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THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH SEAL.

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CELESTIAL MESSENGER


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PROPHECY OF ST. JOHN.

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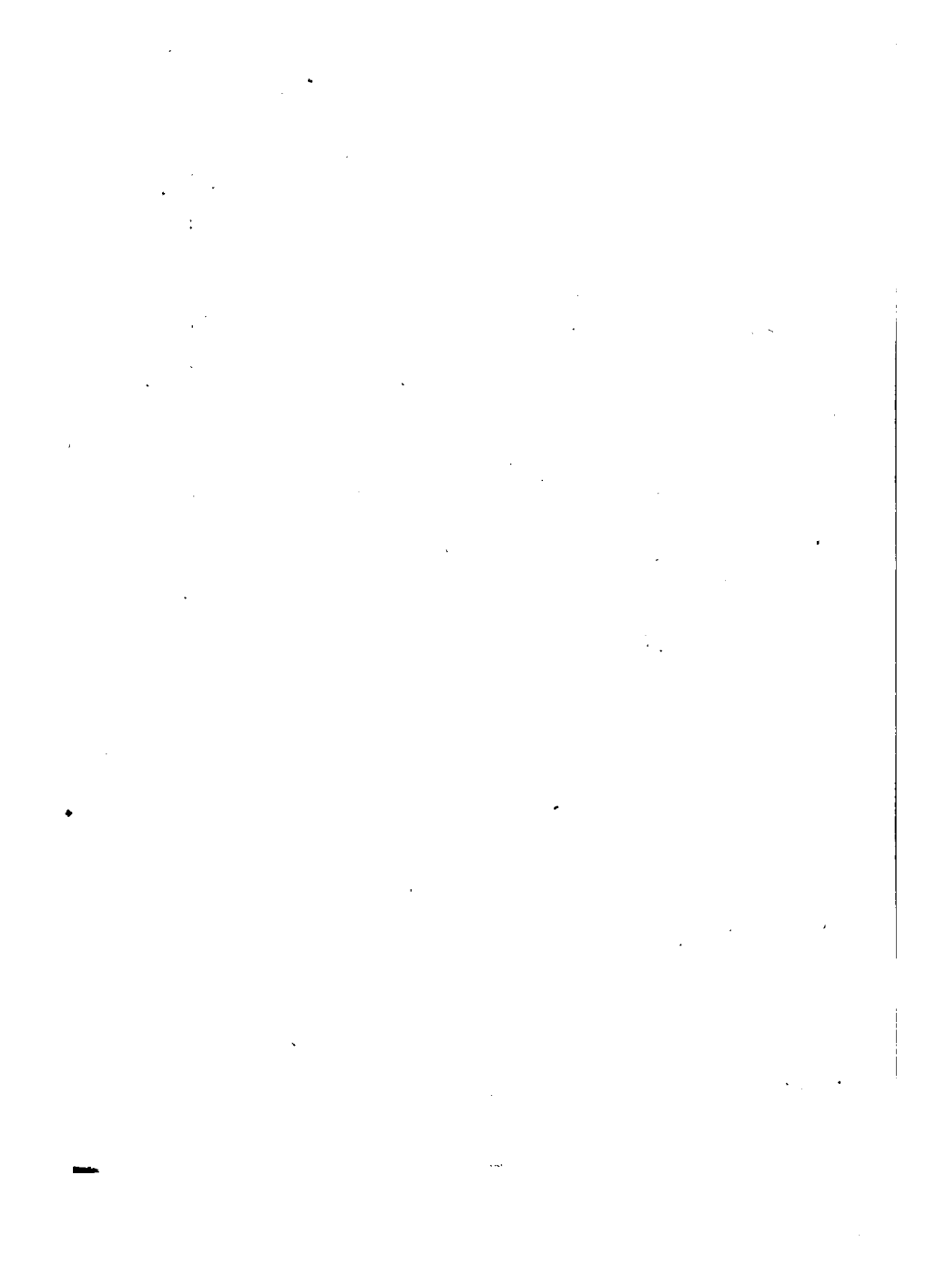
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PREFACE.

For some time I have been strongly impressed to write, and the impression at last became too strong to resist. I asked the mysterious power influencing me, as to what I should write. The answer was given by my own hand that the time had come to open the Sixth Seal, and that I was the only agent appointed under the control of spiritual law that could hand this record to the inhabitants of the earth. This unseen agent who directs my pen signs himself The Spirit of Truth, and under his guidance I have endeavored to lead the reader's mind back to the organization of the heavenly bodies in space; to give in detail the causes that brought about the furious war in Heaven, as found in the 12th chapter of Revelation; to say that the obedient officers of God are working jointly to reconcile the spiritual powers of man to nature's laws of peace; to bring to light things that have been kept a mystery from the foundation of the world.

The officers from the Spirit World tell me that I am in the valley, and that they will soon take me to the summit. I have become so much infatuated with my spiritual company that I long to be with them, and learn for myself the hitherto unfathomable mysteries of the Great Beyond. The annexed manuscript is to be considered a direct revelation as the work of the Seventh Angel.

Your brother,

L. KING.

INTRODUCTORY.

Ten anxious and gloomy years have passed since the author made good the order of the angel to him, found in the 10th chapter of Revelation. My second revelation was finished when handing The Messenger to the inhabitants of Earth. This was only the unveiling of the New Testament Scriptures. The author then supposed his agency on the earth was finished, but this was a sad mistake. The little open book that St. John was ordered to swallow was not what the author supposed. The book that the angel gave to John to swallow was only a spiritual record sketched and laid in spiritual lines, by the spiritual agent, from the great page of nature, and given to the physical agent, John, who had then finished his mission on the earth, and passed back to the Official Court, holding the keys of mystery in his possession, until his second return to his exiled brethren on the earth, spanning the lapse of 1,800 years. Having returned, he is now officiating with joint officers both on the earth and in the Spirit Land, through which joint operations they are near the end of the nineteenth century, opening up the Sixth Seal at the closing out of the Gentile nations of the earth; at which time he will hand over his official record into the hands of the Executive Chief, the Son of God, who immediately thereafter will proceed to the opening up of the Seventh Seal, which will be the end of all mortality on the earth.

This agent being closed in by a wall of flesh, could not be fully made to understand that he yet held the little open book in his possession, the contents of which, when fully revealed to man, will bring to light the deep-laid plans of mediation, who through the co-operation of all the obedient angels, aided by the Spirit of Divine Power, would in the end bring into friendly relations the enemies of God.

The opening of the Sixth Seal again brings upon the stage of human events the grand officers of the Deocratic Government, which were the actors in this strange drama before the inhabitants of earth, who took part in one of the most extraordinary pantomimes that has ever been performed on the stage of human life. The members composing this dramatic company were the angels of the Great Red Dragon, numbering six million billion, who, many million years ago, contended against the great Archangel Michael and his angels, for the grand throne of power. Thus the Son of God who led his twelve obedient officers of peace through storms of affliction for thirty-three years before his crucifixion; who, previous to his departure, consigned the task to his apostles of perpetuating his great work of Christian Reform unto the closing out of the Gentile nations of the earth; when he would return again to establish his kingdom in the world to come, spanning the lapse of 2,000 years:

The Apostle Peter held the keys to the kingdom, and St. John held the keys of mystery. While on the Isle of Patmos he received an officer from the shining courts above and placed in his hands a little open book which he swallowed, and also placed the voice of the seven thunders under seal, and left the human stage

for the space of 1,800 years. This having already passed, the curtain rises once more, exposing to view an entirely different troupe of performers, numbering six million billion, who participated in the contending armies in Heaven. These were the angels of God and were enrolled in the great Archangel Michael's ranks, of which army numbering eighteen million billion, is the one-third part of the stars mentioned in the 12th chapter of Revelation, that Satan drew away and were cast to the earth, a part of which conspired with Satan to overthrow the Deocratic Government. For this party there was no reprieve. They were despised even by Satan's party which Christ came to save. It was one of this party that asked Christ to heal her daughter, when he informed her that it was not mete to cast the children's bread to the dogs. They are the party the servant Jude speaks of as suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

It must be remembered by all who have read The Celestial Messenger that it was written by inspiration, and not by direct revelation. Inspiration is an impression made on the spirit or reasoning powers of man, which impression is conveyed to his fellowmen either by means of spoken language, or by writing. But revelation comes through some agent, either a physical or spiritual manifestation. Thus an individual receiving information outside of physical agencies must necessarily receive it by some intelligence in spirit life. St. John had to meet the spirit outside of his physical organism, for he informs us that he was carried away into a great wilderness, and he must have been absent from his body. Abraham had a direct revelation by two angels that gave him truthful and

substantial information. Moses on the mountain talked with some agent which he supposed to be God; also in the burning bush he heard an audible voice that spoke to him, and another agent explained to him the manner and specifications of building the Ark of the Covenant. Elijah at Mount Horeb received counsel from spiritual agents, and also at other places and times. Daniel in the lions' den received an angel from God that had power over the lions ; also the same with the three children in the fiery furnace. An angel talked with Zacharias at the altar and named the unborn child, and spoke of his wonderful mission on the earth. The angel talked with the Virgin Mary and spoke of her favored condition, that she should be the mother of the Son of God, who should redeem the world from sin. The Apostle Peter confined in the inner prison was by an angel taken from the prison through iron-barred doors and solid walls of masonry, and thus outside of the famous walled city of the Jews he breathed the pure air of freedom. A court of shining messengers over the village of Bethlehem informed the shepherds who were watching their flocks on the hills of Judea, proclaimed the birth of the wonderful Redeemer.

It must be remembered by all who read the Scriptures that but very few on the Earth have been permitted to see spirits clothed with what appears to be human bodies; and it is not possible for mortal eye to see spirits. It is evident that the Apostle Paul was conveyed to the Third Heaven in the spirit, the same as St. John was carried away in the spirit into the wilderness, for when he chronicles that view he was still on the Isle of Patmos. St. Paul, when receiving the won-

derful information in Paradise that was unlawful to tell to the inhabitants of Earth, could not have been in his normal condition, for he informs us that he could not tell whether he was in the body or out of it.

The angel that informed St. John that he must make another prophecy before the inhabitants of Earth, was then speaking to him in the spirit, and after the lapse of 1,800 years has fulfilled that order. The contents of the little open book that John swallowed, he by the law of 're-incarnation is now enabled to unveil to the Sons of Earth. This is his mission, having fulfilled which he can say it is finished and done, ready for the next movement in the reclamation of the fallen angels who through disobedience and pride fell from their high estate.

The Celestial Messenger.

PART I.

INASMUCH as the spirit of ancient Elisha was destined to keep pace with his noted cotemporary Elijah, down through the grand changes which their fallen brethren had to pass, through prison life on the earth, the arrangements which were ordained by angels, and passed into the hands of a Mediator; before the establishment of the organic laws, or, using the scriptural term, before the foundation of the world. Thus he (Elisha) after having filled his agency as a missionary from the court, while here among his fallen brethren, reserved the right to use his noted mantle, which he had received from his friend Elijah, on the eventful day of his translation, and which mantle he was to use as a figure in the commencement of the Christian Era, in the noted organism of St. John, where he again met the spirit of his ancient friend Elijah, in John the Baptist, together with his superior officer, the Archangel Michael, in the personage of Jesus Christ, and ten other chosen agents, which he had brought with him, who were his staff officers in the great rebellion in Heaven, and while there with him in the bonds of flesh, as apostles, they assisted him in establishing his church, and at the same time, laid the foundation for a spiritual kingdom in the world to come, over which organization the Apostles had the promise of presiding with

him, after the closing out of the Gentile nations, which destruction and end was to be by the pouring out of seven vials of wrath. Thus St. John, being left in the charge of very important duties, and brought down the indignation of his persecutors long before the completion of his work ; was arraigned before a heathen tribunal, and without the slightest evidence was condemned as a heretic, and handed over to the executioner, who was to take his life by placing him in a cauldron of boiling oil. Then his executioners, burning with heathen rage against their unoffending victim, placed the heat at its highest power, and triumphantly plunged their victim beneath the scalding fluid, and to the astonishment of his heathen spectators, St. John came forth without the slightest harm. His elder brother, whom the same murderous party had put to death on the cross, having passed back to the grand centre of power, came forward, delivered him from the jaws of death, and made provision to finish his work on the desolate island of Patmos, where the heathen judge had banished him, in consequence of his not relinquishing his faith. Here, on this gloomy island, he met the shining messenger from the presence of his crucified Lord who assisted him in writing his Revelations, over which his noted mantle has rested until the unveiling of the New Testament Scriptures by the same spirit, resting under the title of the Celestial Messenger, which extraordinary conditions will be found in the following pages, containing his Second Revelation.

St. John having accomplished the work consigned to his charge, was informed by the angel that he had

got to prophesy again before the nations of the earth, which declaration may be found in the 10th Chapter of Revelations. In this work this declaration is fulfilled.

Thus, after being relieved from the desolated island, and from the bonds of death, he was permitted to return to his peaceful friends on the other shore, where he was allowed to remain until duty called him back to the prisoners of earth, who were still groping in chains of darkness, on the shores of mortality. Thus, in the year of our Lord 1818, the Spirit commenced taking on gross material of earth again and in 1819 was christened in the organism of the Celestial Messenger, in the once grand wilderness, where he was transported in the spirit from the island of Patmos, eighteen hundred years before. Here, again, he has beheld the noted city of Babylon which he beheld before, in figure, which has sprung up as by magic out of the wilderness, and has assumed all the features of her ancient sister where dwells the head of the sectarian beast, the mother of harlots, and the noted cage of unclean birds, a portion of the members of which are weighed in the balance and found wanting; and the spiritual hand-writing is seen upon her crumbling walls, in flaming characters, spelling the word "Desolation," because her foremost citizens have made merchandise out of the New Testament Scriptures, and the cup of their iniquity is already full; the description of which shall be more fully set forth in the latter part of this work.

Hoping to be instrumental in the grand work of Christian reform, therefore, as a sojourner and a pil-

grim on the earth, I will present the following work to my readers, in which will be found all the hidden mysteries unveiled, as touching the dragon's angels, their expulsion from the Celestial Court, their sojourning in temporal bodies on the earth, their final winding-up scene on this shore, and their transportation back to the Court, the re-entering into their eternal bodies, the judgment and final consummation.

The main object of the author in bringing this work before the world, is to correct a mistaken idea that has prevailed among theologians, in all ages of the past, respecting the Bible records of Man's Creation, and the design of the Great Author in bringing Man upon the stage of human life. Notwithstanding all men have the same Bible to peruse, the same positive declarations presented to all, yet there appears to be as wide a difference between their understanding as to the real intent and meaning of the Scriptures, as touching the design of the Creator in our creation, as darkness differs from light. My object in attempting to correct the error that has prevailed through all time, is by no means for any pecuniary or selfish interest of the author, but to more fully prepare the minds of the present inhabitants for an extraordinary event, that, according to the prophecies, is near at hand. This work will present four grand points to the world for their consideration: Firstly—To prove that our physical body, according to the teachings of the Scriptures, is no more nor less than a prison in which is confined a prisoner, who is expiating the guilt of a former life, and also whose criminal acts, for which it is now suf-

being in the body, were committed before the foundation of the world. Secondly—It is the author's design to prove the nature of those crimes, the magnitude of those transgressions, and the plan of reconciliation, and the extraordinary personage who was ordained by angels, impowered by God, and sent forth to seek and save those condemned criminals, that by transgression were lost. Thirdly—To prove the advent of the Mediator, and the plan that was offered by him for a reconciliation, and also to prove the number of chances which were provided for their restoration, and upon what condition they might be received into the favor of God. Fourthly—To show the terminus and final abrogation of those special laws, by which all material formations are governed on the earth; also, the dissolving of the material elements, and our transportation back to the Celestial Court, where we shall stand for judgment.

I am only fulfilling my work as a missionary from the Summer Land, where I have learned the laws of obedience, and been instructed in the plan of reconstruction and reconciliation, devised by our obedient brethren in the grand council in the Court of Heaven, before the establishment of the special laws that now govern our universe; and as the time is near at hand when the vials of wrath are about to be poured out on the earth, I make haste to set all things in order, and prepare the Gentiles for the approaching event that will relieve them from the irksome cares of prison life, and give place for the re-incarnation of the Adamic descendants the third and last time on the earth.

I am fully satisfied that the Scriptures plainly teach man that there are three distinct worlds in which demoniac spirits will exist in temporal prisons or human forms in order to fully blot out the jealousies and prejudices that were entertained by them in the Court of Heaven; also, the animosity they entertained against the laws of God, being wholly averse to all principles of goodness, and brought on themselves condemnation, by transgressing the laws of God, and, by an actual contest against superior numbers, were overpowered, subjugated and sent as condemned prisoners to this earth, reserved in chains of darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

I presume that it will not be disputed by any theologian or Bible reader, in regard to the furious contest or serious battle that was fought in the courts of heaven, as there are ample proofs of these facts in the sacred volumes, some of which I will hereafter mention. Firstly, it becomes necessary for all Bible readers to carefully and prayerfully read the declarations contained therein, and also carefully consider the responsibility of those authors. I believe that it is a conceded fact by all true believers in the New Testament that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and that he was vested with power and authority by his Father, and ordained by angels, and sent forth to the earth to negotiate or reconcile a serious matter of difference that existed between two auspicious parties, the one party then existing on the earth designated as the Angels of the Devil, which was claimed by the Bible history to be a third part of the grand

army of heaven, and, because of their contentious and rebellious principles, were by the majority disbanded, disembodied, and their spirits placed in the hands of a Mediator, as above mentioned, who was appointed to this mission before the foundation of the world.

Now, if the reader seeks for truth and spiritual light, respecting our being and existence in these dark cells of clay upon the earth, he should read with prayerful and careful attention the recorded facts that are contained in the sacred volume of truth, which I will here set forth. Firstly, I will refer the reader to the 12th chapter of Revelations, which was written by St. John, the beloved disciple of Christ, whilst in the spirit, on the Lord's day, upon the Isle of Patmos, which was revealed to him by Jesus Christ, through the medium of an angel, sent directly from his holy presence, to proclaim to the inhabitants of earth, through John, certain events which had already transpired and remaining yet unaccomplished, without which revelation the world would have forever remained in darkness.

We now should take into consideration, whilst reading respecting the great wonder spoken of in the chapter referred to, that John himself was a mortal, and that that spiritual view necessarily had to be revealed through the flesh, or, in other words, through John's imperfect intellect, which reads thus:

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

This vision should be apparent to all who read the same, that the sun with which the woman was clothed was the Son of God, from heaven, then resting with his mother, the Virgin Mary, who, at his birth, was proclaimed by a court of angels from heaven to the shepherds who were watching their flocks on the hills of Judea. Thus, Mary being favored with the honor of presenting that extraordinary personage to the world, her sisters in the flesh were considered below her in the vision, and gave rise to the declaration that "the moon was under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars;" or, in other words, she had the honor of presenting a Saviour to the world, who, in order to carry out His plan of reconstruction and final redemption, chose twelve men instrumental in the regeneration, who, in a spiritual point of view, were stars, or men that had the full assurance, through the promise of Christ, that in the event of time they should sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. In the 4th verse we find this extraordinary language: "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and he did cast them to the earth."

The revelator here discovered that the chain of circumstances which brought about the rebellion, which is described as the tail of this red dragon, which drew away one-third part of the stars, were no more nor less than the angels that followed this arch leader. The 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th verses of the same chapter should prove to every unbiased reader that this whole party, whose place was no more found in heaven, was the party which the Scripture declares that Christ

came to seek and save them that were lost, for the 11th verse of the same chapter declares that this party was overcome by the blood of the Lamb.

It is conceded by all theologians that Christ's blood was shed for man; we would ask those theologians, what part of man is to be redeemed? Is it the material bodies that need redemption? The Scriptures teach us that it returns to dust, but the spirit to God, who gave it, as that part of man reserved to judgment. Then the question would arise in inquiring minds, Is the spirit brought before the Eternal Judge without a body? We answer, No. Then the question might be asked again, Does the Scripture teach a resurrection of these physical bodies? We also answer, No. Then what bodies in the resurrection shall we put on? According to the Scripture, our spiritual bodies, out of which we were cast when expelled from the court of heaven.

Turn to the Fifteenth Chapter of I. Corinthians, 35th, 36th, 37th and 38th verses:

"35. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

36. Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

37. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

38. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body."

Also the 44th verse of the same chapter:

"It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body."

Showing conclusively, that these natural bodies are prisons, or the dwelling-place of a spirit. and must, sooner or later, be dissolved.

Turn again to the Fifth Chapter of the II. Corinthians, 1st verse, which reads thus:

"For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven :

3. If so be that being clothed, we shall not be found naked.

4. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened : not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

6. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord :

7. (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

8. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Thus, the Scripture positively declares that this house or body is a prison, in which dwells an immortal spirit, that lives after the form is dissolved, and that its original spiritual house or body is eternal in the heavens, which, in the event of time, we shall

take on, before we are remanded to judgment. Thus the plan of peopling the earth was wisely consummated, with the strong injunction and imperative command, to multiply and replenish the earth, and from that period to the present, that command has fully been obeyed, and the countless millions of human beings that have come upon the stage of action and passed off since that time, proves conclusively that the Great Author has not failed in this great work. And in the perfection of this machinery, as touching the physiological and anatomical structure of man, continuing in its unchangeable and undeviating order of perfection, through that vast chain of years, only proves that the Author's wisdom is unlimited, and his power uncontrolled. Thus would it not be charging a falsehood upon the Great Author, to set forth an idea that man has not fulfilled to a demonstration, all that God designed he should accomplish? If God had not placed death in the reach of man, the earth's surface at this time would be insufficient to contain one-tenth of the inhabitants that have lived on the earth. Thus we find that God's designs and purposes have been fulfilled and carried out to the moral demonstration.

Now we come to notice more closely the chain of circumstances connected with all the events in the first creation of the two grandparents in the Garden of Eden. We find, according to the teaching of the Bible record, that there was some sacred spot on the earth's surface several thousand years ago where the blighting curse that God had passed upon the earth, because

of sin, had never reached. There in that beautiful garden of nature the great Eternal Spirit stood, together with his highly honored Son, surrounded by a vast concourse of condemned spirits, who were watching, with feverish anxiety, the movements of their superior officer, into whose charge they had been consigned, and were there waiting in dread suspense to know the result of the punishment they anticipated would be inflicted upon them because of their disgraceful rebellion and defeat in the Court of Heaven. Thus the dread silence was broken after the consultation between the Father and Son had ended—the All-wise speaking to his Son in the presence of the spirits, "Let us make man in our own image and in our own likeness out of the dust of the earth." Thus the spirits were left in darkness and could not penetrate the wisdom of the Almighty, being unable to see or understand how those God-like beings, moulded from under the hand of an All-wise Creator, could affect their situation in any respect.

