Diffidence hath been the grand Stop and Hinderance: for how can that possibly be obtained, which cannot be believed in? By which great Absurdities are committed against the whole Trinity, whose Faithfulness and Truth must hereby be nullified, and all those Promises made of no effect, which are of standing Record. But they will not any Credit hereunto give, than which nothing more can take off from this further process, as who else might have reached to all that hath been predicted; had there been but found in any that all-Golden Grain of Faith so strong, till it had cast out all Fear and Doubting: which makes the true Masculine Spirit, that is for the taking of the most weighty Prize, that is in the Kingdom of Heaven. Who willingly suffereth such noble Violence, and would rejoice to be so entered upon, If it might find any so resolved in this present time, I will assure thee, there is no Prohibition, against the possession of this Royal thing, which I have so often to you propounded. Which stands free to yield to them, who through Faith's Stratagem can enter through the Gates of this Jerusalem. You well know what force will be effectual, which I still incite, and call upon you to improve, summoning in all your Army. The Seven Throne-Spirits will be your aid, but be sure to set Love's Flaming Streamer and Faith's challenging Banner in the fore-front of all, because they are of greatest Potency: which will bring a dread with them upon the fearful and unbelieving Spirits, because

terrible to them is this Army of Banners. Who the first Onset will make, with and by the sound of our Trumpet, which yet hath never been heard to sound. For which wait ye, till it shall be given into your Hands.

August the 20th. 1676.

This Word visited me with a mighty inward Cry, Let the old Creature dye and pass away. Bury this Dead out of sight, that it may dissolve into the New Earth, which I have prepared. From whence ye may expect, that new Creaturely Body, which is all available, and goeth beyond the first Fruits of Circumcision. For Renovation in the Mind may be brought forth, and yet this New Creature not raised, which is the very Body appertaining to the Ghostly Spirit, which can only mount, and give this New Creature the Wing of Ascension. Here is a new creating Word, which now upon the sounding is: what excellent new framed Piece may be expected hence from its Matter and Composition? What think you now must this New Creature be made of, that it may transcend the Old? That must dry, moulder, and vanish away, as it is decreed: that so room may be for the new Body to take place. Which is to be coagulated from the Virtual Golden Mould, as the material Matter of this All-Spiritual Creature, which is appointed for Mount Sion's Communion. Oh! the first Adam was created for Paradise: out of the Dust of that Earth, he was made a living understanding Soul, sparkling in the pure Innocency. From which degenerating, he hath changed both the inward Principle and outward Body, into the Nature of Sin and Corruptibility. Which now must be put off, before the most Holy will know you in the way of delightful Conversation; for which end every Trumpet doth sound, till ye be framed and raised out of Holy Ground, made all of one entire Piece, a Massy Lump, which may out-balance that, which as a Shrine adulterated is, with other false Metals: as in the first Adam's state you have seen, where the Good and Evil do dwell, that makes all the Strife and Uneasiness. For which, no other way is found, for the putting an End thereunto, but by a total dissolving of the old Creature, wherein this Mixed thing is found.

Here arose this Objection in me, Ah my Lord and Master, I grant and acquiesce with thee, concerning this new Bodyfying, for the Eternal Spirit to act through, in pure new raised Humanity, but why is thy Word still directed to me, who find hereunto no Sufficiency: for it is the business of a God-creating Power, I do see, as thou dost take this Prerogative unto thy self, saying, Rejoice in that which I do create?

Answ. True, Oh Shunamite, this Glory thy Father only appropriated unto himself, and none else can assume it, or counterfeit it. For here are no painted Forms that can serve; for to make Images without Life will not do. Hereby shall the face of the Covering be discerned, that hath deceived all Nations, that have still cryed the Temple-Body, when it is no other but a dead piece of Formality, which is at least no way able to effect beyond the Species of a poor piece of impotent Mortality, which under great disability doth lie. Therefore the voice in thee doth Cry, Call, and Incite, that thou mayst look within for this Creating Might. Lo, it is not so lost or gone out of Sight, but it will be found upon search and seeking, being at hand to renew and change the Vile, and bring forth another Body and Spirit, that may God's Virgin-Bride inherit, with all her Mountain Arabian spicy Wine, which is refined from the Lees. That is the Spirit, which is purely extracted from the Deity, to move in a Body that is all compacted of Sion's Matter: For the New Creation will be filled with such Inhabitants, as mighty Princes, each one in their own Power moving, with such anointed Shields, as all Earthly Weapons will be too blunt, and too short to annoy such Spirits, or new Creaturely Bodies, that are compacted of this sublime matter. But here this Jesus, whose Spirit searcheth the inward deep of this Soul meeteth with somewhat, which is still questioning and asking, How can this great thing be? seeing I am not come to live out of sensible Mortality, that is touched with every Essence, which appeareth from that ground, sometime lifted up, then again cast down, according to the mutation of

the Starry Region. Well, I know, (saith he) it is so, but art thou here confined for ever to stay? Hath Bounds been set, that beyond this thou art not to pass? Dost thou think my Calls and Invitations are only verbal? or that I put you upon that, which the Omnipotency of co-working Power cannot make good? Only believe, laying the stress of all upon my Creating Word, which will move, till the Number Three be witnessed, for the raising of this Temple, which all fill'd shall be with their own silent Company, walking all in holy Order, according to the living Testimony. Which openeth anew. To which inspiring Word, ever more watch, and it shall be your safe Guide and Guard, till you are come here to abide within this fixed Sphere.

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In the Night I was much in Prayer minding my Lord God of the many particular Prophecies, concerning our Jesus coming to quicken and assume his own Spiritual Body in us, being mighty earnest in Soul-wrestling for the accomplishment thereof, against which I saw a great Strife and Wars by Spirits and Powers from the high fallen Angels above, and the middle Regions and Depths below, all conspiring to k

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