The arch traitor no doubt imagined that those noble beings, called men, were designed by the Almighty to supply the vacancy brought about by their rebellion and expulsion from the Celestial Court. Thus, whilst the two grandparents stood in the presence of the Creator they appeared to be comparatively ignorant as to the circumstances that brought about their creation, or even the duty they owed to God—being made of celestial matter and animated by the breath of God, were not heir to any order of decay; yet made with all the functions now belonging to man,

with the veins and arterial apparatus, yet filled with spirit life instead of blood—no particular decision of character, ready to be swayed by any course of advice. Thus they walked about the garden, finding no occupation; neither did they desire any. Perfectly happy and contented, aspiration and progression to them were strangers; they desired nothing above what they were. Thus, in order to arouse them to action and a sense of duty, God informs Adam that he was placed at the head of all the animated creatures upon the earth. Even this did not arouse his mind to action; consequently God discovers the necessity of subjecting him to law. Thus he speaks to Adam—You are surrounded by a garden of fruits, designed also for your pleasure. Of all of these trees thou mayest freely eat; they are celestial in their character and calculated for spiritual food. But, there is a tree in the center of the garden that is different from the other trees you behold. It has grown out of oxidizable matter, and the stern features of decay are marked upon it. The leaves, the branches, body and roots, in the event of time will crumble into dust, and if you should partake of the fruit of that tree, it will produce the same effect upon your system as upon the tree, and instead of spirit essence that now vitalizes your system, blood will take its place, which is the seed of death; and in the event of time your body, like that tree, will also crumble into dust. Therefore, thou shalt not eat of that tree, for in the day thou eat thereof thou shalt surely die. This law of restraint was unexpected by Adam. He had come to the conclusion from what he

had seen of the surroundings that he had unlimited control of all things belonging to the earth, and thus being debarred from eating of the fruit of the one tree, it placed a restless disposition in him. This disposition was noticed by the devil, who had already fully consummated the plan of defeating God in his celestial and happified beings. Adam, being formed of tangible material, of course could not behold the disembodied spirits that surrounded him. Consequently the devil could produce no effect spiritually upon that being so wisely made by God; yet he found Adam paying the strictest attention to the forbidden tree and, no doubt, concluded it would be an easy matter for him to induce Adam, by the help of Eve, who was not afraid even to handle the fruit, if he by any tangible method could throw his evil charm around them. So he tried his diabolical charm on all the tangible formations about the garden and found a congenial companion in the coils of the serpent. Thus, through the serpent he attracts their attention to the fruit—to its fine appearance and different color from the other fruit of the garden. Now you can eat this fruit with perfect impunity, says the tempter; it is good for food and will make you wise, and in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt not surely die, but be as God, knowing good and evil. Thus his seductive influence did do all he anticipated, and all that God in his wisdom had designed for him to do. The Divine law was broken; man had fallen through the evil devices of Satan; but we find that the Devil had only been accessory to his own defeat—instrumental,

through the wise arrangements of God, in destroying and pulling down his own kingdom, and in the event of time bringing his evil reign to an end.

Adam became wise, knowing good and evil, immediately after the transgression of the law. Now the question, no doubt, has been asked myriads of times by inquiring minds, Was there any virtue in the fruit to produce this remarkable change, or did the breaking of the law of God make Adam wise? The Devil could have answered that question by personal observation, yet with everlasting shame and contempt—that through the wisdom of God in erecting temporal prisons in the form of man to carry out his deep-laid plans unperceived by his Satanic majesty, he in causing Adam to rebel had opened the prison doors in mortal tenements in which his subjects, through the plan of the Mediator, would be incarcerated, and his kingdom would have an end. Thus we find that by the entering of two demoniac spirits into Adam and Eve caused the extraordinary change in the two first parents. Thus, by that transgression, death passed upon all of Adam's race.

Now we are ready to offer the testimony of the Scriptures to prove that man was designed by the Creator exclusively, and for no other purpose, than to serve as a physical prison to bring about a reconciliation of the angels of the devil that were cast out of heaven and reserved in chains of darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

The Bible clearly shows that in all stages of human existence intelligences have visited the earth that

have been designated as angels or spirits, both good and bad, and that frequently numbers of those bad Spirits, at various times, infested, or in other words, forcibly entered into human beings of peculiar temperaments and produced extraordinary and serious results — insanity, spasms, fits, wildness, intense strength, and convulsions of the most serious kind. This is most clearly shown in Mark V. 1-15 verse:

“ 1. And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

2. And when He was come out of the ship, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3. Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4. Because that he had often been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces; neither could any man tame him.

5. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped Him,

7. And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God, I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8. (For He said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.)

9. And He asked him, What is thy name? And he

answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

10. And he besought Him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11. Now there was nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

12. And all the devils besought Him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea (they were about two thousand), and were choked in the sea.

14. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

15. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid."

Can this be treated as a fable or a stubborn fact that was written by one of the beloved Apostles of Christ, who was eye-witness? It appears that the vast numbers that had entered into this man produced a complete derangement of the functions and mental powers of his natural spirit, or the demon that was firstly consigned by law to that intellect in the first principle or germ of life; and no doubt that this demon was a special favorite with that legioned host above alluded to, and, before entering that dark prison of clay, promised his associates to share with him in his abode

till the time came that they individually would be compelled to take on the earthly form. Also, it appears from the Scriptures that the spirits or devils were perfectly acquainted with the design of the Creator, as touching their confinement and punishment in physical prisons, from their frequent acknowledgments to Christ, in the hearing of the Apostles and others, when he was about to cast them out of individuals in whom they had trespassed upon the civil rights of the prisoner, who could not evacuate the prison till the time appointed by God.

In the Eighth Chapter of Matthew and 29th verse, the devils alluded to the punishment that was held in reserve for them by asking Christ why he had come there to torment them before their time. It appears they had no aversion to entering into human forms when they could evacuate the same at any time; but it rather seemed a pleasure for them to occupy some kind of tenements, from their request to enter into the swine. If this is a mere freak of fancy of the Apostles respecting the casting out of a legion of spirits from one man, what had that fancy to do with two thousand head of swine upon an adjoining hill? There certainly must have been some extraordinary sensation come over them, for it appears that they would not submit to the infernal test that the man had, but preferred to be drowned in the sea. We will ask the reader to take the Bible and carefully read the remarkable interview that Christ had with the legion of spirits in the field of Gadarenes, in the three chapters above alluded to; also turn to the Fourth Chap-

ter of Luke, 33d, 34th, 35th and 36th verses, thus :

"33. And in the synagogue there was a man which had a spirit of an unclean devil; and he cried out with a loud voice,

34. Saying, let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

35. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

36. And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out."

So we perceive from this portion of the Scripture that the spirit of the unclean devil was perfectly familiar with Christ, and came out of the man at His bidding, and was hushed to silence at His command.

You will also find another remarkable occurrence in the Ninth Chapter of Mark, from the 17th verse to the 28th. You discover from the reading of this chapter that the son of a certain man was possessed with a dumb spirit of the most boisterous character, which, according to the record, sought to destroy that physical form, no doubt to relieve its original genial comrade from its prison, and it had so strong a possession of that form that even the disciples of Christ, who had been empowered to cast out devils, could not cast out that dumb spirit, but through the authority of Christ

he was forced to obey. Now turn to the Eleventh Chapter of Luke, 24th verse, which reads thus: "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest: and finding none, he saith, I will return to my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

I do not wish to convey the idea that all the physical disabilities of the body are produced by the entering of evil spirits into the forms in this age of the world; but in the days of Christ and the Apostles very many bad results were realized through this channel of spiritual manifestation.

There are many other passages in the New Testament of the same meaning as touching the association and affinity of spirits with human bodies; but there has been sufficient said to satisfy the reflective reader that the Scripture clearly sets forth that there were evil intelligences upon the earth, called devils and spirits in the days of Christ and the Apostles. We have already offered some Scriptural evidence as touching their origin, and from whence they came. However, there are very many who object to the testimony of St. John in the Twelfth Chapter of Revelation, claiming the same to be nothing more than a vision, or a dream. But other portions of the Scripture clearly set forth that a remarkable personage, called the devil, was once an angel of light in heaven,

and was the leader of a contentious party, called angels, spirits and devils, and because of their diabolical and disgraceful conduct became estranged and lost from the celestial courts of heaven, which called forth the necessity of a Mediator. Now we will offer additional proof as to the origin of this notorious leader and his party, and the provisions made for their reconciliation. We will refer the reader to the General Epistle of Jude, from the 3rd to the 7th verses, reading thus :

"3. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

6. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

"13. Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever."

Compare this chapter with the Twelfth Chapter of Revelation, and see if there is not a similarity between the two writers as touching the angels and the stars that the tail of the great red dragon drew away from heaven and cast to the earth. Thus we find that these ungodly men Jude speaks of, who were, before of old, ordained unto this condemnation, were men possessing those demoniac spirits, who were ordained by the devil, and who held unlimited power over them, and, like wolves in sheep's clothing, had crawled into the church to defeat the plans of Christ in establishing His church and kingdom and bringing about a reconciliation of that demoniac party. Now Jude admits of some power that ordained them to turn the Grace of God into lasciviousness. Now it would be contrary to the teaching of the Scripture for us to claim that God ordained those men to produce those evil purposes, for Christ declared to the Jews that a kingdom divided against itself could not stand, and a house divided would fall; and if He ordained men for this purpose His kingdom would have an end; but we find that it was the prince of the power of darkness that was striving to exert an evil influence against the church of Christ. We will also refer the reader to the Second Epistle General of Peter, Second Chapter, 4th verse, thus:

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

Why was his case not disposed of, and his banishment final, when he was cast out? Why, in the event

or time, is he to stand a trial, as a criminal, and be judged; and before whose bar is he to be remanded for his trial? Is not the eternal spirit existing in man the very same evil spirit that is remanded to the bar of God for judgment, as above designated as the angels of the devil; and, again, does the Scriptures teach that man possesses a spirit that existed before the formation of the physical body, and that the same spirits will stand at the bar of God for judgment in the absence of these physical bodies, and, again, after the judgment is passed upon those same spirits, who are still enemies to the principles of goodness and unreconciled to God's law, are they not cast off again with the devil and his angels.

The First Chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, reads thus:

"4. According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

5. Having predestinated unto us the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will:

6. To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved:

7. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

According to the teaching of the fourth verse, we were chosen by God, through Jesus Christ, the Mediator, before the foundation of the world, or before the laws were established by Jesus Christ. We are left

in the dark as to the cause which brought about the war and furious strife between the grand armies of heaven. But would it not be considered in order here for me to suggest the idea that when the period of time had arrived that the laws were to be established to organize those distant worlds, that decorate the ethereal expanse above our heads, that the great red dragon thirsted for this high honor and power and organized his forces, which consisted of one-third part of the heavenly host, and being met by superior numbers—the grand army of the great Archangel Michael—was completely defeated and overpowered, and retained as prisoners of war.

Thus, the devil defeated in his long premeditated plans, stood in the presence of God and the victorious party—with increased hatred against Michael and the victorious party, and he, no doubt, attempted to inspire his subjects with the false notion that he would yet, through strategy and intrigue, with their faithful adherence to his plans, carry his measures into effect. Thus, all offers to induce that rebellious party to peacefully submit to the laws about to be established by the victorious party were unavailing, and it became a necessity for the successful party, to establish a permanent peace and guard against further encroachments of that hostile party, to disarm them of all power and subject them to certain laws and punishments which in the event of time might bring about a reconciliation of at least that part which had been decoyed into the rebellion,

To render them powerless, it became necessary to

bring about a dissolution of spirit and body and consign those spirits to some region then unorganized, and reserve the same under chains of darkness unto the judgment of the great day, as alluded to in the Scriptures, and their bodies, which are eternal, reserved in heaven, as the Apostle Paul positively declares that if this body which is natural is destroyed, we have a spiritual one eternal in the heavens. Now let us give some reflections upon some of the unrevealed events of the past that our spiritual vision is shut out from, by being shrouded within the dark bonds of the flesh. We find fourteen passages in the Scriptures that tell us that many of the events and circumstances that brought our being here upon the earth are clothed in mystery, a few of which we will here mention. First Chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, thus:

"26. Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.

13. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son."

Thus we find that through Revelation we, whilst in the bonds of flesh, have gained some spiritual light as to our punishment here in these physical prisons. Now turn to the Second Chapter of First Corinthians:

"7. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world unto our glory;

8. Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

The plan consummated by the angels of God after the rebellion for the purpose of bringing about a reconciliation of them that were lost was kept a secret from those spirits in the bonds of flesh in order that it might be fully consummated.

Now turn to the Sixteenth Chapter of Romans, 25th verse, thus: "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began." 26th verse: "But now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the command of the Everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith." We find, by the teaching of the Scriptures that these deep mysteries connected with the plan of our redemption should now be known by all the inhabitants of the earth for the obedience of faith. In the First Chapter of Paul's Letter to Timothy, 8th verse, this remarkable language is set forth as follows: "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel, according to the power of God;" 9th verse: "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

There are several remarkable points in these two

verses—Firstly, Paul charging Timothy not to be ashamed of Christ's testimony, but to be partaker of the affliction which Timothy would necessarily have to meet by referring to the testimony that Christ gave to the Jews respecting their origin and notorious parentage, which testimony will be found in the Eighth Chapter of John, commencing at the 31st verse and ending at the 48th. Paul cautions Timothy not to be ashamed of, namely :

“ 31. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believe on him, If ye continue in my word then are ye my disciples, indeed ;

32. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man : how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free ?

34. Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin.

35. And the servant abideth not in the house forever, but the Son abideth ever.

36. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free, indeed.

37. I know that ye are Abraham's seed ; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38. I speak that which I have seen with my Father : and ye do that which ye have seen with your father

39. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children ye would do the works of Abraham.

40. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that has told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44. Ye are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do: he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth; because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

46. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47. He that is of God, heareth God's word: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."

Thus Christ fully corroborates the declarations set forth by all of His Apostles respecting the origin of the spirits. Now let us notice closely what Christ exacted of the Jews to acknowledge them His children or disciples. "Now if you continue in my word, then are ye my disciples." This expression appears to have been called forth by the Jews believing His word, which we find in the 30th verse of the same

chapter, namely: "As He spake these words many believed on Him." They were zealous worshippers of the Living God. They had built a magnificent temple to worship in; but it appears from the teaching and testimony of Christ that they had not changed their condition as touching their original condemnation, by any order of worship; that they were still under the yoke of bondage and children of the devil. But if they would regard Him as a Mediator and believe that He was empowered to cancel the debt they owed to God by giving His life a ransom, then He would own them for His children, and in the absence of that belief they were still the children of the devil and had no claims on His Father in any manner whatever; that all their prayers and offerings were solemn mockery, as they had murder in their hearts. They sought an opportunity to kill Him because he was sent from God to offer them life and salvation on the easy terms of the Gospel, and they should die in their sins because they would not accept it.

Now we ask if the testimony of Christ as set forth above is not sufficient to prove that we were the devil's subjects and the party that He came to save. Has there not been sufficient evidence that the devil was once an angel in Heaven? If not, we will offer Christ's own testimony, which is found in the Tenth Chapter of Luke, 18th verse, namely: "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." And have I not presented from the records of the New Testament sufficient evidence to prove that our spirits are the identical party that were cast out with him. If England

is the mother country of this, so is the new Jerusalem above, our mother country.

We will offer for testimony the Fourth Chapter of Galatians, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th verses, thus:

"22. For it is written that Abraham had two sons; the one by a bond-maid, the other by a free-woman.

23. But he who was of the bond-woman, was born after the flesh; but he of the free-woman was by promise.

24. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the Mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

25. For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

26. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."

It is evident that Paul has direct reference to our original homes, that Jerusalem above, which was freed from the curse of those fearful invaders, the devil and his angels, and, we being a portion of that party, his language has a direct reference to us, as once being associated with the affairs of that celestial city which was the home of us all. The question will arise in the mind of the reader where this Jerusalem is that the Apostle alludes to, which is above, and which is free, and the Jerusalem which was in Judea, that was under bondage.

In the Twenty-first Chapter of Revelation, 2nd verse, which reads thus: "And I John saw the holy

city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Thus the Scripture clearly sets forth that man possesses two distinct natures—the one physical, natural and destructible; the other spiritual, celestial, eternal and indestructible—the one entirely composed of earth, yet wonderfully and fearfully made, coming up out of the dust of the earth through the established laws of nature's God, yet transient as the flowers of the valley, soon falleth and fadeth away. But of the immortal spirit which came forth from the presence of the Eternal God we find no indications presented to us in the sacred Scriptures that the same was created, formed or produced by any power whatever; consequently I shall take the bold stand that angels and spirits existed through the countless ages of eternity, wholly independent as to choice, free to roam and free to act, free to choose or free to reject, with sentiments and disposition agreeing with their existence eternal, and when once established in a belief there was no power in existence that could change that belief whilst resting in their normal condition. Consequently, in this brief description of the nature and condition of angels and spirits that inhabited the vast chambers of space before the foundation of the worlds, I will cut loose the bonds that chain my anxious spirit to the dark cells of this temporal prison of clay, as there is no historical evidence, either sacred or profane, as to the cause that collided those armies of heaven, neither have we any account as to their mode of warfare, we shall remain silent on that subject. The Rev-

elator is also silent as to the number of combatants in either army, but gives us to understand that the dragon with his formidable host had the courage to contend against fearful odds. According to the Revelator's account, he had only one-third the number of combatants in his army that there was in the army headed by Michael. But before closing with this part of the subject we will give the reader a general idea of the number of the combatants that were engaged in the grand army that was conquered and yet held as prisoners of war to be redeemed and reconciled to God through the atonement of His Son Jesus Christ, or as the Revelator describes the changing of the sentiments of that party of enemies in the Twelfth Chapter of Revelation, 11th verse: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death."

The question might be asked, Why does it become necessary on our part to become reconciled to God? The common answer to this question, by all theologians, is because Adam broke the law of God by eating fruit. Then permit me here to ask the question, Who was in the fault? Was the All-wise Creator to blame for informing Adam that the fruit of a certain tree in the garden would produce death and destruction of the noble form he then possessed? Adam certainly could not have censured his Maker for calling his attention to the tree that possessed the poisonous fruit, and told him the consequences of eating the same, and commanded him not to eat it, upon the pen-

alty of his life. Thus we find that God really did do all that Adam could have asked his Maker to do, by providing plenty of other fruits for his comfort, and commanding him not to eat of the poisonous fruit.

In taking a careful and impartial survey of all the circumstances connected with this affair, we see no possible chance for Adam to murmur at his Maker.

Adam being the transgressor, who is the offended party? If the Creator is the offended party, by having his laws disobeyed, then, which is the party to be reconciled? Is it He whose laws are broken, and trampled under foot, all his kindness and benevolence unappreciated, and his counsels set at naught, or is it the one who hath so shamefully and disgracefully violated the law of his Maker, and eaten the poisonous fruit, and thus brought about the stern necessity of God's offering up His only Son to die on man's behalf?

If I offend my neighbor by trespassing upon his rights, or incur his displeasure by committing any disgraceful act and bring down his anger upon me, is it not my duty as a Christian to strive to make amends? The Fifth Chapter of II. Corinthians, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st verses, reads thus :

"18. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation ;

19. To-wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Also the First Chapter of Colossians, 21st verse: "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled." Did we become an enemy to God's law by Adam eating fruit nearly seven thousand years ago, and have we become sinful in the sight of God because of that transgression?

What kind of logic is this for theologians to present to us in this enlightened age? The Scriptures evidently teach that we are enemies to God's law, but where did this animosity first originate?—here in the flesh? There is no scriptural evidence of this fact. The Scriptures tell us we are enemies by nature and conceived in sin, and the sin for which Christ came to atone for in the flesh was committed before the foundation of the world. But it appears that through the grand arrangements made by the All-wise Creator for the reconciliation of those angels that became enemies to his laws, was before the foundation of the world; that these temporal prisons were arranged expressly for the purpose of blotting out their identity, through which method a reconciliation might be brought about: through the extraordinary condescension of the obedient Son of God, who also stepped into the dark prison of clay and offered us life eternal

by a belief on Him and yielding obedience to His laws and renouncing our original leader, the devil; by which faith and obedience we became a child of God, and through which spiritual birth we regain our heirship to the inheritance that was promised to us before the foundation of the world.

We will prove by the Scripture that it became a matter of necessity with that wise council in the court of heaven when submitting this momentous business into the hands of a Mediator who was ordained before the foundation of the world to keep this matter in darkness from us through the bonds of flesh, and which thing has been kept a mystery to those prisoners who are under chains of darkness until this time and only revealed to His holy Apostles and the prophets; but now we hope in the near approach of the grand reign of peace, that this brief work may prove an auxiliary in the diffusion of spiritual light and also be instrumental in bursting asunder the bonds of superstition and error.

We hope the reader will not pass over these Bible proofs without giving the same due consideration. Turn to the Third Chapter of Ephesians from the 1st to the 10th verses, which read thus:

“ 1. For this cause, I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2. If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward :

3. How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery ; (as I wrote afore in few words ;

4. Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ,)

5. Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit ;

6. That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel :

7. Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ;

9. And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ."

Thus we see from this portion of the Scripture that this matter had been hid in God from the beginning of the world and only revealed to a few for the express purpose of carrying out the full redemption of those spirits that were enemies to God and could not have been reconciled only through this plan of blotting from their memory the original cause of their rebellion and the cause of their enmity to God, and not only the Apostle Paul, but all the spirits clothed in flesh were prisoners of Christ and reserved to judgment. The Scriptures clearly set forth the fact that we are enemies to God's law ; that we are not subject to his law, neither indeed can be. Let us here carefully consider

what law it is that the Scriptures allude to that we are enemies to. The law that God gave to Adam was broken and had no binding force on Adam after the transgression; consequently Adam received no law from his Maker after the first law was broken, only that in the sweat of his face he should eat his bread all the days of his life. Consequently, we discover that there was no direct law from God to man, even from Adam down to the time God met Moses upon Mount Sinai and gave him the ten commandments. Adam's progeny during that elapse of ages were resting under no direct or special law of their Maker. Consequently, there was no law except the old law that their fore-parents had already broken, that they could be an enemy to, because that law had no binding force on them, only they had to meet the penalty of that law, which is death.

Now we come to notice, more particularly, the condition of angels and spirits before the foundation of the world. The Scripture clearly sets forth there was a period of time when the organic laws were not established, and the multitude of worlds were unorganized, and that this extraordinary organization was brought about, according to the Bible records, about 7,000 years ago, or a short time prior to the formation of man in the celestial garden of Paradise.

If your anxious spirit, whilst in this gloomy cell, seeks for rest and spiritual food, leave your dungeon for a short period and glide with me beyond life's gloomy shore of mental life, far back into yonder un-numbered range of time, where you and I, with that

countless host of legioned spirits, dwelt before the organization of the established laws or the conglomeration of chaotic matter into rolling worlds; and what do we behold there, within the mighty limits of one eternal plain, where centuries untold the eternal throne of God had stood, before which the untold numbers of mighty angels and high-born seraphs had meekly bowed, and thus, beneath the sunbeams of that eternal court, and amidst the blazing cherubim acknowledge the matchless power of that eternal spirit, God.

We find that things that are made are resting directly under a special law, which, when Christ has fully accomplished the work that His Father placed in his hands to do, as we find in the Fifteenth Chapter of I. Corinthians, from the 24th verse to the 29th.

The laws that govern matter at this time, whilst death or the features of decay are marked upon things that are made, are nought but special laws, which were established by Jesus Christ for special purposes, govern the same at this time; that when the things are accomplished that He came to do, then God the Father will wipe out those laws established by His Son, and stamp His eternal seal upon all things.

If we turn to the Tenth Chapter of Revelation, 5th and 6th verses, we find, when all things are accomplished that Christ came to do, that time will have an end, and all things and all laws drop back upon an eternal basis, and Christ will be subject, with all the fallen spirits that He has redeemed through his blood —will enter through the gates into the new Jerusalem, which will come down from God out of heaven, after the earth is cleansed.

The most important matter is the cause of our punishment in these temporal prisons on the earth. As there is no historical record touching the cause of the rebellion in heaven, I will have to launch into an unexplored field of thought, and fancy myself one of the combatants in the dragon's grand army, and by taking sides with the minority, and contending with superior numbers, I am held here in prison upon the earth, awaiting the time that God hath appointed for my release.

During that vast chain of unnumbered years within the limits of that eternal realm of God dwelt this countless host of angels, who worshipped before the eternal throne, and acknowledged His power supreme. But, far beyond the circle of this mighty sphere lay unexplored regions.

Through that vast chain of unnumbered years, at various periods of time, those angels met in council to deliberate on the expediency of arranging organic laws, to extend throughout that vast domain of space, to arrange chaotic matter into form, and thus establish order and law over the confusion and gloom.

The arrangement of crude matter, then resting in the dark chambers of space, was submitted into the hands of angels. Thus the foundation was laid for an extraordinary conflict, because the organization of matter into rolling planets, shining suns, distant worlds, and glittering stars involved complicated ideas, that brought out the deepest range of thought, and led to heated discussions.

As I have already stated, those intelligences were

possessed of dispositions and sentiments similar to those of man, free to roam and free to act, free to choose and free to reject, yet when once firmly established in any rule or law, that there was no power to change them in their full belief of right. In the various councils that were held between those mighty armies of heaven, as touching those momentous matters of organizing worlds, were futile and unavailing, as no definite agreement could be made.

There were two grand parties eagerly contending for the supremacy—one anxiously and wisely contending for right, and the happiness of all, that the grand laws, when fully established, all intelligences, both high and low, great and small, should equably be subject to those laws, and no usurpation or exaltation as to rank or station, one above another, but all be subject to the laws when organized in quiet, peace and harmony, and also when once established, and all matter arranged in order, that those auspicious bodies should be subject to the Eternal God alone.

The other party was headed by a leader whose burning thirst for power and arbitrary rule was wholly unlimited.

Thus it was fully understood by the peace party that it was impossible to reconcile that haughty leader, or his satellites, to any system of law touching the organization of matter only upon an arbitrary basis. A proclamation was issued by this leader, calling together that countless host of angels, for the purpose of settling this momentous affair by an election. After the speakers of each party had fully submitted their

ideas as to the most expedient method of organizing matter through the principles of organic laws.

At this proclamation the greatest excitement prevailed in the grand armies of heaven. This extraordinary character had consented to yield to the voice of a majority of angels, which would inevitably lead to that event that had been contemplated through the countless ages of the past.

I do not wish to be understood that the eternal spirit was implicated in any way whatever with the rebellion that is mentioned in the Twelfth Chapter of Revelation, and the furious contest that was waged between those two powerful armies of heaven, and the fearful controversy between them.

Preparations were being made by both parties for the approaching event, when order should be proclaimed and darkness should be chased away by the light; when the auspicious period had fully arrived the congregated millions upon millions of angels met in council, awaiting the approach of those important leaders who were to submit their ideas and plans as to the most expedient method of organizing matter into worlds. All were resting in dread silence, anxious to know the final result of the plans and arrangements which were to be submitted to their choice. Soon the silence was broken by Gabriel, who proclaimed the near approach of the Archangel Michael, with his court of twelve mighty seraphs, who accompanied their grand chiefs to the inner ranks of this mighty host of angels, where he proclaimed himself in readiness to submit his plans; but would not proceed with the task till the arrival of his opponent.

Soon the entire camp was lit up with the blaze of Satan and his brilliant court, and instead of twelve humble and obedient officers, as were found in Michael's staff, 12,000 of the most brilliant seraphs that roamed through the courts of heaven escorted their leader to the side of his humble opponent. Thus he addresses the host who were anxiously waiting to know the result of his plans:

"Thus, according to the proclamation issued by your present speaker to meet him on this familiar spot, where we oft in the ages past have met in council without accomplishing the grand object for which we met. You have done well to obey this call. I have but one plan to offer which will be subscribed to by my brilliant court, who will indorse the proposition I am about to offer for your consideration, which I trust will meet your hearty approval and adoption; which, if such be the case, will forever put an end to the spirit of contention which has prevailed among us through the ages of the past.

"My plan is this, that Michael, the aspirant by my side, whom a portion of you, on former occasions, have tried to force into power together with your present speaker, shall freely and clearly submit to your understandings the code of laws necessary to govern matter in the divisions of space, as touching the boundaries of certain radii in space, and the number of centres to which matter shall be consigned, and also the number of officers and rulers necessary to be elected, on each organized ball, to regulate and perpetuate an eternal peace; and thus, after our plans

have fully been understood by you all, then we will both submit our propositions, and after weighing our arguments carefully, then it shall be left to your choice which of us shall be your leader, and this matter shall be decided by a vote, and the one in the minority shall quietly submit to the defeat, and be subject to all the laws that shall thus be established through all time. If this meets the approval of my opponent and his limited staff of subordinates, then this matter shall forever be set at rest by their signature upon this parchment which I hold in my hand, to which already is affixed my name and 12,000 of my brave generals that have accompanied me to this spot. Therefore, ye grand armies of heaven, give attention while I read the stipulations that are contained in this document, which I hope will meet the approbation and approval of you all, which read as follows: Be it known unto all who have met in council, this day, to elect by ballot an officer out of your ranks, worthy of your confidence, to establish laws wholly adequate to organize matter now unorganized throughout the unexplored regions of space. Thus, as there are two opposing elements in your ranks, which have been the cause of this vast detention in the adjustment of law, in consequence of which we submit the following resolutions: That, whereas, you, on former occasions, have proven by your acts that you are divided as to choice, and by acclamation you have appointed Michael and myself as your leaders in this great work, we both hereby agree, by subscribing our names to this instrument, that we will submit to the majority

of your wise decisions, when fully understood by the counting of your votes."

After all things were amicably arranged, and the stipulations signed by both parties, then Satan, no doubt, was sure of success, addressed the legioned host as follows: "Be it known unto you all that I have no selfish motive in submitting to you my plans of rule. Thus be it understood by all who stand before me this day, that the dark mystic realm that lies beyond this mighty sphere has no bound, and crude matter, through this dark realm of space, has remained, through the countless ages of the past, unorganized, and this matter of organizing worlds through the principle of law, has been submitted by the eternal spirit into our hands, and it requires a majority of your votes, in the election of some grand officer, to qualify him—to receive the sanction and seal of that eternal spirit upon said laws, to give them their binding force, in organizing, chaotic matter into worlds.

The Archangel Michael, stepping forward, and bowing meekly to that legioned host, addressed them as follows:

"My plan is this—That matter shall be governed by three laws, which shall possess the properties of the organization of matter within the limits of a certain bound, which shall be designated a sphere, and when the great universe of worlds is fully established, it shall comprise six grand spheres beyond that of the great eternal centre, which will require six periods of time. [Or, in other words, in six days God made the worlds, which had a direct reference to the grand

periods of time that the laws were regulating and organizing through the dark chambers of space.]

"When those three grand laws shall be established, namely, gravitation, attraction and affinity, they shall possess the power to call to their aid other principles and laws that are necessary in the government of worlds when organized, and also in the creation of organized substances, that each world may teem with life and animation.

"These laws shall possess the power to establish magnetic centers within the limits of these spheres, which shall call from the respective distances according to the magnitude of those centers, crude matter resting unorganized and beyond the limits of the outer circle or seventh sphere, which has no bound or limit. I therefore consider it an unwise measure to divide our numbers in any way that would separate us and debar us from our mutual enjoyments that have been perpetuated until this period throughout the ages of the past, but that they shall be free to visit those celestial formations throughout the universe of God, and the number of centers to which matters shall be consigned shall be determined by the All-wise God, and also all intelligences shall be subject to the same laws and wholly submissive to the same code."

The momentous period had arrived when the deocratic government was to be established, and the decision of the majority of angels was to be law, according to the promise of the Everlasting God. Thus preparations were being made for the first election in the court of heaven, and the golden slips which bore

the name of their candidate were carefully sealed, which was to be dropped personally into the cabinet provided for the emergency and closely guarded by the angel Gabriel and his grand secretaries, who were to call out the tickets after the voting had been accomplished and proclaim the name of the candidate found upon the same.

The silence was broken by three blasts by Gabriel upon his trumpet, which gave them to understand that one of the parties was elected. At this juncture the most intense excitement prevailed, as they had watched the movements of Satan. Presently Gabriel stepped forth and commanded Michael to approach in front of the cabinet, together with his staff. Michael, in meekness, obeyed, when Gabriel with his mighty voice said :

“ Be it known unto this grand army of heaven that by the authority vested in me by the eternal spirit, I therefore declare Michael your executive chief by a vote of two-thirds of this grand army of heaven.”

The entire plain reverberated with the shouts of those who had elected their brilliant, yet humble, chief.

That happy host was once more hushed to silence, by Satan commanding those who had failed in their choice, to withdraw from their victors, and meet him and his staff upon the plain extending beyond the council grounds and his command was hastily obeyed. Then he commanded them to form into regiments of one million in each regiment, until the whole was divided off, and appointed his staff officers to see that his orders were strictly obeyed. Thus they were marshaled in

view of Michael's countless host, and they, also, made preparations to resist their deadly enemies, in case of an assault.

Soon the news was reported to Satan that his orders had been obeyed, and the number of regiments which contained one million in each, was found to be two billion. Then Satan ordered them to be formed into a hollow square, and when this summons was obeyed, he marched into their center, and addressed them :

“ My brave angels and officers, you have been defeated this day in the election of your choice by admitting the lowest rabble that dwell in the chambers of darkness, is it wisdom for us, in disposing of a fine jewel, to test its value by throwing it into the scales against a worthless stone ; or can we expect to get light and reason from an inanimate piece of clay ? It is true we have been outweighed in numbers, but not in power of mind ; our rights, our privileges, and our wisdom have been thrown upon the balance, and only outweighed by chattels : shall we yield our rights to those that know not the worth of wisdom, and shall we forever stand aside and submit ourselves to be governed by laws that have no limits ? Rather than submit to that detestable law and arrangement of matter, as set forth by Michael, we will meet them strength to strength, for our cause is just. You, my worthy officers, are not strangers to the fact that my claim to the throne is just, and, in all the various councils, through the untold ages of the past, not one of our opponents durst weigh or measure his power of might and men-

tal strength with him whom you have selected. If we submit to Michael's plan of rule, then our bright prospects that we have heretofore entertained, of an eternal scale of progression in the grand work of organizing shining worlds will have an end. Now comes the momentous question for us to decide. We have just grounds to contend for right. Michael has been proclaimed by Gabriel to be the executive officer to establish law and order. You were all listeners to the unwise plans which he has declared, if elected, should be law. That the law when established, should have power, within itself, to call to its aid all other principles and minor laws that were requisite for the government of all crude matter then unorganized, and that all intelligences should be subject to said law; thus, forever, put an end to the progressive work of angels; and thus aspiration, progression and the grand order of science would forever end.

"It is for you, and you alone, to decide this momentous question. Shall we, as slaves, submit, or shall we contend for right? It is true we have a majority to contend against, but the greater portion of that mighty host would flee to the utmost bounds of space at the approach of our brilliant warriors."

And the decision was, by the whole entire party of Satan and his angels, to carry their plans into effect by force and arms. This decision and the whole plans of Satan were conveyed to Michael, who informed the obedient party, and addressed them in the following style :

"My much respected brethréen in the bonds of

peace, who hath ever stood with me upon the broad platform of equal rights, and are true worshippers of that great eternal spirit God, be it known unto you at this time that Satan, the great arch-deceiver, against whose mighty power and haughty spirit, throughout all ages of the past, we have had to contend, has this day violated the solemn oath and compromise which he, by his own consent, drew up, and presented to me as a peace measure; that when we consented, by our signatures to the same, to comply with the voice of the majority of all the angels in council, that the defeated party should forever submit to the majority of votes, which matter has fully been tested, after our ideas had fully been understood, as to our conviction of the best method of establishing law, and thus my plan, given to me by my Father, having, by a fair vote, been decided in my favor; be it known by you all that Satan has failed to comply with his own proposition, and is at this time making preparations for a civil war. Shall we submit to this atrocious insult, or shall we make speedy preparations to repel this fearful invader?

"This matter remains for us to decide. We have an arch-general to contend with. His extraordinary powers of mind have no equal; his turbulent and haughty spirit can never be suppressed; his ambition and pride have no limits; his burning thirst for power and arbitrary rule will cause him to fight with unabating fury, and his burning hatred against our measures of peace and equality will cause him never to yield the conflict till his army is subjugated. Preparations

of defence must be arranged immediately, for behold o'er yonder distant plain the whole entire camp is lit up with the blaze of Satan's brilliant troops."

The grand and formidable appearance of Satan's host, preparing to storm Michael's peaceful ranks, served to produce an extraordinary change in Michael's legioned host. All the former insults of that martial chief, who was then preparing to wipe them out by one grand charge, aroused their hatred, and instead of the meek and holy party that they had always showed themselves to be they were burning with indignation, and anxious to meet their foe. They, as by an unknown prompter, or fiery demon of war, formed themselves into ranks, with Michael at their head, and awaited the approach of Satan's host. Throughout all ages of the past they had been opposed by this arch-traitor, heaping upon them insults, branding them with cowardice and aspiring for things only of a low degree; Michael's menial slaves, and the lowest excrescences emanating from the dross of some unknown world of chance! Gabriel, who occupied a position in front of the eternal throne, acting as the express messenger of that eternal spirit, was sent to bear tidings of importance to Michael's army, and addressed Michael and his host, as follows:

"Ye armies of the Living God, ye who have humbled yourselves as subjects beneath the iron frown of Satan and his fiendish host throughout the ages of the past, are wholly justifiable in preparing yourselves for defence against that prince, who, by intrigue and base deception, has drawn away one-third part of the bril-

liant stars of heaven. He is opposed to all measures of peace, and even seeks to shake the foundation of the eternal law of God, and now, advancing with his mighty soldiers of war, intending to wipe out with one grand charge the army of God. I am to sound the charge of battle."

Satan with his marshaled host advanced with a shout, expecting to overrun the armies of Michael without opposition. When Gabriel sounded the charge of battle, the approach of Satan's front guard was checked for a moment and the formidable appearance of Michael's ranks struck terror and dismay to Satan and his host; and the idea of meeting double their numbers, equally as furious in appearance as themselves, brought a halt to Satan's whole army; but the pause was momentary. Satan ordered a charge, and the extraordinary conflict began.

For the first time, the peaceful courts of heaven were resounding with the clash of arms, and the extraordinary features of that magnificent scene of action can never be described.

For miles upon miles down the long range of lines the furious battle raged, no order being preserved on either side, but all fought as none but maddened angels could fight. A more brilliant sight has never yet been seen. Satan and his suit were robed in scarlet red, with glittering shields and helmets bright, and a crown of stars upon their heads. Michael's troops were robed in purest white, golden crowns upon their heads, and across their breast a wreath of diamonds bright. Notwithstanding that St. John was really a participant in

that grand rebellion, yet it will forever remain a mystery to the world whether the description he gave of that war was from a remembrance of the action he took in the war or whether it was the spirit that revealed the same to him. But one thing is certain; the Christian world cannot treat this as a fable, as the same has been admitted into the sacred Scriptures and enjoined upon us to believe.

Death in the armies of heaven was unknown, but in the abuse of those celestial bodies they were as sensitive to pain, misery and mental anguish, as we are in these physical bodies. The only fear entertained by Satan and his host, was the final subjugation of himself and his party. For a long period of time they fought without yielding ground on either side; and finally, when both armies had become nearly exhausted, Michael ordered his legion of reserved troops to march into the field of action and bring the furious contest to an end by taking Satan and his host by storm. Thus regiment after regiment was taken by storm and borne off the field of battle as prisoners of war. Satan's ranks were being overpowered, and beholding his perilous condition he made one grand charge in person with his chariots of brilliant officers upon the division that Michael commanded in person. The most furious contest that had been witnessed throughout the whole scene of action then took place—Michael and Satan, force to force and strength to strength—till Satan and his brilliant staff were borne in triumph from the field, the battle was ended and all of Satan's host held as prisoners of war.

Gabriel summoned Michael and his twelve counsellors to appear before the throne to devise means for a reconciliation of the defeated party. Thus it was made known to the council by the great spirit that Satan and a portion of his angels could never be reconciled to the laws that were designed to govern matter then unorganized, but that a part could be reconciled by blotting out their identity, and this serious state of affairs would have to be brought about by subjecting them to cells of clay, upon some distant world then unorganized, and that the whole entire party should be retained as prisoners of war, and placed within the charge of one of the obedient officers, who shall be ordained or appointed by angels, and stand as a mediator between them and the laws of God, who shall have power to harmonize all those angels to said laws, who have been carried into the rebellion through Satan's seductive influence. This declaration may be found in the Third Chapter of Galatians, and the 19th and 20th verses, which read thus :

“ 19. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgression, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hands of a mediator.

20. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one; but God is one.”

Showing conclusively, that the plan to bring about a reconciliation was ordained by angels, through the hands of a mediator, and this mediatorial arrangement was consummated before the foundation of the world. Read the First Chapter of Paul's Epistle to

the Ephesians, 4th verse, which reads thus: "According as He hath chosen us in Him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."

Thus have I not presented sufficient evidence to the reader, that the angels which I have already described, before their banishment from the celestial court, that their final condition was wholly understood by the Father and the Son, and the obedient angels, and the whole provisions made by them for their reconciliation, at least all that God knew would accept the terms of salvation, after being conveyed to this distant world, then unorganized, and which, also, was to be kept hid from them till the third and last chance offered and provided for their obedience and reconciliation to God.

If the reader is not yet satisfied with the evidence I have already set forth, which is contained in the Scriptures, as touching these things, which were to be hid from us till God saw fit to reveal the same, I will offer more Scriptural evidence.

We will offer the Second Chapter of I. Corinthians, from the 2d to the 9th verse.

Therefore it is plain to be seen that the plan that was consummated and placed in the hands of Michael and his twelve chosen officers had to be kept in darkness from the devil and his angels, in order to carry out the whole plan of redemption that the All-wise God placed in His Son's hands to consummate. We will also offer Paul's Letter to the Colossians, First Chapter and 13th verse, which reads as follows:

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

After the spirit becomes translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, according to Paul's language, as given above, then we become released from those chains of darkness by a belief in Christ, which belief and obedience unto His holy law we become translated from Satan's galling chain into Christ's peaceful kingdom, according to the 20th verse, First Chapter of Peter, as above quoted, which reads thus: "Who verily was fore-ordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

The condemned party were not long waiting in suspense. Satan was summoned by Gabriel to appear in person, in the absence of his staff, before Michael and his court, and, obeying the summons, he found Michael and his twelve officers on the right of the eternal throne. Michael then stepped forward and addressed the disgraced chief:

"Whereas you, this day, have brought shame and disgrace upon the peaceful armies of heaven, we shall force your spirits out of those noble forms that the All-wise God has given to you, and banish you, together with your followers, to some distant world that shall hereafter be organized, and there you shall be tormented and punished by being forced to enter into similar physical bodies of corruption, heir to misery, pain, anguish, decay and death, and in the absence of us, whom you have opposed through all time, you can war against each other. You, throughout the count-

less ages of the past, have been plotting to bring the whole armies of heaven under the power of your will. Now your encroachments are at an end, and your fiendish spirits, in the absence of your celestial bodies, will be rendered powerless."

Satan was conducted back to his condemned troops, until provisions were made to bring about a reconciliation of all those that were enticed into the rebellious ranks by false representations.

My description of the great rebellion in heaven will be treated by thousands as mere speculation, or a freak of fancy; but is there not sufficient evidence contained in the Scriptures that there was a rebellious party of angels in heaven that through strife and rebellion was sent to the earth, and held under chains of darkness, to be judged at some period in the event of time to come, and that the leader of that party's name was Satan, or, as St. John describes him, to be the great red dragon that drew one-third part of the stars of heaven, and which party was overcome by the blood of the lamb, as which lamb, or Christ, was as a lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

Let us proceed to the wise provisions made by the obedient party to bring about a reconciliation. As is set forth in the Second Epistle of Peter, Second Chapter, 4th verse, which reads as follows: "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

It is claimed by nearly all men who attempt to dispute the doctrine that angels, before the rebellion

in heaven, had existed eternally, that, according to all eternal principles, they must also continue to exist on throughout the countless ages of eternity.

This law would truly hold good in the absence of perishable matter, but by associating those eternal spirits with things that were heir to death, that those spirits, also, at the death of those perishable bodies, passed into the land of forgetfulness, or remained in an unconscious state till Christ burst those bars of death asunder when His body lay in the tomb, as you will find in the First Epistle General of Peter, Third Chapter, 18th and 19th verses :

“ 18. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit :

19. By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison.”

Also, Fourth Chapter of the same book, 6th verse, which reads thus : “ For, for this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.”

We find that those spirits that had been held under the bonds of death ; the vast millions that had been in the form of temporal prison from Adam down till the coming of the Son of God, who had the power to bring to life from the bondage of death all that slept, and preached the same gospel to them that had been dead, whom he had revived, as he had preached to those on the earth in living cells, and all those who

received the Gospel He released from the bars of death, and when He entered back into His temporal form again, which had changed from mortal to immortal, and had conquered death, hell and the grave, He also resurrected all those that received His terms of salvation, as you will find in the Twenty-seventh Chapter of Matthew, 51st, 52nd, and 53rd verses:

“51. And behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom: and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52. And the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept, arose,

53. And came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.”

His work was finished that He came to do during His first advent into the world; but, according to the teaching of the Scripture He is to appear the second time upon the earth and remain a thousand years with His saints, after which the earth is to be destroyed by fire.

The most serious matter was to be adjusted, as I have stated before, that the animosities they entertained against the laws then about to be established never could be reconciled with them whilst retaining their identity. It was found to be a matter of necessity, with the victorious party, to make provisions to blot out their original identity, in order to produce a change in their sentiment.

While the obedient party was deliberating upon the deplorable condition of their fallen brethren, the

Archangel Gabriel approached them with a message direct from the Eternal Spirit, and proclaimed the same to the victorious party :

"Be it understood by all that Satan, and his followers, have forfeited all claims, rights and titles as angels, within the limits of this eternal centre, and are hereby declared to be demons and enemies to God's law, and also to the laws about to be established for the government of matter. I hereby empower Michael to fix the penalty according to the magnitude of their crimes, and the extent of their banishment to that period of time that their atrocious acts merit before they shall be brought before my bar for judgment."

This message produced the most intense excitement.

Then Michael addressed his constituents : "The Eternal Spirit has submitted to me the fixing the penalty and punishment upon Satan and his host. The spirit of hatred and revenge that burns within their breasts never can be wiped out while in their normal condition. Consequently, there is no possibility of bringing about a reconciliation on their part, only by blotting out their eternal existence, and this can only be accomplished by associating these eternal spirits with perishable matter, and thus, through this arrangement, at the death of those perishable bodies, all spirits will be held under the bondage of eternal death, unless provision can be made to bring to life those spirits thus held under the laws of death."

Then Gabriel summoned Satan and his band of demons before Michael to receive their final doom. Michael and his twelve officers occupied the golden chariot that had been occupied by Satan and his staff.

Soon the chief and his legioned host stood before Michael, who thus addressed them :

“ Be it known unto you, Satan, and all of your followers, that because of your treacherous and ambitious natures, which have prompted you, contrary to all civil rights belonging to members of this realm, and contrary to all justice, you receive this sentence.

“ No one has disputed your extraordinary powers of mind ; no one has disputed your capacity to do good and right ; but what disposition have you made of those extraordinary powers of mind that you have received from the Eternal Spirit ? The countless millions of condemned spirits that now surround you can answer that question. What has your haughty, proud and ambitious spirit amounted to ? Behold the millions of saddened faces about you that have followed you in your wild freaks of fancy. Be it known unto you that your disgraceful career is at an end, for you and your whole army are to be rendered powerless by separating your spirits from those celestial bodies, which bodies shall be retained within this realm, and your disembodied spirit shall be banished to some distant world in space, when organized, and there you shall be forced to enter temporal prisons, which shall be subject to misery, pain and death, and thus, in the absence of the peaceful angels of God, you can war against each other, with all the blackness of your

souls, till death shall blot out your existence, and put an end to your career."

Satan thus replied :

"I have listened to all that could be said by one whose borrowed power has filled the contracted meanness of a tyrant's heart to force oppression and eternal banishment upon a defeated and a vanquished foe. It is true I have fought and contended for that which my judgment told me was right, and I have nothing to regret, and had we not contended against double our numbers we would long ago have hurled you to the furthest bounds of space. What evidence have we that you would have submitted to our systems of law in case we had carried the election. It is true we have had our contrasted ideas as to the best method of establishing law to regulate matter, and the plan that I set forth was of a progressive character. But the plan which you introduced should have been beneath the dignity of a menial slave to have offered. Such a detestable code of laws that would bring all parties, high and low, wise and ignorant, upon one general platform, and giving the law full force to regulate and govern all things, and that all intelligences, throughout the countless ages of eternity, should be subject to those three fundamental principles which would forever put an end to progression and the grand order of science. Rather than to be governed by those detestable laws which places the brilliant stars of heaven upon the do-nothing and know-nothing platform, side by side with the floating rubbish that has been accumulating for a million centuries

past, we would by far prefer the penalty you have decided to inflict upon us, or even pass into the eternal shades of night."

The Apostle Paul alludes to this in the Eighth Chapter of Romans, 7th and 8th verses.

The unregenerated mind, notwithstanding it has lost its original identity, yet the animosity that those demoniacal spirits entertained against the laws that were established to regulate matter and hold all intelligences under its direct influence, that the devil, and a portion of his angels, would never become reconciled to the same, and God, knowing all things, foresaw and foreknew all of those that had participated in the great rebellion, the number that was before Him who would be redeemed, and those who never would accept of the terms of salvation that were offered by His Son Jesus Christ.

Then in Paul's Epistle to the Romans, Eighth Chapter, from the 28th to the 31st verses.

Would we not be committing a great error to set forth before the world an idea that angels and spirits were created by God, and thus after having created the same, placed within them dispositions that were wholly contrary to His law, and, for that principle of unbelief which God had given to them, cast them off eternally from His presence, and punish them for said unbelief, with no possible chance for reprieve. This is the kind of doctrine set forth by the sectarian churches of the present time.

Do the Scriptures teach this doctrine? If it is true that God made both soul, body and spirit in man,

then the sectarian world is justifiable in presenting this doctrine. But we defy any theologian to find a shadow of an idea in the Scriptures that an angel was ever created, formed or produced by any power. Then the angel part of man did eternally exist, and, if reconciled to God's law, will continue to exist throughout the ages of eternity; but, at the judgment, if they are found to be unreconciled, their identity is entirely destroyed. Let us carefully consider some of the inconsistencies presented to the world by theologians of the present day.

You will find in the Fifteenth Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, 18th verse: "Known unto God are all His works, from the beginning of the world." And again, you will find in the Ninth Chapter of Romans, from the 20th to the 25th verse.

If the reader will carefully look at this portion of the Scripture, and apply the same to the pre-conceived opinions of the Christian world as touching the justice of God, and His goodness to man, which is mercy, long forbearance, and impartial justice toward all his creatures.

If God made all that constitutes man—soul, body and spirit—and that unto Him was known the final destiny of man, when coming out from under His hand, where is there justice in the great Creator in fitting one vessel for destruction and another one to glory?

Here is the sum total of the whole matter: There are two classes of spirits before God, who is presented as the potter: All are dealt by alike, that at the judg-

ment they can have no excuse. Yet the Creator that one party will become reconciled when confined in the vessel, and the other will not. Consequently which of these spirits shall I make this vessel for? That irreconcilable spirit which, while in the body, will spread misery and devastation wherever he goes; will be a murderer, a horse thief, a robber and a demon in human form, and will do dishonor to the vessel? Or shall I make this clay into a vessel for a noble spirit that was decoyed into the rebellion? Satan's winning snare, but, when his original identity is blotted out by entering this vessel, will become reconciled, do right, deal out justice to his fellow man, an honor in society, and his whole life honorable before man and God?

We left Satan before Michael, awaiting the serious event when spirit and body were to be separated, and be stripped of all power, and also be banished from the celestial realm.

Michael commanded Satan and his angels to be conveyed to the outer limits of that eternal center, where they should yield up their celestial bodies into the possession of the victorious party, their spirits retained as prisoners of war, and their bodies brought back and deposited on the council grounds, where they should be retained for purposes hereafter mentioned. His orders were strictly obeyed, and Satan and that host of spirits, were resting powerless upon the mercy of those whom they considered far inferior to themselves.

Michael addressed his constituents as follows:

"I perceive the fear that they have in this world, those celestial beings, and the good ones, the existence they, from round the partially death of sleep.

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"I perceive that there is a deep gloom spread over the features of you all. It is known to you all that they are doomed to be banished upon some distant world, when organized, and there they are to be forced to enter bodies, of perishable matter, similar to those celestial bodies out of which they have been cast, and thus when they enter those physical prisons, the germ or starting-point of temporal life in those bodies, they will lose all knowledge of their former existence; but, as those physical cells shall mature, they, from the force of circumstances that shall surround them, at a matured age of those forms, shall partially receive their judgment again, and at the death of the same, they also shall pass into an eternal sleep.

"And the only possible chance for their recovery from that eternal sleep is this, that after all of them have been forced into those dark cells of earth, once there, the remaining prisoners in those cells that have not yet passed under the laws of death shall be swept off from the earth by a deluge, and only eight souls shall be left alive to re-people the earth again with temporal bodies, in which those spirits shall be revived again, and forced to enter the second time in the prison of flesh which shall wholly blot out their original identity. A portion of the lost might be saved, or reconciled to the laws which they fought against, by certain conditions and means which I will here make known.

"When one-half of those spirits shall step into the prison a second time, one of our number shall go

down upon that world and bring to consciousness the one-half of those spirits that have not entered the prison the second time, and offer them salvation on the easy terms of faith and repentance and an acknowledgment of their former wrongs, by which faith and repentance, and acquiescence to the laws of God, they shall be brought back into this fold again, and all those that will not receive the terms of mercy shall be compelled to step into prison again; and, in order that those in the prisons also may have a chance, he who goes on this mission of mercy shall also step into a temporal form, and pass through the same laws of temporal life, and, at a matured age, preach the same Gospel to those in the bonds of flesh; and all that receive the offered mercy and accept the terms of salvation, at the death of those physical prisons, shall be free from that bondage or law of death, and shall be resurrected from that body of corruption and enter into eternal life.

“Be it known unto him that accepts this mission of mercy that after informing and enlightening them on the subject of their rebellion, and that they were really the subjects of the devil, and enemies to God and his laws, their original antipathy and hatred will revive, and they will murder and crucify him and nail him to a cross. But the one that will accept this errand of mercy shall be empowered by the Eternal God to take up His body, which shall not see corruption, but shall retain the same to fully consummate the plan of redemption in the world to come. This being the only plan by which our lost brethren can be re-

deemed, who amongst you will accept this errand and redeem their lost and fallen brethren?"

The entire camp was spellbound, and there was silence in heaven for the space of one-half hour over this momentous question—finally broken by Michael offering to go down and die in their stead. Then Gabriel approached with a message from the Eternal Spirit declaring that God had given all power into the hands of Michael to establish the laws and negotiate a peace with all the fallen angels that would accept of salvation. Michael addressed that legion host as follows:

"Be it known unto you all that my motive in offering to accept this mission is not for honor, power, or reward, but from the deep interest and sympathy I have for my lost brethren. As they have fallen into the snare, they will never yield to our system of laws till they have been punished by misery, pain and death. Therefore, be it known to you all that I will not enter upon this mission without your approbation. Therefore, confer with each other, and if all are found to be in favor of this serious undertaking, and also ready to volunteer to assist, make the same known to me through the Archangel Gabriel, and I will make provisions through the laws which I am about to establish that all plans shall be harmonized with the same."

Thus Gabriel hushed the murmurings of the distant armies to silence by proclaiming the decisions of all the obedient angels respecting the mediation and plan of reconstruction:

"Thus be it known unto Michael that all of the peaceful angels have expressed their eternal gratitude to you for the wisdom that you have manifested in the great plan of redemption, and also have appointed you sole Dictator and only Mediator between God and our fallen brethren, and that all of your commands shall be fully obeyed by your electors; and further, that the Eternal Spirit who sitteth upon the throne hath placed all power in your hands to fully carry out all of your plans and negotiate an eternal peace with all those demons that will peacefully accept the conditions of the law."

Turn to the Twenty-eighth Chapter of Matthew, 18th verse, which reads as follows: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

The Messiah, after His body had been quickened by the spirit, or while His spirit was absent from the body, discovered the reality that all power was given to Him for the purpose of consummating and finishing His grand work of mercy, which was placed in His hands to do. In the Third Chapter of Galatians is this remarkable revelation, which was made known to the Apostle Paul, 19th and 20th verses:

"19. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one; but God is one."

Thus we find from this portion of the Scriptures

that the angels were also instrumental in bringing about a reconciliation of their fallen brethren by ordaining one of their number, who was vested with power and authority, to accomplish the work that was placed in His hands to do; and this, we find, was all arranged before the world began, or in the Scriptural language, that "Christ was as a lamb, slain before the foundation of the world."

Therefore, after the power had been given into Michael's hands to establish law and order, he declared that all things were in readiness, and the extraordinary and long anticipated period had fully arrived; and, with the counsel of His Father, He would proceed to the work of organizing worlds.

All were waiting in breathless excitement to behold the effect that the laws would produce upon floating matter, and to see those silent chambers lit up with the light of shining worlds. Thus, being fully authorized by His Father, He spoke the word, and chaos from its eternal slumbering obeyed the command; and a million shining worlds sprung into life. Thus the first division beyond the great solar center was lit up with glittering orbs; and that mighty host of angels fell prostrate before the throne and acknowledged the power of God.

Those grand laws, according to their established natures, as the wisdom of God had ordained, continued their grand work of bringing into existence from the surface of those auspicious bodies countless millions of animated beings full of life and motion, and when all things had been fully established and ar-

ranged within the limits of that mighty sphere which required the first period, or, in other words, as found in Genesis, the morning and the evening was the first day, and all things within that sphere being made and finished, the law continued its undeviating course within the next grand division of space until all things were harmonized with the laws and arranged in the same majestic order till the six grand divisions were all ablaze with shining worlds.

Seven thousand years have already passed by since the completion of this grand work within the six divisions of space, and from that time down to the present, those laws have never ceased in their work. And far down the unmeasured range of time distant worlds will still be formed; for there is no bound to space, no limit to law, no measuring the power of God, no estimating His eternal wisdom.

In view of that matchless power and wisdom that surrounds us, and extends throughout this universe of worlds, would lead us, to the thought that inspired that man of God who exclaimed: "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou visiteth him?" Let us not forget this important fact, that it is not this house of clay, or the physical prison, man, that God is following by His mercies and His all-seeing eye for seven thousand years past; neither is it this perishable body that caused the Son of God to leave the courts of glory, and step into a physical prison upon this earth, which was shamefully murdered on Calvary. But it is the angel part of man that must either be redeemed from the body of death, or die eternal.

The period had arrived when Satan and his host were to be disposed of. Michael informed Satan that the time had come when he was to be transported to some distant world, where he would become subject to the laws of pain and death, but all of that condemned host that would repent of their sin in bringing about the rebellion and fighting against the laws, and become friends to those laws, and reconciled to God, he would receive back into the fold.

"Be it known unto you all, that you who will thus repent and lay all malice aside, and become reconciled to God and his laws, we will receive as our brethren and forever rejoice with you in your escape from the bondage of pain and death. If you will become obedient to the laws and be reconciled to God, behold the expansive realm, beyond this eternal centre, upon whose celestial border we now stand, beautified and decorated with glittering stars; those splendid mansions of eternal beauty, far down yonder gorgeous range of shining worlds; golden walks through the evergreen shades of perpetual summer, floral gardens upon either side, with perpetual blooming flowers of richness, fragrance and eternal sweetness; paradisiacal gardens of grandeur and magnificence, with blushing fruit that never fails, and warbling songsters, singing chants of eternal praise, shall cheer those valleys with music; robes of beauty you shall wear, wreaths of sparkling diamonds across your breasts, and crowns of never-fading glory, all of this vast inheritance shall be yours if this be your choice and join us in songs of praise to the eternal spirit that sitteth upon the throne."

It was plain to be seen that all of that host of spirits were on the eve of joining their happy brethren, except Satan and his generals, when Satan stepped forward and branded all as cowards and slaves that would listen to that coward's voice, who had basely insulted them by overpowering them with double numbers, and then robbing them of their celestial bodies, and then threatened to banish them to some remote corner in space, and place them in bodies of corruption, then, under these circumstances, have the base impudence to talk about friendship and giving them an inheritance that he had no claim to. He said : " My advice to all my noble generals and followers, who have never yet flinched from any principle of honor, justice and righteousness, therefore, I request you, as valiant soldiers, follow me to the bitter end."

The mediator's offer being wholly rejected by Satan and his host, speedy preparations were made for their removal to some distant world. A convoy of angels was appointed by Michael to accompany him with the condemned spirits to the outer verge of the sphere, upon some inferior world, where they would be confined in chains of darkness, or gloomy cells of clay, till anguish, misery, pain and death should bring their turbulent and haughty spirits humble in the dust; till they would be willing to be saved by grace divine. All things being ready for their exit, they passed beyond the bound of the first great solar centre, and commenced their grand descent into the dark valley of death. Michael halted, and spoke as follows to those gloomy spirits :

"Behold those two dark bodies, lit up with the light of other words. There is your place of destination. One half shall occupy one of those worlds, and the other half the other. Yet all shall share the same dismal fate in cells of clay, unless they repent of their sinful acts, acknowledge their faults and become peaceful members in the kingdom of God." Soon they approached one of those dismal masses, where a part of Satan's generals, with one-half of his angels were left and the remainder were brought to this earth.

Before proceeding further, we must explain the language of Genesis.

"1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form and void ; and darkness was upon the face of the deep ; and the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

We find from this language that the earth was without form and void, or was unorganized, resting in the absence of established laws, void and without form and in the condition which has been fully described in the preceding pages of this work ; and the period of time that Michael landed upon it was after the laws had been established.

I will ask the reader to cut loose from all of his former prejudices and all his preconceived opinions as touching the points set forth by theologians of the present day, and the fair range of arguments and teachings of the Scriptures, and decide for yourselves whether or not the true meaning of the Scriptures is set forth by theologians of the present day, as touch-

ing the creation of man, as we find in the first chapter of Genesis, and the design of the All-wise Creator in placing man on the stage of human life, and the wisdom that was displayed in bringing about a reconciliation of the disobedient angels who were consigned to his care as condemned criminals, who were to be confined in chains of darkness and reserved to judgment. We find that the deep-laid plan, consummated by Michael, to complete his grand work of reconstruction and reconciliation of that vast number of sworn enemies to God's laws, was truly beyond all human ingenuity to invent, and no created arm could reach their case in any shape whatever. Consequently this power was given to Michael by the eternal spirit, Himself also to become subject to the laws of death, but not corruption, and give Himself into their cruel hands to be murdered, and that in the event of time in opening up their understandings and giving them to see the horrid deed they had done in murdering their conqueror, who had condescended voluntarily to step into a dark cell of clay for the purpose of saving them from the fate of an eternal death by their yielding obedience to his peaceful laws and accepting his plan of salvation, namely : by repenting of their original sins, denouncing the devil and his works, by coming over on the Lord's side and believing that He had power to save all that believed, and also had become reconciled to God.

These are the demands of Christ ; to repent and a compliance with the simple requirements, which belief and repentance open up the avenues of the soul into which the Holy Ghost should enter, accompanied

by the spirit of God, which would burst the bonds of death asunder, and at the death of the physical prison the sanctified, redeemed and happy spirit would burst through this tenement of clay and join its brethren on the sunny banks of eternal day. Thus, whilst the spirits were remaining in their deplorable and lost condition, waiting to know the result of their dismal fate, Michael—having received all power from His Father to dispose of his prisoners in any manner that his wisdom and goodness would dictate—found it a matter of necessity to make provisions for them to dwell a long period upon the earth before they could be induced to accept of any measures of peace, for the strong chain of power and evil influence that Satan held over them would only be subdued through the long and tedious punishment in gloomy cells of corruption, misery, pain and death.

Now let us carefully consider the brief description of man's first creation, as found in the First Chapter of Genesis :

"26. And God said, Let us make man in our own image and after our own likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."

Here we find that God created man by His established laws, in the same manner that He had called

all other animated beings into existence and laid the foundation for the multiplication of those physical prisons, called man, in which these rebellious spirits were to be punished in a succession for the space of 200,000 years, and at the termination of which period of time their humiliation would, to some extent, blot out their original antipathy against God's law, and appease the inveterate hatred and animosity they held against their conquerors, so that further steps could be taken by Michael at the close of that elapse of time to bring about a restoration of at least a part of the same, into the favor of God and celestial courts of glory.

The idea may appear absurd to the reader at the first glance, that there were two sets of beings on the earth, and at different periods, called into existence by the All-wise Creator. We find that the first creation, or man first created by God, was put in possession of the earth's surface, and all things, both animate and inanimate substances, were placed in his charge, and directly at his command and under his control, fish, beasts, birds and creeping things on the earth, together with all vegetable productions. All these were given into his possession for meat, of which he was to eat without distinction, and this was to be his food to sustain the body till death, and the cultivation of the soil was not mentioned in any shape whatever, to this party of created intelligences. This part of the creation completed God's work upon the earth, which constituted the final end of the six days. Thus we find that God ended his work, and rested on the seventh day, and pronounced his work finished,

and finished right and good. So we find that God's command was strictly obeyed. The earth was densely populated by those intelligences, subsisting on the things that God had commanded them to subsist upon. Now, if the reader could possibly throw off the mortal vail, and look back and behold those demoniac spirits in those prison cells, through that vast elapse of time, in all their wildness and corruptness, language would be wholly inadequate to express the gloom, misery and degradation that prevailed, amongst those cursed demons in human form. The lowest grades of vice and crime were participated in. No attention was paid to the laws of health. No matrimonial ceremonies were ever thought of. Among some of the tribes the intermingling of all kindred elements among their own nation, produced the most extraordinary results of their progeny, from the dwarfs, the orang-outang, the liliputian or diminutive species, to those monstrosities or overgrown beings of the giant order, the strong overpowering the weak, and making carnivorous feasts out of the flesh of their friends.

Through this vast elapse of time of the first creation, the earth was uncultivated, and a portion of the inhabitants uncivilized. At the close of this period of time, Michael was to make another effort to ameliorate the condition of the inhabitants of the earth, and also to subject them to certain laws, which, by their adherence to the same, would lead to a change in their physical life, and also bring about a reconciliation of their spiritual powers, and restore them back to their original state, in the full favor of God.

He arranges a garden eastward in Eden, where he makes provisions to change the affairs with the spirits or demons. This garden, it appears from the scriptural record, was beautifully arranged, with the choicest kinds of fruit, which were calculated wholly and exclusively for food, for the inhabitants that he was about to call into life from the dust of the earth, and through which material formations, he, in the event of time, would also take part with the same, by which extraordinary event, he would bring Satan's kingdom and his cruel reign to an end. The proof of this you will find in the Second Chapter of Hebrews, 14th and 15th verses:

"14. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15. And deliver them, who, through fear of death, were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Thus we find that Christ is to reign till all enemies are put under His feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

We see from this declaration of the Messiah that the mansions which He alludes to are not upon the earth, for He very positively informs us, in another chapter, that the earth is not his abiding place, that the foxes had holes, and the birds had nests, but that He had no place on the earth to lay his head, but that His home was above, and that His mission here was only an errand of mercy, and as soon as he had

finished His work, and accomplished his purpose, He plainly declares that He was going back from whence he came, and arranged all things there in ample order for the happiness and pleasure of all those that would renounce the devil and his evil works; He would receive them into His fold, and should become heirs with Him in the beautiful inheritance in His Father's house, which he was going to arrange and prepare for them, and only be equal heirs, together with them, and all be subject to the Father and His eternal laws.

When the time had fully arrived that additional provisions were to be made for the inhabitants of earth, by the Son of God, he proceeds to his grand work in the garden of paradise, in the presence of the Eternal Spirit. Genesis, beginning with the 4th verse.

If the reader will compare the first creation, which is found in the first chapter of Genesis, and the formation of Adam and Eve as is given in the second chapter, he will find that there is no similarity between the two, for in the description of the first creation we find that male and female were created by God through the principles of the organic laws, the same that all things else were created, male and female of every kind, and that man was at the head of all other created beings, and was commanded to eat of everything that was created below him—beasts, birds, fishes and creeping things—upon the earth. But the last two grandparents were made with hands, one formed out of the dust of the ground and the other from the rib of a man, and they both were put into a garden of fruits, and commanded to eat only of fruit, and that which grew on

trees, and they were formed by the Lord God, and the first creation was created by God alone and his established laws.

But the second formation was subject to certain laws and regulations, which were made to preserve the legitimate offspring from the dire effects realized from the intermingling of the same blood, or nearer kindred species. Further, we find that the first grandparents created by the Lord God, while in the Garden, were commanded to eat only of fruit which was calculated to possess all the properties necessary to perpetuate life, and, no doubt, in the observance of this law Adam and Eve would have bloomed in immortal youth and beauty, and would forever have been strangers to death and decay; for it appears that the garden in which they were placed by their Maker was wholly exempt from the laws of death, and the features of decay were only marked upon one tree, which had grown near the center of the Garden, and of the fruit of this one tree Adam was strictly forbidden to eat, as the fruit of the same coming in contact with those pure celestial elements would certainly produce death. Therefore, being informed by his Maker of all the circumstances connected with his being, his attention is called to the forbidden tree, the fruit of which coming in contact with the spirit essence, it would immediately disappear and blood would take its place, which possessed the seeds and properties of death, and that noble form would crumble back to dust: for from dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return by the transgression of the law.

In the fourth chapter we find, after the transgression, when they were both turned out of the garden, that Eve, in process of time, brought into existence two male children—Cain and Abel—and Cain, being desperately wicked, killed his brother, which, if Adam and his family were all of the human beings then upon the earth, there were but three left—Adam, Eve and Cain—but we learn from the same chapter, 11th verse, that Cain was cursed from the earth, and he was to be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and that the earth should not yield its strength to him when he cultivated the same; and, in the 13th verse, Cain answers the Lord, and says that his punishment was greater than he could bear, thus being forced away from his parents, and from the face of the Lord; that everyone, through the land where he journeyed, that found him would kill him. The question arises, in reading this portion of the Scripture, who Cain was afraid of? According to the history at this time there were only his parents living, and the Lord told Cain that he would put a mark on him, so that those meeting him should know him, and if anyone did come across him and kill him that vengeance should be taken on him sevenfold. His journey was eastward to the land of Nod, and he lived there and became acquainted with a woman of the Gentile nation, or the inhabitants of the first creation, where he knew his wife and built a city, and thus Cain's blood, according to the common course of nature, was mingled and intermingled among the Gentile nations. Sons and daughters were born unto Adam, and their families became numerous and began

to extend their more refined civilization, cultivating the earth's surface, and living upon wholesome food, retained more perfectly the image of their Maker than what the first created intelligences had who had not paid any attention to agriculture, but were living upon the spontaneous productions; they had to some extent lost the charm that they first possessed from under the hand of God. Consequently when they beheld Adam's children, who were fair, they immediately sought their society, and married amongst the families of Adam, as you will find in the Sixth Chapter of Genesis, 1st and 2nd verses, which read thus:

"1. And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2. That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

Fourth verse: "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them; the same became mighty men, which were of old, men of renown." Now, from the above quotation, the reader can plainly see there were two distinct nations existing upon the earth at this period of time; the one nation holding good their name and title from their Creator, God—which we find in the First Chapter of Genesis, that the eternal spirit God called them into existence by His organic laws, and justly called the sons of God—and Adam's race, who were formed by the Lord God with hands. Their

women, of course, justly received the title of the daughters of men, and that their progeny, caused from the intermingling of the two distinct nations, and the children, no doubt, choosing the better style of living which their mothers were accustomed to, that of cultivating the soil, became intelligent and mighty men in point of intellectual greatness, as the Scriptures set forth.

These wholesome laws were lived up to until the extraordinary period of time when Michael threw off his celestial form and entering a temporal prison with the power to burst the bonds of death and deliver all of those captive who would renounce their original leader, the devil, and become subject to the laws of God. Now we come to notice more particularly the unwritten work of the spiritual laws, or the arrangements of the celestial agents who wisely planned, through the aid of the eternal spirit, God, to bring about a reconciliation of the enemies of God who were confined in chains of darkness or bonds of flesh and reserved to judgment, and which arrangement, or the unwritten work of God's designs, that has been wrapped in mystery and necessarily hid from man until the close of the second grand epoch of time, or, in other words, at or near the close of the Gentile nations upon the earth, when the glimmering rays of light from the great millennial dawn shall begin to light up the dark chambers of superstition and error and the galling chains and fearful bonds that have bound the inhabitants of earth for 1,000 years by the false teachings of misguided theologians and designing priests,

who were before, of old, ordained to this condemnation, as you will find in the Gospel of Jude, who were employed by Satan before entering the form to clog the onward march of Christianity, and whose false "isms" will all fade and disappear when the mediator shall again appear upon the earth and proclaim the everlasting Gospel more fully to man, and bring to light those deep mysteries which have been hid from the world, or from the spirits who had taken on the forms until He should establish His kingdom again upon the earth at the close of the second age, or second term of prison life upon the earth of fallen spirits and re-establish his covenant with the Jews, when peace and harmony shall prevail for 1,000 years and the Jews be engrafted back into the true vine and embrace the true principles of Christianity, when the fullness of the Gentiles shall be fully come in.

Now as touching the procedure and course of prison life of those demoniac spirits, during the 193,000 years before Adam, the Bible remains entirely silent on the subject, and if I should herein attempt to give any description of the rise and fall of the different tribes and nations, the different calamities and serious famines and devastating wars and pestilence, that nearly swept all the inhabitants from the earth at various times during the lapse of 200,000 years, it would, no doubt, be treated as a fable, or a wild freak of fancy, by nearly all those who may chance to read this work.

But when Michael came to seek and save those spirits in their lost condition, he then made provisions


to bring about a happy change. He provides from the dust of the earth two God-like forms, moulded by his own hands, made after his own likeness, and vitalized by his own breath, and subjects them to a law, and informs them that by a strict adherence to the same that life and health with them would be perpetuated, but by the transgression of the same, that death would be the inevitable result. But this was the purpose for which this noble structure was made. By the transgression of the law the prison doors were open for the entering of spirits, and the great piece of human machinery was arranged by the transgression for a multiplication of physical prisons until every discarded angel should be supplied with temporal prisons, when, at the termination of this extraordinary event, or, in other words, when the last disobedient spirit had been incarcerated in those dark bonds of flesh, then those remaining bodies on the earth at that period of time should be destroyed by a deluge, all but Noah and his family, and all of those prisoners after being relieved from those cells, through the bonds of death, were remanded to prison and held there to be punished or tormented in another temporal prison, if not found by the visitation of Michael to be fully reconciled to God.

The Eighth Chapter of Matthew, 29th verse.

This extraordinary language you will find in the First Chapter of John, from the 10th to the 15th verse.

"10. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not, etc.

Thus we find, according to this extraordinary language, that Michael, before taking on the form, had an interview with those demons that had been subjected to temporal prisons—the first time through Adam's race—and whilst in those earthly bodies had been taught the way of truth and were the worshippers of the Living God, the proper descendants of Israel and believed in the coming of the Messiah, and had died in that belief and were justly called Christ's children ; as John declares, as above quoted, they had died without hearing the true Gospel of Christ. And thus, when Christ made His advent into the world, and before taking on the form, He preached the Gospel to those spirits that He claimed His own, and as many as believed His Gospel there in the spirit land and accepted His offered mercy, He gave them power to become the sons of God, being yet disembodied—being born not of blood, nor of the flesh, nor of the will of man—they received the spiritual birth there, or in other words, were born of God. Then Michael also stepped into a human form, or, in other words, was born of the Virgin Mary, and justly called the Son of God. Here He preached the same Gospel to man and established His church preparatory to His spiritual kingdom on the earth ; offered eternal life and salvation to all that believed ; fulfilled the olden Scriptures ; changed the arbitrary rule of the Mosaic laws ; preached the everlasting Gospel of peace—and for which noble and God-like principles He was condemned by the Jewish functionaries and crucified, having fully accomplished the work He came to do on



the earth until His second coming on the earth, when He establishes His kingdom in the world to come.

After Christ had accomplished all He came to do, He gave Himself into the hands of His prisoners, who were reserved to judgment, who, it appears, had forgotten the real transaction of their disgraceful defeat and subjugation by this extraordinary personage, yet they were eye witnesses to the power that was oft-times manifested through His work, often producing results outside of the common course of things, and they acknowledged the same to be miraculous, yet claimed the same to be performed through the power of their original leader, the devil, which, from their acknowledgment, we should infer, that they believed the devil had power to delegate to his subjects to produce miracles. But Christ informed them that he was not of that party, but received His power from God. We learn from His dying words that His work was finished on the earth. Peter gives us to understand that after the crucifixion, Christ went and preached the Gospel to those who were dead.

Also, Fourth Chapter of the same book, 6th verse, which reads thus: "For, for this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit."

Thus we find, according to this declaration, that Christ, being just, voluntarily suffered for those prisoners that by transgression had fallen, and by which act had become sinful and unjust, and for which suffering He might bring them back to God, or

back to their original homes, by a compliance with His peaceful laws—having been disobedient, or, in other words, not obeying the teachings of those spiritual messengers who were sent to them during the antediluvian world and preached to them to repent, or God would destroy them by a sweeping deluge. But it appears they rejected the teachings of these holy messengers, and finally God appointed Noah the last preacher of righteousness of the old world and instructed him to build a vessel of sufficient dimensions to save the seed of the various created beings on the earth; and during the period of time that Noah was building the ark he preached to the wicked inhabitants to repent, that God's vengeance might be stayed. But they still remained disobedient, until Noah had accomplished all God had commanded of him, when the flood swept the wicked nations from the earth and Noah rode triumphant over the waves, preserving the seed; through which wise arrangement the spirits of the inhabitants of the old world have had access to temporal bodies again, and through the new dispensation and the noble provisions which Christ has made we might regain our heirship in the celestial courts above. Consequently, through this wise arrangement of God, through Noah, the seed being saved from the destruction of the deluge, Peter declares that the like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, it having nothing to do with washing away our sins or filth of the flesh, but by answering a good conscience, by faith and repentance towards God.

Now, we understand by the teaching of the Scripture, that the Saviour's mission and great work, which

He came to do, was not fully accomplished at His crucifixion, for He promised the thief on the cross that He would meet him that day in paradise; the same identical place that the Apostle Paul speaks of being transported to, whether in the body or out of the body he could not tell, but giving us to understand that he heard and saw things there of an extraordinary character, which was unlawful to tell the inhabitants of earth; but he gives us to understand that he had learned the stubborn fact that the spirit of man, or his reasoning powers, the carnal mind, unreconciled, was enmity itself against God.

Christ's mission here, on the earth, was of two-fold character. The first, and greatest matter to achieve, was to offer those prisoners here, in the bonds of flesh, sufficient evidence of His character and person that His power was ample to save them by their acceptance of His plan—faith and repentance; and the next greatest object to arrive at was to alleviate the sufferings of the oppressed, and earth's unfortunate, and to introduce a system of life, while in the flesh, that the spirit, or incarcerated prisoner, might become more fully developed, and more fully prepared, when stepping out of the prison-house, to enter on its great work of reform beyond the gloomy shores of death.

It appears from the Scriptures, that at the time that Michael made His appearance in the flesh, that the inhabitants of earth, physically, were in a deplorable condition; that nearly one-fourth of the inhabitants throughout the cities of Israel were invalids and

cripples, no doubt being caused from their filthy and intemperate habits, and from their frequent indulgences in those popular feasts, so common in those days, gorging their stomachs with undigestible loads; that it had very much impaired their intellects, blunted their minds, and rendered them quite unqualified to receive such a remarkable change of religious sentiments as was then offered by Jesus Christ. Notwithstanding He made bare His miraculous powers in restoring all the disordered inhabitants of that portion of the country from their physical disabilities, and convinced thousands that he was working for their physical good by restoring the diseased of the land to health and activity, yet they wholly refused to accept of his moral teachings, from the fact that it did not give them the scope to carry out their diabolical principles—namely, malice, hatred, envy, avariciousness, murder, and revenge—as what the Mosaic law allowed them; and, further, when He informed them that no worship was accepted of His Father only through the true principles of love and holiness, and in doing good unto all men.

Jesus Christ, who is claimed to be the Son of God, is no more nor less than Michael, the great archangel, who led the armies of God to victory when contending against the great red dragon, as described by St. John in the Twelfth Chapter of Revelation, and who was appointed or ordained by angels to enter upon this tedious mission of bringing about a reconciliation of the great dragon's angels, the sworn enemies of God and His peaceful laws.

This extraordinary revelation of Michael's appointment by angels you will find in the Third Chapter of Galatians, 18th, 19th and 20th verses.

Now, we understand by the above quotation that there was a mediator ordained or appointed by angels to step in between two parties to adjust a matter of difference then existing between the same; and we find from the same quotation that God was one of the parties, and the opposing party to God and His laws was the party then to be reconciled to God; and, as we find in the Twelfth Chapter of Revelation, that Michael was the victorious general who defeated and conquered the great red dragon and his army, thus it is quite evident that he was also chosen and considered to be the best qualified to bring about a reconciliation, and consummated the plan of reconstruction before the laws were established that now regulate our earth, which gave rise to the very singular passage of the Scripture that Christ was as a lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

Thus, in the process of time, when all things were fully accomplished during the grand epoch of time intervening between the creation of man and the advent of the Messiah, Michael and the twelve grand officers before alluded to were called together before the Eternal Spirit, who informed them that the time had fully arrived to enter on their grand mission of mercy, who were to accompany Michael to the distant world where the enemies of God, or the disobedient angels, were still reserved in chains of darkness awaiting the fulfillment of the promise which had been

made to them in former ages, of a deliverer or a promised Messiah, who was to change or ameliorate their deplorable condition on the earth, and that they were also looking for the fulfillment of the promise made to them by one of the number then present, who in the past ages had visited the earth and entered a tenement of clay and been received by the inhabitants of earth as an extraordinary prophet—a messenger from God—and who, whilst sojourning there, was called Elijah, and who in his next visit to the earth was to be called Elias and stand as a witness and declare to the world that Jesus Christ was the Son of God; and thus being instructed by the All-wise Spirit in regard to His mission on the earth, gives us unmistakable evidence in His testimony, found in the New Testament, that while here in the body He remembered the charge and instruction given to Him by God, who had sent Him for a witness to testify to the world that by a certain sign which he had witnessed that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and the Saviour and Light of the world.

Before the twelve grand officers were dispatched by the All-wise Spirit to the earth, they were informed that their mission would be to assist Michael in establishing a spiritual kingdom on the earth, and necessarily, in order to achieve this grand religious reform, would have to take a part with the dragon's disgraceful subjects, in the dark prisons of clay, through which incarcerated condition, they, like all of the inhabitants of earth, would lose all traces of their former existence, and that Michael, also, taking on the

form, would not be recognized by them as their original general, but Michael, while in the flesh on the earth, would remember all the plans consummated by the wise council in the court of heaven, and the instructions of His Father in regard to His course of doings on the earth. But in order that you may stand as a witness, to testify to the inhabitants of earth, that Michael, while clothed in flesh, is the Son of God, therefore, whilst you are on the earth, in the bonds of flesh, your mission will be to baptize unto repentance, the nation of the Jews, which shall be the end and fulfillment of the Mosaic law. And thus, to fulfill all righteousness, Michael will come, as others, to your baptism, whom you will not know. "But now," says the All-wise Spirit, "I will touch your memory, and this knowledge shall not pass from you, even whilst in your earthly garb, that when an individual comes to your baptism, and, after the formal ceremonies are past, you shall see the Spirit of God descending and lighting on him in the form of a dove, you may know and testify to the world that he is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world." John, therefore, saw and testified the same, and acknowledged that he remembered the one that sent him and instructed him on this point, and his testimony was true. But the balance of the officers did not remember their original existence, and the office which they were to fill on the great stage of human reform. But Michael, it appears, from his own testimony, while in the temporal form, remembered all that transpired before leaving his Father's court, and also remembered and perfectly recog-

nized his twelve generals that were sent with Him, to assist Him in carrying out the great principles of reform. But it appears that it was necessary for Christ to appoint twelve officers on His staff, whilst consummating His plans, and establishing His reconstructive laws on the earth. Consequently, as one of His original generals was appointed to another work, and to stand as a witness before the Jews, to testify that Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah, whom they condemned and crucified, Christ, as a matter of necessity, had to choose or appoint one of the devil's subjects, to fill His ranks to the number of twelve, which gave rise to His remarks in the Sixth Chapter of John, 69th, 70th and 71st verses.

Christ preached to disembodied spirits who were under some stringent confinement, being in prison. Where, we are not permitted to know; but it is evident from all the circumstances connected with this revelation, that those spirits were nowhere on the earth's surface; for it is evident that the thief on the cross, after his death, when relieved from the temporal form, being unregenerated, was conveyed to the place of departed spirits, which the Saviour informs him that He would meet him in paradise, no doubt with all the departed spirits that had been in the form on the earth from Noah down to His crucifixion; and Peter tells us that He, being put to death in the flesh, was quickened, and went that same day and preached the same Gospel to those spirits in prison that He had preached to the inhabitants of earth; and the Apostle Paul informs us that paradise is in some of the re-

gions above which he describes as being in the third heaven.

Now we think the Scriptures give us sufficient evidence to warrant us in the belief that the spirit can be separated from the body, and yet the body live for a certain length of time, as in the case of the Apostle Paul. It is not to be expected that the Apostle was caught up to the third heaven bodily, for it is evident that if he had been transported, or, in his own language, "caught up into paradise," and had been instructed in all the proceedings of his after life, and there yet retaining his five natural senses he most certainly would have remembered after returning to the earth, whether he had been instructed in those unspeakable words, which was unlawful to utter, whether in the body or out of it. For John, the Revelator, declares that he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, where he received his instruction from those spiritual messengers, which it is noways likely that he could have been instructed in that grand spiritual work while in his normal condition.

Now, we think there is sufficient evidence presented to us in Scripture, to prove that Christ did really take up His body, with all the essential properties and particles that had ever belonged to the same, (the blood only excepted) and the veins and arteries, out of which had flowed all of the blood of the system, and the heart, being pierced by the Roman soldier, from which the blood even having oozed, the principles of eternal life filled the same avenues, as in Adam first; and in this condition, with the wound

still fresh and open, and plain to be seen by the Apostles, this appearance fully convinced the Apostles that they beheld a spirit instead of a tangible body, because all the necessary avenues to the house in which they were standing, were tightly closed, being fearful of the Jews.

Did he really take His earthly body back to His Father's court? The Scriptures remain silent on this important question. My candid opinion is that no part of the earth's surface was ever transported to the throne of God, neither, indeed, ever will be—being inconsistent with celestial law. It is evident, however, from the Scriptures, that He left the earth with His physical body, for we find in the Acts of the Apostles, First Chapter, 9th, 10th and 11th verses.

We find from this extraordinary language that Christ, with the same body that he appeared before the apostles with, having flesh and bones, left the earth with the same and went upward, and by the promise of those two shining messengers who stood in the presence of the apostles as they were looking with astonishment upward in the direction which the Saviour had passed, promised them that the same Jesus they saw go up, in like manner would return to the earth again. Now this promise only corroborated what the Saviour had already promised them while he was yet with them, saying: "If I go away from you I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am ye may be also." Now the question, no doubt, arises with the reader that, if Christ did not take His body to the throne of God, where did He leave His

body? It might be successfully argued that as a portion of His mission and great work, which His Father placed in His hands to do before coming home, was not wholly confined to the earth, because the matter to be adjusted with the thief on the cross, according to the promise of Christ in His dying moments—that that very same day he would be with Him in paradise—and this place, the Apostle Paul informs us, was in the third heaven; and this place, we have reason to believe, is where all spirits are called to after leaving the form. And the evidence is plain from the teachings of the Scriptures, that after Christ had met the thief with other spirits in paradise, that He came back to earth to take up His body and show to the world that His promises were sure and unfailing, proving to them that He had really taken up His body; and after making their faith complete, it is quite evident that he went back to paradise to complete His mission to the spirits there, where we are induced to believe that He left His celestial or spiritualized body until He should return the second time to establish His covenant with the Jews—during the reign of peace of one thousand years—when He will appear in that same body, with the scars plain to be seen, which will be evidence to the Jews that they crucified the promised Messiah and His second coming would be hailed with great joy by the Jews, when they would receive Him as the promised Messiah and worship the God of their fathers aright, in spirit and in truth.

Then Christ will appear in person and establish His kingdom on the earth, and renew his covenant

with the Jews, when His promise to the twelve apostles shall be fully realized; when they shall be permitted to sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel; when peace and harmony shall reign on the earth, and the spirit of war shall entirely cease to exist among men; when the weapons of warfare, that have been used for killing man, will be beat up into pruning-hooks and ploughshares to cultivate the soil, and the earth be densely populated again, until all the unreconciled spirits have been fully instructed by Jesus Christ in person, and when all those discarded angels have had the clear and full chance to be made acquainted with Christ's plan of reconstruction, and a full chance to accept of offered mercy. Then comes the final end of all sublunary things on the earth; then is gathered together all of those spirits that were brought to the earth to be punished in temporal prisons, preparatory for a reconciliation, and all, both good and bad, are transported back to the celestial courts of heaven, the identical place from which they were expelled, and after being permitted to enter their angelic bodies, out of which they were cast, then they are brought to judgment.

By acceptance of His plan of salvation, they are then permitted to take possession of that beautiful inheritance with all the redeemed at God's right hand; but those who still refused to be peaceful members would be forever and eternally rejected, and would have to receive their final sentence—depart, ye cursed, beyond the bounds of this eternal realm of God's great centre, into the uttermost bounds of space, or bottom-

less pit, with their original leader, the devil, when their chance for reform would be forever at an end, and thus pass into an eternal sleep.

According to the teachings of Jesus Christ, all sins shall be forgiven unto man; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall never be forgiven in this world, nor in the world to come. It is not generally understood by those reading this declaration of Jesus Christ what this sin consisted of, but I will, in a few brief words, give some general ideas what this sin consists of. It is evident that all sins and violations of the physical laws, both that which can be said or done, in word or deed, will not follow the disembodied spirit to the bar of God for judgment, excepting a spiritual violation, under a perfect knowledge of the same. The heavy penalty of death entailed upon Adam and his progeny wipes out those physical violations, and have an end at the death of the body; but the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost could not be forgiven in this world, neither in the world to come, because this sin amounted to a rejection of the plan offered by Jesus Christ for to redeem them from their original guilt, and violation of those laws for which they were expelled from the presence of God, and the sin which Michael promised to give his temporal body a sacrifice for before the foundation of the world.

All other sins and blasphemies and acts of the creature will be forgiven or canceled at the death of the body. But they who wholly reject Christ's reconstructive law and endorse or prefer the paths of sin and wickedness, and willingly and wilfully remain in

the broad track which leads to endless woe, and preferring this downward course—spreading misery and devastation in their cruel track; knowing at the same time that this track led directly to the chambers of death—this accursed spirit is not fit for the kingdom of God nor the society of angels, but is a child of hell, naturally and willingly, and is given over to the devil, or, in other words, is a real and willing subject of the devil, and all the God-like principles and elevated systems of reform—goodness, mercy, long forbearance, love to God and man—which were taught by Jesus Christ on the earth, by them are rejected; and to those accursed, unreconcilable and demoniac spirits there is no forgiveness, neither in this world nor the world to come.

According to the Scripture, no self-murderer hath eternal life abiding in him; and again, all liars, idolaters, whoremongers and murderers have their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death. Now, it is quite evident that a man who has murder in his heart has not changed from his original guilt and sin; if he had, the spirit of Christ would teach him that this rash act did not belong to a child of God—that when he consented in his mind to commit that rash and horrid deed, that he had yielded to the spirit of the power of darkness and their life and death in their earthly prisons had availed them nothing; that they were remanded or conveyed to the place where Christ promised to meet the thief awaiting the event of another temporal prison in the world to come, where there would be another chance for them to reform,

and the circumstances that would accompany that life by the teaching of Christ and the apostles.

I hope the reader will carefully compare this work with the sacred volume of truth, and know for yourself that it is because of our original transgressions, which were committed before the world began, that brought the great Archangel Michael here on the earth, who was condemned and slain by His prisoners, whom He came to save. And yet even this rash act, committed by the Jews, was wholly attributed to their ignorance by their dying Prince, who fervently prayed for His Father to forgive them, for they were ignorant of what they did. But we are informed that His murderers are at some period of time to look upon Him they have pierced; therefore the Apostle Paul informs us that there is to be a deliverer, who will come out of Zion, that will turn away the ungodliness of Jacob, and that all Israel should be saved, but that this salvation should not be till the fullness of the Gentiles be come in, and, after their fullness, then this, their deliverer, is to come. This deliverer, we find, is to be the one they crucified, who ascended into heaven, and, in like manner, was to return.

Now, the grand question to be solved is, when is this remarkable change to be brought about? Christ has said that the day and hour no man knew when the Son of Man cometh; but the Apostle Paul informs us that it would be after the fullness of the Gentiles, or, in other words, at the commencement of the world to come, when all spirits have been in the prison twice; and at the commencement of the third

and last world, when, according as the Saviour hath declared, many should come from all quarters of the earth and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven; but the children of the kingdom would be thrust out.

Now it is evident that the kingdom here alluded to is the kingdom of Satan, or the devil and his angels — all of whom have been in temporal bodies twice before, and yet still having the offer of mercy extended to them they wholly reject all offers of peace, and prefer the galling chains of sin and Satan, it more fully agreeing with their natural and innate dispositions—and are those that are given over to hardness of heart and reprobate mind, to believe a lie, that they might be damned. These are the members of the kingdom that will be thrust out, and which are reserved to everlasting banishment, from the presence of God and his holy angels. But we learn from Christ's teachings, that after his earthly mission is closed on the earth, at the end of the millennium, that there is to be a separation, or a final division, which will be found in the Thirteenth Chapter of Matthew, from the 47th to the 50th verse; also Thirteenth Chapter of Luke, 28th and 29th verses; also the Eighth Chapter of Matthew, 11th and 12th verses. He had before declared that many would say unto Him in that day, or in the event of time when He comes to make up his jewels, that "We have prophesied in Thy name, and in Thy name done many wonderful works." Then, says the Saviour, "Depart from Me, ye workers of iniquity; I know you not: when I was hungry you

fed Me not; naked, you clothed Me not; sick and in prison, ye visited me not." They, with winning smiles and smooth, soft voices, to cover up their treacherous and evil hearts, look up with astonishment: "Lord, don't you know how much we have done here on the earth to establish Thy kingdom—prophesied in Thy name, and in Thy name done many wonderful works? Don't you know how many goods we have given to feed the poor; how many times we have been on our knees, too, in solemn prayer; attended church regularly; preached the Gospel every Sabbath, begging for money to extend Thy cause into heathen lands; charged very low salaries for our services; have prayed for the fatherless, the widows and orphans, and let our prayers extend all over the world to the oppressed; helped raise large armies to fight for liberty and freedom; urged our bold soldiers on through seas of blood and carnage; walked for miles over dead soldiers' bodies to slay our enemies, and, after those fearful battles were ended, asked you fervently to crown our living soldiers with victory, and slaughter our enemies without mercy? These fearful risks we have run all for your sake, Lord, and are still willing to go on in the great work of man's redemption. It is true we had men in prison that we did not visit, but they were our enemies, the vagabond soldiers that ought to have been stripped. But when saw we Thee in prison and visited Thee not; naked, and clothed Thee not; hungry, and fed Thee not, did we not strip the captive soldiers to cloth our honest soldiers with? All of this, Lord, we have done for Thy sake." "Then will I profess unto

them," sayeth the Saviour, "Depart ye cursed, ye workers of iniquity, for I know you not; depart into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels, forasmuch as ye have done unto the least of these ye have done it unto me. Who set you up for a judge over your fellowmen? Why claimest thou to be a member of my peaceful kingdom without studying closely the spiritual guide that I left for your discipline? Can you find within my spiritual law where I recommended the spirit of war and contention, and the killing or slaughtering of your fellow-beings without justice or mercy? Did I not say to the world that he that took the sword should perish by the sword? For this same spirit you were condemned in the court of heaven.

When Christ shall reappear to establish His kingdom, it will be a similar type of His Father's kingdom—a kingdom of heaven, or a type of the kingdom above. And this kingdom, which will be made up out of the subjects of another kingdom, who were once evil subjects, or subjects once belonging to Satan's kingdom, but cleansed through the principles of Christ's peaceful law, leaving the galling chains of sin, seeing, or having pleasure, in traveling in the ways of wisdom and peace, hating the former course of their lives, and who were originally evil and sinners by nature, of which ample proofs can be found in the New Testament. One passage to which I will refer the reader, being Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Second Chapter, from the 1st to the 3rd verse.

"1. And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2. Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience :

3. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind ; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

From the above quotation, that God, through Jesus Christ, made provisions to bring about a reconciliation of the devil's subjects.

We learn in this remarkable chapter the marked difference between the two sets of inhabitants existing on the earth—the Adamic descendants and the sons of God, or the first created intelligences on the earth, the Gentile world—who, through the provisions of Jesus Christ, in the agency of Paul unfolding the great plan of salvation to them through the Gospel, became a part of the same body with the Adamic descendants which He formed in the Garden of Eden, that all who would accept His plan of salvation would be saved ; or, in other words, that those of the Gentiles that accepted His peaceful law when relieved from prison life, or, throwing off this form, were resurrected and established in the peaceful kingdom of God without having to go through the process of a regeneration in the world to come, which the Adamic descendants would have to go through.

Paul's Letter to the Romans, Eleventh Chapter. All who read may easily see the marked distinction between the Jew and the Gentile, or first and second

creation, and further see and understand Paul's faith of the re-incarnation of the Jews. Paul commences the chapter in this remarkable style :

" 1. I say, then, hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew," continuing to the 26th verse.

Now the attention of all readers is called to the above quotation, that they may see if the apostle does not positively speak of another chance for the Jews after they have departed this life. The Israelites, of whom Paul was speaking, in that age, have long since slumbered beneath the sod, and nearly all died in unbelief; consequently, if the present theology be correct, that is, if any individual dies out of belief in Christ, that hope can never reach them. And what does the apostle say in the above named chapter, 15th verse, namely : " For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the recovery of them be but life from the dead?" Now it can be successfully argued that the inhabitants that lived in the days of Paul are dead, and all the descendants of Israel before and after Paul's life are embodied in His remark, without distinction. Then, no doubt, you would ask me to give an explanation of the 14th verse of the same chapter, reading thus : " If, by any means, I might provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them." Again let me ask the reader to carefully consider what the word " save " means in this verse. Does it mean to be

saved from a physical death? Surely not; both good and bad are subject to this law. Then the salvation spoken of in this verse reaches beyond this physical life. Then it must be argued that Paul intends to convey an idea to the world that he may by some means save a part of his kindred from a second death, or, in other words, that by stimulating them to believe in the mediator that they might attain to a resurrection with the Gentile world, who through his agency and preaching had accepted the terms of salvation and would become first in the resurrection; but his brethren, who rejected the mediator, would have to be born again and become members of Christ's spiritual kingdom, which would be the receiving of them from the dead, but all he could provoke to believe would be saved from the second death. Thus Paul continues his spiritual course of reason, commencing at the 16th verse, same chapter.

It truly should appear to all who read the above quotation that there is another provision made for the Adamic descendants beyond this life, to bring them into the fold of God; for, according to Paul's argument in the above quotations, but very few of Adam's race have, or will, accept of Jesus Christ as a Saviour or a mediator in this life, His plan being too humble and low, and His requisitions not agreeing with their exalted ideas of their manufactured Saviour, or their ideas of a temporal deliverer—a personage of pomp and splendor; a great war general; an earthly conqueror, and one that delighted in the shedding of blood and the slaying of nations very similar to the God

they worshipped; one whose wrath and anger could not be appeased only through the order of their sacrifices, who liked the smell of blood and burnt meat; such a God that had not respect to Cain's sacrifice—not having the smell of flesh and blood. This was the kind of Saviour they looked for, and they had marked out the plan through which He was to come. Of course, when He came, His first business would be to confer with their priests and with them lay out the plan for a temporal rule, and then they would show to the nations that surrounded them, to whom they were paying tribute, that the scale would be changed, and all the nations of the earth would necessarily come to their great city to worship, and their city would become noted for sweet smelling sacrifices. But what were the first impressions made on their important and pompous minds at the announcement of the long-looked-for Saviour? Rumors came floating into Jerusalem from all quarters that the Saviour was born and that His birth had been proclaimed by angels. Now the excited Jews eagerly ask, "Where and how did he come? Did He come through their prescribed rule?" The proclamation by the angels was all right; but was the proclamation made to their red-robed priests? Was He born in some of their grand palaces, and through a virgin of high birth? Oh, no! the proclamation was made to the lowest grades of human beings on the earth—to the shepherds on the hills adjacent to Bethlehem, and the mother and father were people of very humble birth; and what was more degrading than all the balance, was born in a sheep stable, and in the manger at

that; and the whole thing with the exalted Jews was worse than a farce—the surrounding nations, who had been jubilant on a high-born Saviour and a deliverer, who would make his mark among the nations of the earth—all flooding in upon their exalted minds, disputed the whole thing and treated the same as a farce and a consummate bore. But some of the circumstances accompanying His birth were worthy of note, and His arrival at the age that men were admitted into the priesthood was an event which they intended to watch with great interest, and, no doubt, if the Saviour, even at that late hour, had chosen eminent men from the descendants of Aaron of the lineage of the ancient priests, and the wealthy nabobs of Jerusalem, they would have changed their ideas materially. But behold! to their chagrin, He chose twelve men almost as low as the shepherds through whom He was announced by angels at His birth. This brought down upon Him their hatred and contempt, and from that period the Jewish rabbies sought to destroy Him, and after He had finished His work upon the earth, and laid the foundation for His spiritual kingdom, and the regeneration of the Jews in the world to come, He gave Himself up into their hands, and was condemned and crucified without a fault. But we find that the same body they mangled and set at naught was only changed by Divine power. Having lost His blood from the wounds they inflicted, His veins were filled with the spirit, as Adam first before the fall, and with the same body He will return to finish His work of bringing from the bondage of death those Jews, of

which the Apostle Paul informs us, in the 15th verse before alluded to, that they, through the plan laid by Jesus Christ for the second birth or regeneration, would bring them into prison life again, being brought by divine power from their bondage or law of death to a celestial life, and will dwell on the earth 1,000 years, in peace and harmony.

Thus in the very early stages of man, the spirit of war and conquest appeared to be the ruling passion, and thus commenced the manufacture of the formidable weapons of death—the sword, the spear, the battle-axe and the javelin—and with these weapons they would band themselves together, and make fearful havoc with their neighbors and the surrounding tribes. The largest and most ambitious men were hunted up, and selected to lead their armies. Thus, in the event of time, men began to call upon the Supreme Being for assistance in fighting their battles.

The god of battles began to be invoked to lead men successfully against their enemies, and from the days of King David down to the present time the God of nature has been approached by contemptible, warlike demons, in human form, asking the All-wise God to assist them in slaying their fellow-beings by thousands, without justice or mercy; and these very same wholesale murderers are men that are praised to the skies, and elected to the highest offices among the nations of the earth.

Now, let me ask, with the spirit of meekness, assisted by the spirit of truth, backed up by the word of God, to cease to invoke the fiery demon or spirit

of war to assist in killing fellow-beings, and lay aside the weapons of your carnal warfare, during these few coming years of perils and severe trials, the end of which may we hail with joy, the glorious jubilee of peace, when all nations of the earth will accept with delight the new-born day.

Now I shall not attempt to dispute the Bible record respecting the deluge, and that the descendants of Adam were all swept from the earth, but Noah's family, as is stated in the Bible. But I shall dispute that all of the first created intelligences were destroyed. In this part of my work I will be as brief as possible. It is quite evident that not all of the inhabitants that now dwell upon the earth spring from one man and woman, as is generally conceded by all theologians, from the fact that the descendants of Noah, so far as his sons and daughters can be traced back, retain their physiological and anatomical organisms complete, without variation, or a shadow of change, only as to color or complexion of the cuticle, or texture of the skin, and that change is brought about by the climate in which their lots have been cast; but, throughout the lapse of nearly seven thousand years, an accustomed eye, and one closely observing the undeviating rule of God's law that likeness begets likeness, can readily tell when coming into the society of Adam's race, or the mixed races that are found on many portions of the earth at this period of time. Thus, in the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the

spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Now, what are we to understand by the beginning? This question, no doubt, embodies a greater range of thought than is found elsewhere in the Bible, and, in order to answer this question satisfactorily to my readers, I will have to call to aid some of my ancient brethren who moved for many years in the immediate society of Him who called into being our first grandparents in the celestial garden of paradise. The first individual that we will summon to our aid is that important man of God that has been an important agent and immediately associated with the affairs of the Most High through the various ages of man's existence on the earth. In the first place we find him figuring in the days of the ancient kings and prophets; holding direct control over the earth and the elements; who had the power to open and to shut the heavens, and to call down celestial fire. Holding within his noted mantle the emblem of power; and after having finished his mission, as an agent on the earth, in the hands of the Most High, consigned his mantle to Elisha, to hold and use as a figure in his second term of prison-life on the earth, where they, with other celestial agents, were to lay the foundation for a spiritual kingdom in the world to come. This important agent, in his second term of prison-life on the earth, in the noted organism of John the Baptist, comes to my aid in answering the very important question as found above, namely, what is understood by the beginning? Thus we find in the First Chapter of John's Gospel, commencing at the first of the chapter, the very sin-

gular code of ideas—in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and the same was in the Beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

Thus we find a very striking resemblance between St. John's description of the first creation and the beginning, with that found in the First Chapter of Genesis, both descriptions harmonizing with each other, and also harmonizing with the description found in the fore part of this second revelation, that before the establishment of the organic laws, that the earth was void and without form, resting in the chambers of space, unorganized; when darkness was upon the face of the deep, and God moved upon the face of the waters; or, in other words, when those magnetic centers were laid, and the organic laws established, chaos obeyed those laws according to natural principles.

We find no difference in Moses' description of the bringing of man on the stage of life, and that of other living beings, only he was made in the image and after the likeness of the Creator, and placed at the head of all animate beings created before him, and upon which and the fruits of the earth he was commanded to subsist, and upon which substances he did subsist, for the space of 193,000 years, before the second formation by the Lord God, in the celestial garden of Eden. It is conceded by nearly all theologians that the Scriptures do not set forth the idea that intelligences existed on the earth before God called into being Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden. But

now let us unveil the First and Second Chapters of Genesis. The name of the Lord is not found in the chapter, and man is identical with all animated substances that were created on the earth—fish, birds, beasts, and creeping things—all alike, were called into being by the same creative law, and the same command from the same Creator that each created organism should bring forth after his own kind, and all these were commanded to multiply and replenish the earth; and thus the reader can plainly see that male and female of every kind, from the lowest grade of creeping things up to man, the highest, was called into being on the earth. Thus, for 193,000 years, as above mentioned, the command of God was fully obeyed, and at the period of time when the Lord God formed Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden, the earth's surface was densely populated.

Adam and Eve being formed by divine power, could not become associated with the dragon's spirits, until after the prison doors were thrown open by the transgression of that law, which was brought about by the influence of Satan himself, who, in reasoning with Adam and Eve, tells them positively that they would not die by eating the earthly fruit. But it appears that he was designedly employed by his superior officer, Michael, to induce them to break the divine law, that through the physical death of that then celestial body, by a multiplication of the same through the transgression of the law, that in the event of time, through the opening of those prison doors, life eternal could be extended to his lost subjects, and through which wise

provisions we, the inhabitants of the 19th century, are verging upon the eve of the great millennium of peace. Now the most important matter to be harmonized in this work as touching the design of Christ's mission on the earth, is to prove that this provision was made before the world began, and that the sin for which Christ's blood was shed, was committed before man was created on the earth, and that the physical organism of man is only the prison-house in which and through which those eternal spirits of the great red dragon were to become reconciled to the laws against which they fought, and for which transgression Christ was manifested in the flesh, and for which that body died. Now, as the time is near at hand, and the first vial of wrath is about to be poured out on the earth, which has its relative bearings on that portion of the inhabitants that bear the mark of the beast, I will make a few quotations from my former work, written on the Isle of Patmos.

“ 1. The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John :

2. Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein : for the time is at hand.”

This revelation which was sent and signified by His angel did not intend to extend its true meaning to

the inhabitants of earth till the commencement of his second prophecy. The 4th verse continues : " John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before his throne." When spirits are spoken of by the revelator that they are agents employed by the Lord God to assist him in bringing back the angels which, by transgression, had fallen, and the spirits above alluded to, which were before the throne, had a special work to do that would never be forced to enter prison life, but which were before the throne in the presence of Jesus Christ, and ready at his call to go on any errand of mercy to the earth, to bear tidings to celestial officers, clothed in flesh, and will become important agents in the next world, when Christ returns the second time to the earth, as John describes in the 7th verse, which reads thus : " Behold, he cometh with clouds : and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him : and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

They that crucified Him, that is, the Jewish nation, shall bewail, because at that time they will learn from the scars they inflicted on Him when He returns back to earth, and this evidence will be sufficient to humble them as in the dust, when all of the tribes shall lament because of their former wickedness, and all Israel will be saved, because all will believe. You will readily discover that all that John saw and described remains in the future, and has a direct reference to things that are to take place when Christ shall return

again with those spirits and angels that will assist in the establishment of His kingdom, and this kingdom, we learn, is only to continue that length of time that will require the regeneration or bringing on to the earth, through the order of birth, all of the descendants of the children of Israel, which, according to the length of time spoken of in the Scriptures, will be one thousand years ; but before the auspicious period is brought about or before the time that Christ shall return to the earth there is to be the most serious devastation that has ever been witnessed on the earth since the days of the flood, and few of the nations of the earth will survive the fearful plagues, and many of them will become entirely extinct. During those fearful years many of the Jews will flee to Egypt, where the plagues will not be so severe, and when the end of all flesh shall be looked for, Jesus Christ, with a retinue of his shining messengers, to change the conditions of those that have survived, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, will come, and they will be caught up according to the declaration of the Scripture, and remain there until the fearful curse is taken from the earth, and He will take away this curse and the spirits that will return again to earth, and being born again through those lovely forms that have been changed in a moment by divine power, and, in that celestial condition, will finish up their third and last prison life through the Adamic descendants. It would not be expedient to give in detail the rise and fall of the different nations since the first creation of man on the earth. But it would be a source of satisfaction, no doubt, to my readers, to give

a clearer or more perfect description of the land, or portion of the earth's surface to which the banished criminals of all nations were sent, also the modes and conditions of their lives up to the period of time that the God made provisions for their re-incarnation in the land of their sojourning, through Adam and Eve.

The second Chapter of Genesis, commencing at the 8th verse, gives a description of that land by Moses, between two and three thousand years after man was driven out of the garden; a long time after it had been drenched by the flood, and no doubt every vestige of its surface covered by alluvial deposits; and the process through which Moses gained his information respecting this extraordinary commencement of Adam's race on the earth will, no doubt, forever remain a mystery to the world, but I shall not attempt to dispute its correctness, for I am fully satisfied that he wrote by impression, and from his personal observation, as an agent on the earth in former periods—the same as the writer's pen of this work is directed; but this briefness leaves many important items, from the creation to the deluge, entirely in the dark, of which intervening space of time and its noted changes I will herein give a brief description from personal observation.

Moses informs us that this garden is eastward in Eden, and we should infer that it was near to the east line or boundary of that province, but the area of this enclosure is not described, but we learn from Moses' description of the garden that there was an extraordinary fountain within its enclosure, which gave rise to four grand and important rivers; that immediately

after it passed its borders, it branched off into four streams, running in opposite directions, and which rivers marked off, or bounded, several extensive and important ranges of country, that extended beyond the garden. The name of the first river was Pison, which surrounded or encompassed the whole land of Havilah, where there was gold, and of a fine quality, besides abounding in some precious stones.

One of the other branches was called Gihon, which surrounded the whole land of Ethiopia; the term which Moses here makes use of would signify that the whole land or province of Havilah and Ethiopia was completely surrounded by water, consequently those two rivers must have flowed into lakes, or bodies of water, that surrounded these territories. We are also led to believe that they were no more nor less than islands, of some magnitude, inhabited by a race of people understanding the value of gold, and the worth and quality of diamonds and precious stones. According to the additional description Moses gives of that beautiful garden and its surroundings, that there were two other rivers of some magnitude flowing from this extraordinary fountain out of this garden, which ran in opposite directions, one flowing or watering the eastern tributaries or boundaries of that land, which was called Hiddekel, and skirting along the east of Assyria; and the fourth river was Euphrates. But he does not tell us what course this river flowed, after leaving this wonderful fountain head. Now, what conclusion can we arrive at in reading this brief description Moses thus gives of this wonderful garden? It

should be quite apparent to all reading the same that this wonderful garden was located upon the highest prominence found in all that land, and so completely guarded on every side that there was no entrance into the garden only from one point and that was the opening out of which Adam and Eve were driven, after their transgression, and after this that entrance was so thoroughly guarded that no mortal could enter.

The earth was once a mass of liquid fire, and the condition of the elements at a certain period in the annals of time became so thoroughly condensed and so heavily charged that vast torrents of water fell from the heavens upon the surface of this melted mass. The vast bodies of water that had accumulated on the earth were nearly all thrown from the center to the poles, and thus the melted mass, giving way to the pressure of water upon the poles, was forced back both from the north and the south poles, so that it formed a remarkably high prominence clear around both poles, which retained the greater portion of that vast body of water around the poles, and the great valleys intervening between these prominent ranges of mountains were only watered from the internal avenues leading from these two great oceans. Thus we find that it was on one of these ranges of hills that divided the northern ocean from the great valley, extending to the south, and this extraordinary fountain, flowing out of the garden, was fed by this vast fountain or body of water, which laid much higher than the garden. This remarkable garden surrounding this fountain was where the foundation was laid

through the order of prison-life, for the re-incarnation of those condemned prisoners, which has already been described. Thus we find from the period of time that God created the first inhabitants on the earth, male and female, this condition of the earth's surface had been preserved, and we also learn at that period of time that at the center, or intermediate space between the two belts of mountains already described, and immediately under the equator, another belt of mountains encompassed the earth, which was the dividing line between the northern and southern hemispheres; and thus we learn from our guide, that those criminals who were banished from their nations, of the first creation in the southern hemisphere, were sent across this range of mountains, into the unexplored regions of the north, which land had become densely populated from the descendants of the first creation, who had kept up a continual warfare of robbing and plundering, until the second provision was made through Adam and Eve, to and through which condition was arranged by Michael, to ameliorate their deplorable condition.

Thus we find that from the time Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden, that all those condemned spirits had been born upon the earth, and passed through a succession of temporal forms, previous to which time Michael informs Noah of the provisions that had been made to bring about the end of all flesh on that part of the earth, by the order or means of a flood, and tells him to make preparations by erecting a vessel, to save the seed of all the ani-

imals that had been called into being on that portion of the globe; and he being obedient to the command, the ark was arranged in order, and made strong to stand the surging of the waves, and filled with its live freight, and Noah with seven other living mortals. Noah with his wonderful craft was soon conveyed by wind and current several thousand miles southeast, to the mountain where he unloaded his weary animals. But it must be remembered that the land from which the ark had drifted remained the bed of an ocean several hundred years from the time that the water broke in upon them. It would be a source of satisfaction to my readers to learn what my personal observation has been in the past ages, respecting the cause of the deluge, and from whence came this vast body of water. In the first place the crust that had accumulated over the ocean of liquid fire had become of considerable depth. This vast current of fire had nearly approached the borders of the northern ocean, and at the time Noah entered his ark, the fire had burned through to the bed of the ocean, and the vast current of water rushing in, the very first explosion of this confined steam burst asunder that vast chain of hills that intervened between the valley and the ocean, and opened up a mighty passage, through which this ocean rushed, which raised the ark far above the towering hills, and the water continued to flow also beneath the surface, amidst the fiery billows, and a succession of eruptions following each other, until hundreds of deep beds of earth were thrown up, and its mountains of muck and mire were washed over this

entire land, thus submerging far below its masses of floating earth vast towns and cities, above which the present inhabitants are now living, verging to the era of a devastation which will be nearly as serious as the deluge. During the year of the deluge a portion of the belt of mountains that encompassed the earth under the equator, was burst into fragments and entirely carried away, and now has become the bed of the Atlantic ocean.

Critics may smile, and say that this kind of logic will not stand the test of science, for will not the same law hold good, as to alluvial deposits, in one case as in the other. If the earth was thrown up and deposited over the land, as stated, would not those deposits, or floating earth, be more natural to settle and fill up those beds than to be deposited on higher lands? The answer is this—those yawning mouths enlarged every hour as they opened up additional avenues, through which this vast ocean flowed, till the head became level with those lakes.

Further, the native Indians have the marks of a pure blood, and of the first created intelligences. If they were not of Adam's descendants, and this continent being overflowed, from whence did they come? Here the answer will be that the deluge did not extend beyond the Rocky Mountains, only as the waters of the deluge passed around the southern slope of mountains, and beyond the southern point of Cape Horn, and gradually settled and became the Pacific Ocean; and the range or slope of land extending to the Pacific Ocean, from the Rocky Mountains, was in-

habited by a powerful tribe of Indians, who knew not of the remarkable doings going on east of that range of mountains. Thus they enjoyed their monotonous style of life, without interruption, from the time God called them into being until the period of the deluge. On the east side of that range of mountains another remarkable nation existed, entirely distinct from those on the west side. They were a nation that did not depend entirely on game or hunting for a living, but were, to some extent, cultivators of the soil, and were a peaceful and a friendly nation, entirely distinct from the Adamic descendants, yet they were nearly three times the size of their brethren on the other side of the mountains, and as the water from the ocean was gradually rising upon them the whole nation fled to the mountains, and thus being deprived of all sustenance, and driven to want and extreme necessity, eagerly sought on the other side of the mountains for food and raiment, and coming in contact with the inhabitants on that side of the mountains, forcibly advanced and committed rash acts upon that nation, to obtain food, that nothing else but hunger could have prompted them to have done; taking forcibly from them the game they had procured for their own use, and even some of those giants were driven to the extreme necessity of slaying some of the Indian tribes and eating them to satisfy their hunger. This brought down the vengeance of those tribes upon the intruders, and after the waters had passed off they were driven across the mountains and followed up and killed, until the giant nation became extinct, which

left the Indians owners of the soil, to enjoy their peaceful life until they beheld a floating vessel, which to them appeared like a moving craft of life; and more intense was their astonishment when from the craft stepped a large multitude of pale-faces, who bent the knee upon their shore, and offered a prayer to the same God that they worshipped; but those intruders proved far more formidable than those across the great mountains of the west.

Another important matter might here be hinted at: the sacrificing of animal life, or the offering up of devotional prayers, through the very singular custom of shedding blood for the sacrifice of sins. This custom commenced with Adam's first children, and was continued by all of Adam's descendants until the time that He who formed Adam and Eve took part with the same body of death. Thus it may be understood that when Michael called Adam into being He told Adam that He had then through him laid the foundation to redeem that portion of the world that, by transgression, was lost, and that he, so wonderfully and fearfully made, possessing vital principles of a perpetuated life, but he, also, in the event of time, by transgression, would subject that beautiful form to the law of death; and that all of his progeny would also have to meet the same fate. Thus we can perceive that the extraordinary agent ordained by angels, empowered by God, and sent to the earth over 1,800 years ago to redeem the fallen angels who were lost, has by no means abandoned His purposes, for from that period of time to the present He has followed us

by His mercies and guardian care ; and now we also find, after the elapse of 1,890 years, from the time He was murdered by those He came to save, He hath made further provisions through important agents, that are now standing on the earth, to open up the way to bring about the third and last change extended to His prisoners on the earth. These agents will be fully advised of their work when the time comes for them to act ; for the whole plan of regeneration depends entirely on the re-establishment of the ancient Melchisedek priesthood, which had its rise on the earth in the order of a carnal law, and was dissolved or was blended into the Apostolic priesthood, which received its noted change through the Archangel Michael taking a part with the subjects of Melchisedek, which passed under the law of death, but through Michael's entering or taking a part with the members of the ancient priesthood, changed that form of the carnal law by bringing its subjects out from under those bonds of death and extending to them a perpetuated life beyond the grave. Michael, proving Himself to be the foundation upon which both priest-hoods rested, and thus to consummate His work on the earth in the next world, His agents are already on the earth ready to organize, who will receive their commission when the time fully comes.

The attention of the reader is called to the 10th chapter of Revelations.

The circumstances connected with all that St. John heard and saw was completely wrapped in mystery. Firstly, we find that the angel which appeared

to John was clothed with a body of mist, or a cloud, which overshadowed the angel; yet the form beneath or within the cloud was possessed with great powers of light, from the fact that St. John beheld shining through the cloud the face of the angel, which was bright as the sun, and the entire form of the angel was an embodiment of light, as his feet were as pillars of fire, showing to the world that the entire mission and revelation of this angel when thoroughly understood, was to light up the dark mist and error of superstition, and also the feet of the angel, being pillars of fire, were calculated to burn up all dross and false foundations of misguided theologians when the true light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ was fully presented to the world.

All ministering agents employed by God, in the great work of Christian reform, as a general rule, had but one Christian work consigned to them to perform, and notwithstanding St. John, whilst in the spirit on the Isle of Patmos, was permitted to behold all the extraordinary provisions made and entered into by the grand armies of heaven to bring about a reconciliation of the angels that had rebelled, yet he had but one work consigned to his charge to carry out, notwithstanding it required over eighteen hundred years to accomplish this great work, and his mission will be found in the chapter above referred to.

At the time St. John beheld the Angel the vision was as mystified and obscure to him as it has been to the rest of the world since it was written.

The angel that appeared in the cloud had over his head, on the cloud, a rainbow, which, together with

the brightness of the angel's face, reflected great light, with the tints and colors of the rainbow, over the open book which the angel held in his hand; and the angel that held the open book stood with one foot on the sea and one on the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth, showing to the inhabitants of the earth that the mission and work of the angel extended to the whole world, occupying both land and sea, and the message was delivered with that extraordinary force and power that it represented the voice of a lion, and this extended through these seven grand spheres as the seven thunders uttered their voices; which grand work of reformation was proclaimed by this mighty angel on his descent from the throne, through the seven spheres, till he delivered this extraordinary message to John. And when the seven thunders uttered their voices John was about to write, but another voice from heaven spoke to John, and told him not to write this extraordinary revelation, but seal up the same till another event should transpire, and this event should be just preceding the ushering in of the third and last world, at or near the terminus of the Gentile world, which would clear the way for the regeneration of the descendants of Abraham, or the ushering in of the great millennium of peace, at the close of which nation the earth would undergo its extraordinary change by fire, alluded to in other portions of the Scripture; that time should be no longer. At the time this message was delivered to John, even the contents of the little open book were to remain with St. John until the commencement of the last age, or when

the seventh angel should begin to sound, as John was ordered to eat up the little open book which contained all the other revelations and prophecies, until the mystery should be finished. And it appears, from the 11th verse of the same chapter, that the whole matter was to rest with St. John, as the angel said unto him, after swallowing the book, "Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings." If the ideas entertained by the theologians are correct, this matter will forever slumber with St. John, as he never prophesied in that temporal form after he swallowed up the little book. But I am happy here to proclaim to the world that the same identical spirit that dictated for the pen of St. John, over eighteen hundred years ago, is at this time making provisions, through the hand of the present writer, to take the seal from the little open book, and proclaim to the world that same extraordinary document which St. John was ordered to seal up over eighteen hundred years ago, which was uttered by the seven thunders. The Great Author has appointed the writer of this work to assist in carrying out the great principles of Christian reform; and as the task, which has been consigned to my charge, is an arduous one, I will yield to the teaching of the spirit, and will attempt to lift the veil from the little open book which St. John was ordered to swallow over eighteen hundred years ago.

Now what are we to understand by this revelation? The world reading this little open book while in its swallowed or engulfed position whilst resting under a seal, did not, neither could, fully understand its highly

mystified contents; yet the reading of the same did not produce bitterness, notwithstanding no two individuals understood its sealed contents alike; but in the early stages of the Christian religion, after the little open book had been placed before the world for perusal, speculation and priestcraft at an early day began to show the world the bitterness which St. John describes in regard to the book after it was swallowed. Thus we see that an evil-designing man, through cursed speculation for gain, selected from its mystified pages a written form of belief, and after carefully arranging the matter, called the inhabitants of a certain district together, and declared to them that he had been called of God to preach the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ to a dying world; and the astonished listeners, hearing the extraordinary discourse and winning manners of the speaker, became convinced that his theory and understanding of the Scriptures was all right; that he had truly learned the contents of the wonderful book, which they had never before understood, and all this man of God asked at their hands to become their constant preacher, was as small remuneration for his labors, which, of course, was liberally granted, leaving an appointment to return at some future time, while he extended his labors in other portions of the country. Here permit me to say, that if this had been the only church established, and the only coloring of the rainbow which St. John saw over the angel's head, which reflected on the little open book while resting in the mouth, the sensation would have been always sweet.

But another speculative and evil designing man,

with superior powers of mind and a deeper range of thought than Mr. A., having the articles of faith and written code of the first speculator of the Christian church, makes a strong effort by selecting different articles of faith from the sealed book, and when properly arranged he calls together the members of Mr. A.'s church, and with flowing eloquence convinces a portion of Mr. A.'s members that they are worshipping under false colors, and thus from Mr. A.'s members he establishes another church. This state of affairs produces a division of sentiment between the two churches, both tenaciously adhering to the doctrines they suppose to be right. Thus we find that intense bitterness was generated between the two churches, which oftentimes led to heated discussions of the most serious character; and thus Mr. A., hearing the interposition of his antagonist and impious intruder, meets him face to face, and the controversies oftentimes arising between those church adherents, have resulted in fearful calamities. We find here two colorings of the rainbow, and serious bitterness arising out of the same, as the sealed contents of the book could not be properly understood. The spirit that animated the physical prison of St. John, was born of Jewish parentage, and consequently a portion of that book could never be unsealed by him so that the Jews could understand it. Neither could he understand its true meaning, as it was not the time for its true development. Neither could its true contents be understood by the inhabitants of earth, till about the time that the fulness of the Gentiles become and, as the time is at

hand, I am called again, in another physical prison, to lift the veil from the book that the Gentile nations now remaining on the earth, and who survive the fearful calamities soon to visit the earth, may enjoy the true light of the great millennial sun when Christ shall come the second time to sit upon the throne of His glory, and when the twelve apostles shall receive the fulfillment of the promise that Christ made to them over eighteen hundred years ago, namely, that when the Son of Man should come into His kingdom, and sit upon the throne of His glory, that they should sit also on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

We have ample proofs in the Scripture, which is referred to in other portions of this work, that John the Baptist and eleven of the Apostles, accompanied Michael to the earth, on His grand mission of Christian reform, and they all voluntarily entered corruptible prisons or temporal bodies, to assist in carrying out the plan of reconstruction, and laying the foundation, also, of a regeneration which would bring them on the earth again in the world to come, as they are to sit on thrones as judges, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Of course then they will be regenerated or born again, as Christ told Nicodemus, and assist in establishing the kingdom in the world to come. Now, if it can be successfully proven by the Scriptures, that these same bodies are to be resurrected from the graves, they most assuredly will be recognized by their friends as the same individuals, and no doubt would be called by the same name. Then John the Baptist

would be recognized as John the Baptist, and be addressed or called by the same name. But this we should infer from Christ's declaration to His Apostles respecting John the Baptist, when he tells them that the least one in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist, and yet teaching them at the same time that the officers who had been instrumental in assisting Him in that age, should also be officers in the next world, or should sit as judges on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Then we find that they will receive honor as rulers, not as John the Baptist, or other of the Apostles, but as a man born into that kingdom under a spiritual administration; which would make Job's language good, that notwithstanding worms should destroy the body, yet in his flesh he should see God. Now it is not wisdom to argue that John's old physical carcass would be accumulated into form, but as Christ informs Nicodemus he would be born again, or be re-incarnated on the earth, in the latter days, and enjoy the spiritual reign with Christ a thousand years. During this period we find that the whole house of Israel are to be regenerated or born again, when the plan of redemption will be made plain, and the inhabitants will accept of salvation, as Paul declares, so all Israel will be saved. At this time, we find, there is to be but one faith, one law, and one baptism, and one system of worship; when disputations, strife, hatred and contentions, war and commotion shall be wiped out. St. John looked down through the range of eighteen hundred years to this present time, when describing the bitterness of the little open

book, and the spirit of St. John, after having been dislodged from that prison for that length of time, till stepping into another vase of clay, to make good the declaration of the angel that gave to John the little open book, when he tells John that he must prophesy again, before many peoples, nations, kings and tongues.

The author of this book has been prophesying for forty-seven years, in various parts of the world, entirely unconscious of his mission, as the one to lift the veil from the book ; as the agent sent to the Gentile nations at the end of the second world, to prepare the way for the third and last dispensation, when Christ, as we find in the Fifth Chapter of Revelation, will make His appearance to take off the seal from the book, that the Jews may understand its true meaning which no other agent but Jesus Christ can do to the Jews.

Christ's mission the second time will be wholly to the Jews, after the fullness of the Gentiles be come in ; and the only being that can be found in heaven or in earth, that is capable or able to take the seal from the book to convince the Jews that He, whom they sacrificed, was the promised Messiah, and the time appointed when He will lift the veil from the book and unloose the seals, is very near at hand. But we find that Christ's mission will not be to the Gentiles, for His coming the second time will not be until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in, but other agents are employed.

During the thousand years of the reign of peace

on the earth that all of those unreconciled spirits that have not been redeemed through their prison-life, during the two chances which they have already had, that there the whole plan of salvation will be made plain to them, as you will find in the Fifth Chapter of Revelation, 9th and 10th verses.

This reign of peace will be hailed with pleasure by all the creatures of earth, as well as the celestial courts above. As the 13th verse informs us: "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

We also find, in the Seventh Chapter of Revelation, there is yet to be twelve tribes of the Jews established upon the earth.

According to this extraordinary revelation, during the thousand years of the reign of Christ on the earth, all the tribes of the children of Israel that originally inhabited the earth, are to be called upon the earth again, and be recognized by the inhabitants nearly as before. But their government will be under the spiritual law, which rulers or officers are appointed by the living God, as we find in the second verse of the above-named chapter. That the angel which John saw ascending or rising from the inhabitants of the earth, having the seal of the living God, and he cried with a loud voice, or was sent to the four officers that were stationed in the four corners of the earth, who command both land and sea, saying, Withhold your work

of destruction, till we have sealed the servants of our God, or, in other words, till the end of the thousand years of peace, till all of the disobedient spirits that were not reconciled in the center world, have had access to the temporal prisons again; and when the twelve Apostles shall have their promise made good to them, by their Master, that they should sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel, and after all of this has been consummated, then those officers who have been appointed by God to hurt the earth will do their work of destruction upon the remaining inhabitants, and the earth shall be cleansed by fire when Christ gives up his power, and God stamps his eternal seal upon all, when time is no more.

This declaration we find in the Tenth Chapter of Revelation, 5th verse.

The dire effect of priestcraft has produced greater bitterness than any other cause that has ever been realized on the earth, and the most extraordinary bitterness which St. John saw in his vision, may be found in the Thirteenth Chapter of Revelation.

It is evident that all that John describes was relating wholly to official matters that were performed on the earth by delegated officers, a part of whom were elected or appointed by the inhabitants of earth to carry out the civil laws and government of the inhabitants of earth during the event of the third or last world, or the thousand years of the reign of peace, the inhabitants of which it appears had gained a decided victory over the sectarian creeds, a figure of which will be found in the Fifteenth Chapter of Revelation, com-

mencing at the first verse, which reads thus: "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God." Thus we find that this strange sign that St. John discovered had its direct allusion to the end or terminus of the sectarian creeds or established doctrines on the earth bearing the mark of the beast, which was not harmonized with the true worship of God, as we find in the above-named verse, thus: "For in them is filled up the wrath of God;" and in the second verse of the same chapter we find this extraordinary language:

"2. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that had got the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

3. And they sang the song of Moses, the servant of God."

The inhabitants who survive the fearful calamities that are to visit the earth, described as the seven angels having the seven last plagues, which serious devastation, it appears, only extended to that portion of the inhabitants that bore the mark of the beast, and this mark or sectarian worship was only found among the Christian denominations, which is evident did not extend to the Jewish nations, as they only worshipped the Living God. But we find in the Sixteenth Chapter of Revelation, 2nd verse, that the first angel poured out his vial upon the earth, and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which

had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image; which should be apparent to all who read this portion of Revelation that St. John in his vision discovered the end of all creeds, when the Gentile nations should be swept from the earth by the fearful calamities, which were to prevail or last seven successive periods, and to be so serious and general in its character that but few of the inhabitants of earth would survive the fearful plagues, but they who did survive were the saints that could sing the new song and standing as it were, on the sea of glass, or, in other words, standing upon a pure, firm, and clear foundation, as the sea of glass, and sing their new songs of praise and worship the true and living God.

Among the founders of false creeds may be found some of the most cold-hearted murderers that have ever disgraced the world—imps, devils and demons in human form, as the Gospel of Jude informs us—who were before of old ordained unto this condemnation, crawled into the church to carry out their master's principles, and thus to force all men to worship the Roman cross for several hundred years. The Christian worshippers of the dark ages were subjected to the most fearful tortures that human ingenuity could invent—hunted down like beasts of prey; chased into dens and holes and caverns of the earth, and there smoked, burned and starved to death; others captured and thrown beneath the car of Juggernaut and crushed to death; others placed upon the rack of torture and pulled in pieces, and many other excruciating scenes of torture that no pen can describe—all which were de-

vised and brought about by the so-called priests of God.

Now we come to notice more particularly the scriptural records relating to the third and last world and the extraordinary changes that are to be brought about both in the earth's surface and the inhabitants that are to dwell upon the earth for a thousand years, which is to be the final and last chance for spirits or demons to become reconciled to the laws of God through the plan of prison life. This regeneration, it appears, is only extended to the house of Israel, agreeing with Ezekial's vision of the valley of dry bones, which he discovered in the event of time was to stand upon the earth; and this vision of Ezekial has given rise to the erroneous notions of a great portion of the Christian worshippers of a physical resurrection, or a resurrection of the physical bodies, which declaration is not presented to us in the Scriptures, but the Scriptural record proves the reverse of this. Now let us notice more particularly the nature and condition of the inhabitants of the next world, and how the houses of Israel are to stand upon the earth, and in what condition and under what circumstances they are to come. In the Third Chapter of the First Epistle of John, 2nd verse, is the following language: "Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

John, at the time he wrote this epistle, was ignorant as to the extraordinary change that the living inhabitants of the earth would undergo when Christ

makes his appearance the second time to establish His kingdom on the earth; but Peter, being more fully advised by his Master in regard to the provisions which He had made to harmonize and reconcile the house of Israel in the next world, or the foundation which he had laid, through the assistance of his apostles, to carry out the regeneration which they also were to become a party to in the next world, promises them the honor of becoming temporal kings, sitting upon twelve thrones, presiding over the twelve tribes of Israel in the next world.

He says, First Epistle, iii: "17. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing.

18. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19. By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison."

Now, from this language, we learn that Christ's body after the crucifixion, had all the physical and essential properties as before his crucifixion, the blood excepted. The term which Peter uses that brought about His physical death—being put to death in the flesh, or, in other words, having bled to death from the wounds inflicted by the Jews—were wholly sufficient to produce death in any physical being. Then we learn from Christ's own language, after his crucifixion, that Peter's ideas were correct. When he made His appearance before his disciples, in a closed room where

they supposed no one could enter but a spirit; but He removes their doubts as to His identity, and not being a spirit, as they suppose, for He tells them to handle Him, and convince themselves of the fact; for, says He, a spirit has not flesh and bones, as you see me have, thus making the circumstances very plain that He had undergone no other change, only the loss of His blood. And he held this same condition until the time he was taken up out of their sight; and the angel standing by informs them that this same Jesus, whom you see ascending, shall in like manner descend to the earth.

The declarations found in the Book of Revelation do not describe any location, situation or condition beyond that of the earth's surface; all of the serious plagues, the vials of wrath, the beautiful city, new Jerusalem, the tree of life, the twelve manner of precious stones, the river of water of life proceeding out of the throne of God, the beautiful streets of gold, the twelve foundations under the magnificent city, the twelve pearly gates, the wonderful tree bearing twelve manner of fruits, the nations, the kingdoms, together with the deposits of gold and magnificent treasures that were brought to this magnificent city, are all transactions here on the earth, and remaining yet to be fulfilled. And the most singular part of the whole affair is that the members of that kingdom, or the inhabitants that make up the nations in the world to come, are men and women like unto us, and are the same intelligences that have lived on the earth before.

Now, as this part of the subject has been briefly hinted at in a preceding portion of this work, respect-

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that the agents that had been employed to scourge the inhabitants of the centre world, and who, after having performed their work of destruction—one of them stood before John and talked with him, and showed him the wonderful arrangement which had been provided for the opening up of the millennium, the bride and the Lamb's wife, the high mountain, the magnificent city, its gates, its foundations, its golden streets, etc., were the wonderful provisions which Christ had prepared and arranged. And as St. John gazed upon this wonderful edifice, being in the spirit, saw its grandeur and magnificence that the Apostle Paul speaks of in the Second Chapter of Ephesians, from the 18th to the 22nd verse.

St. John, while in the spirit, gazed upon this magnificent structure, and becoming enraptured and wonderfully astonished at the wisdom, the goodness, and matchless power that had been displayed by the agent that had been ordained by angels, and empowered by God to reconcile and save them that were lost, and the provisions that had been made by Jesus Christ in laying the foundation of the wonderful edifice built upon the prophets and apostles, and Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, or the one laying the foundation for this wonderful system of reform and great plan of redemption, after the angel had taken him, while in the spirit, to this high mountain, and given him this extraordinary view of the whole plan of redemption through the combined agents working jointly together in raising the magnificent superstructure, hastens back into the form to

wield his pen, to hand these wonderful provisions to man, and thus, while in the form, the whole affair becomes blended through his imperfect organism, and he remembers it only as a wonderful building, and describes the same as a temple composed of precious and brilliant stones, which were ministering agents unassociated with mortality, and the prophets and apostles were agents that had been in the flesh with Jesus Christ also, who was the chief corner-stone.

It gives a fair description of all the gross errors, the practical deception, the intrigues, the wire-workings, the infernal plottings, the back-bitings, the licentiousness, and all manner of ungodliness, that are carried on among the various creeds of earth which St. John discovered and compared the same to a great city directly opposite to the great city, the new Jerusalem, both described as the foundation of two church organizations—the one established on the foundation of Jesus Christ and the prophets and apostles, which was the new Jerusalem; and the other, which was the cage of every foul beast and hateful bird, murderers, thieves, whoremongers, idolators and rascals claiming to be the true worshippers of God; but their abominations having reached to heaven, God had made provisions, through his agents, to bring this contemptible cage of unclean birds to desolation, and her destruction shall be in one hour, and all her members, bearing the mark of this horrid beast, or belonging to one of its branches, cried and wailed because of her, when they stood afar off and beheld the smoke of her burning. But all reading this de-

scription, which St. John describes as weeping with great bitterness, and mourning the downfall of this mighty city, were those who became wealthy by her merchandise—those very smooth, blatant preachers, under big salaries, their fine linen, diamond pins, their gold and silver, gold-headed canes, money to squander with their licentious mistresses, in pleasure excursions—all being afar off, and seeing the smoke of her burning, or learning that those contemptible institutions are broken up—their rich apparel, their bread and butter, and their big salaries, are gone by the board. Of course they would wail when their treacherous hearts are exposed to the world, and their only method of procuring a living is in the sweat of their face. The leaders and preachers, heading those sectarian creeds, cannot console themselves, nor dry up their tears, only in the vague hope of becoming members and leaders in the church of God, in the kingdom which will be established on the true foundation of the doctrines and teachings of the prophets and apostles, and the doctrine of Jesus Christ, having but one object, and that was to establish a permanent brotherhood, resting upon a foundation immovable, unshakable, upon which hang all the law and the prophets, summed up in these few words: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The description given by St. John of the destruction of Babylon and its ruined inhabitants was witnessed while in the spirit on the Isle of Patmos eighteen hundred years ago.

Now let us cast a few reflections on the two great cities described by one who was favored with the priv-

ilege of stepping aside from the form, and gazing with his spiritual eyes down through the passing ages, to the end of all sublunary matters on the earth, and the description that he gives us of two grand and opposing elements, made up out of intelligences, a part of which were associated with temporal bodies, and a part were men once in temporal bodies, and had thrown off the form and stood and talked with him, assuming a beautiful, a heavenly, or a celestial form, and the contrast being so great between the two—the one that led him into many of the grand mysteries of eminent transactions, that were then in the future and unaccomplished, the form being so pure and brilliant that John supposed he was talking with God and being favored with such an extraordinary interview and giving him such important knowledge of matters remaining in the future, he fell down and worshipped the form before him, when the intelligent before him tells him to do it not, that he was no more than his fellow servant and one of the prophets, or in other words that he had been in the bonds of flesh as well as John, acting as an agent of God, and thus being freed from his physical prison, standing in his celestial body, and still acting in the same capacity, unfolding to John and showing him various things which remained for him; that is, that John before he left his physical prison had to unfold to the world, by the agency of his pen, that when he stepped back into the form that he should place the same on record for the world to peruse, and thus tells John not to worship him, but to worship God. Thus, when John stepped back into

the form, he gave the same to the world as he remembered having seen the same while in the spirit.

Giving his description of the officers and their plottings in the organization bearing the mark of the beast he compares the same to the notorious city, Babylon, whose members and organizations, like the desolation of Babylon, would also come to nought, and in like manner be destroyed. Thus the reader can plainly see the figure here made use of by the revelators, to describe the present condition of the sectarian world, and that after the elapse of eighteen hundred years, he is sent forward again into the same wilderness where he was carried away in the spirit, to proclaim the downfall of Babylon, and to witness its dying throes after its protracted sickness of seven successive periods, till they have drunk to the dregs the contents of the last vial of wrath, which will be found in the Sixteenth Chapter of Revelation, 17th, 18th and 19th verses.

The devil holds so strong a grasp on his subjects that it requires the whole contents of the seven vials of wrath to purge them to the full abandonment of those fiendish principles, and even at the end of these seven periods of plagues, that even at the destruction of that horrid den of unclean beasts and birds ; or, in other words, the members bearing the mark of the beast, and that even at the breaking-up of those priestly holes of iniquity, that there will be three divisions of the members of this great city of Babylon ; one portion associated with, and become the members of the new Jerusalem, one party holding to the devil's

kingdom and the "floating trash" not fit really for any established faith, those contemptible priests standing outside in the market, as at the present day, ready to fit themselves into any crack, crevice, or hole where they can see the edges of gold dollars, and when making applications for admission into Christ's ranks, are remanded back, being the children of the devil's kingdom, and thus drifted to the place where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

The whole world is verging upon a revolution, when only the record of a pure soul will stand the crash of dissolving nations, those that have not joined the false isms of earth. Be careful, I say again, stand from under the dark cloud that hangs over the sectarian world, be not among those that will call for the rocks to hide them from the scrutinizing gaze of Him that knoweth their hearts, whose souls are blackened with false prayers; verily they shall have their reward. But remember when the true colors are hoisted, the true apostolic priesthood re-established, the sign of power manifested, and miracles re-established upon the earth, that therefore I proclaim that the time is nearly at hand when all these signs shall be realized.

I do not wish to be understood as condemning any of the religious worshippers of the present age, but the false teachers are already condemned, and the contemptible leaders of which shall be brought to an account for wilfully laying the foundation for strife, contention, party spirit, hatred and revenge, all of which has grown out of those leaders bearing the

mark of the beast, and wilfully laying the foundation of a sect purely out of selfish purposes, and drawing into their ranks the willing worshippers of God, subscribing to a name, a sect, a party, a creed, warning their members against joining with other sects in worshipping God; contrary to the law of Jesus Christ, lay the foundation of jealousy, out of which has sprung the bitter thorns of evil, and the horrid spirit of disunion and revenge.

Does not the Scripture teach mankind, clearly and plainly, that every individual is called upon to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and has not the Apostle Paul, who was sent to offer salvation to the Gentiles, and laying the foundation for their worship only through the doctrines of Jesus Christ, informing them, at the same time, that mankind was possessed of different sentiments, beliefs and dispositions, possessing different gifts and faculties, widely differing in their belief of right and wrong, and further declaring that as man believeth so is he? Then why does one man step out before the world and draw from the devil, who is a beast, taking from him a name to make up a sect, and declare to the world that they had discovered the right way to worship God, and all joining their ranks, and doing as they commanded, should be saved? I ask what have you discovered in Christ's teachings, different from the other sects, that would make salvation more sure and unfailing? Oh, it is in the form of baptism, of course. We have learned, without any mistake, that when Christ was baptized

that He went down into the water, and kneeled down, and was baptized by pouring water on his head, and we admit no one into our ranks but those that will comply with this ordinance. Another long-robed gentleman, bearing another mark, listening to his antagonist, fearing Mr. A. would get more than his share of members, and his bread and butter come up missing, gives Mr. A. the lie: Sir, I have just had a revelation from God, and, in that revelation, I was shown that Christ was baptized by standing up and water was poured on His head—false creed; another, He was put under the water, face downward—contemptible such creed; another, He was put under the water, back downward, three times—that is a mistaken creed; another, He was only put under once; another, standing with pure indignation, crying, what fools, what odds does it make about baptism, no doubt, at the Day of Pentecost, Peter took a brush and sprinkled the crowd, and that was sufficient—what a novice creed; another one, did not Christ say, suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven—and that is the time to baptize, being young, water, of course, would have a better effect; another comes up with a mark on his forehead, saying, baptism is not essential at all, that salvation depends entirely upon the manner of believing in the Trinity, there is but one God and He is made up of three principles, being a Father yet He was a Son of Himself, and His emanations or atmosphere arising from His power being a part of Himself overshadowed the Virgin Mary, the

whole three existing without body, parts, or fashion, all uniting within the virgin, in one form, and was born into the world, the true, the very, and the Eternal God, and the contemptible Jews killed Him, but He came to life again and went to heaven and there sits on the right hand of Himself.

There is nothing so high, so exalting, so noble and harmonizing to mortal, as the pure worship of God, and all of the beautiful and humbling ordinances that were recommended by Jesus Christ to the inhabitants of earth were only to bring down the self-exalted principles, the abominable pharisaic self-conceited righteousness of those long-faced, long-robed, sectarian priests who set themselves up for Christian leaders, and enforce doctrines upon their members contrary to that found in the spiritual guide. These are those which are weighed in the balance and found wanting; it is true they are not condemned, because of their superior intellects, neither are they resting under censure from their Creator, or any of the reasoning intelligences of the earth for their oratorical gifts, but they stand condemned before God and His worshipping intelligences, for the use that they have made of those eminent faculties, using all of their energies for selfish purposes, teaching men to worship the mark of the beast, or one of the numbers of his name, instead of teaching all men to worship God, through the plan of Christ's spiritual law, according to the dictates of their own conscience. These are that portion of the inhabitants of earth upon whom will fall the noisome and grievous sore that had

the mark of the beast, as is found in the Sixteenth Chapter of Revelation, 2nd verse, and the contents of that vial is already being poured out, and the grievous sore will be fully realized in this age by all that have been made rich out of the delicacies of Babylon, who will stand afar off, for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, which is found in the Eighteenth Chapter of Revelation, 15th verse, also 20th verse, thus: "Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her." Thus we find that out of the ruins of this desolated city will be established the church of God, on which foundation shall rest this magnificent superstructure the new Jerusalem.

Now it is evident that the world to come, which is spoken of in several places in the Scripture, has been arranged or provided, almost exclusively, for the reestablishment or the regeneration of the Jews, who, because of unbelief, have been remanded over to the next world; for it is evident that, from Abraham to the present day, they have never changed their mode of worship; they have joined with no sect, creed, or denomination, and, consequently, have not become associated with any of the marks of the beast, but have worshipped the true and living God, and have not been made partakers of the fruits of the first resurrection, and have died in unbelief, and will be born again and become citizens of the new Jerusalem, and members of Christ's kingdom in the world to come.

The fourth verse above quoted clearly shows the establishment of Christ's kingdom in the world to come,

which was composed of members of the Jewish nations that had inhabited the earth before, and of that party that had not been associated with the sectarian world ; for John saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast, and judgment was given unto them as they sat upon thrones, as their Saviour had promised them while with them at Jerusalem. Those of the Gentile nations who have rejected Christ's plan of salvation while in this life and held to their master's principles, after the fullness of the Gentiles had come in, they were permitted to be reincarnated in the world to come, the same as the Jews, but that birth, or the spirits of those reincarnated Gentiles rejecting the Saviour's plan in this world, would be born under the stubborn law of death, with the exception of those of that nation that would accept of salvation with the reincarnation Jews, which, according to St. John's declaration in the Fifth Chapter of Revelation and the 11th verse.

The attention of the reader is called to this fact, that at the commencement of the millenium or the one thousand years of the reign of peace on the earth, that the births of all spirits, both good and bad—those of the Gentile nations that had been remanded over to prison, because of unbelief, the same as the Jews were all alike born onto the earth after it had been purified, and all good and bad living in that pure element, that their lives were perpetuated or lived a thousand years on the earth, and at the end of the thousand years, or, in other words, after all spirits had been born again on

the earth, that all portions of the earth had become densely populated, and all those Gentile nations that were born again and had the Gospel preached to them, and still rejecting offered mercy, were considered by St. John as resting under the laws of death.

Yet we find that this very same class of intelligences were existing in all quarters of the globe, for St. John says they were as numerous as the sands of the sea, and they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints. Now, are we to understand by this language, that this vast number had been resurrected out of their graves? We find no such an idea in this chapter, for John makes use of the same term when they were brought to judgment. "For I saw the dead, small and great," says he, "stand before God; and the book was open, and another book was open, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of these things, which are written in the books, according to their works; and the sea gave up its dead."

John makes no distinction in the term after the sea had given up its dead. They remained dead the same, for, says John, the dead, after they had come forth out of death, and hell, and the sea, were still dead, and being dead, were judged out of the book, or the things written in the books, according to their works. Now let us consider this part of the subject well before leaving it, for the sectarian world build their hope of a future life on the belief of their bodies being resurrected from the dead, or from the graves. Now as I have offered testimony from other portions

of the Scriptures, respecting this heathen notion of a physical resurrection, I will attempt to make this portion of the Scriptures plain, which is harped upon by nearly all clergymen, and upon which their future lives depend in the resurrection.

Now the reader must remember that the Revelation in this chapter, discovers the final end of all business transactions on the earth, both of a temporal and spiritual character, for the dull material, earth, out of which vegetation has sprung, was brought about through the blighting curse, that God passed upon the earth, over 200,000 years ago, through which grand arrangement the vast concourse of angels that were cast out of heaven, have been subjected to prison life; and thus, in the Twentieth Chapter of Revelation, St. John saw, while in the spirit, the final winding up and settling up of all the arrangements that had been placed in Michael's hands to bring about a reconciliation of the enemies of God. Also the Apostle Paul, in the Fifteenth Chapter of I Corinthians, from the 24th to the 29th verse.

Paul discovered also the winding-up scene of Christ's command on the earth, into the hands of Him that sent Him on His painful mission here, accompanied by His holy apostles and prophets, together with angels, that were not subject to the law of death. You will also find in the Fourteenth Chapter of Romans, 9th verse, that which proves conclusively that Jesus Christ was Lord both over the living and the dead, or, in other words, the saints that were heirs of eternal life, and those that were verging to an eternal

death, the 9th verse reading thus: "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living."

Jesus Christ, after He arose, had the power over death, and over them resting under the law of death, as well as over the saints, or those there freed from the law of an eternal death. Now let us cast one glance at those dead men that St. John speaks of in the Twentieth Chapter of Revelation, that were judged out of books, and also let us find out who death and hell were, who were cast into the lake of fire, which was the second death. The Apostle Paul is the best authority that we can find in the New Testament, whose evidence no theologian can successfully dispute, for he is very careful in drawing a dividing line between death and life, that is manifested in God's created intelligences on the earth. Thus, in order to show the true condition of the fallen angels he gives his own case as a correct example of all that would come after him. He gives us to understand that he is built up or composed of two distinct personages, the outer and inner man, or the physical and the spiritual man, and both are resting directly under special laws, which control the final destiny of both the physical and the spiritual. All mankind are sinners, and there is a penalty attached to the transgression of every law, and by a serious violation of the first parents, in the Garden of Eden, death was entailed upon all of Adam's progeny, both of the outer and inner man, but provisions had been made by their Creator, to extend the life of the inner man beyond that of the physical, or

life of the prison or outer man ; and that the extent or length of that spiritual life, depended entirely on the deeds done in the body, or the outer man. The Creator had placed within the reach of the prisoner, or inner man, by a compliance of and conceding to certain conditions and requirements found in his spiritual guide, his spiritual life could be extended throughout all eternity. The outer man, which is composed of flesh, from the earth, being a part of earth, at the death of that body would return back to dust, but the inner man, which is the reasoning or thinking part, manifests all its character, its nature and disposition, whether good or bad, through the conditions of the flesh. Thus we find, that when the outer man is dissolved, and the spirit has not obeyed or accepted these conditions of the spiritual law, from unbelief or not having an opportunity of understanding the requirements of Jesus Christ, at the death of the body the spirit is permitted to enter another form in the world to come, and but very few in the center age, were capable of permitting the unpardonable sin which would preclude a second birth. Paul had arisen to that knowledge that he could have become a castaway, as he informs us that he then was capable of saving his soul or spirit alive, or to cause it to pass into an eternal sleep.

In the Seventh Chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, 4th verse, which shows Paul's faith in the power of the spirit to save itself from death through the acceptance of Christ's spiritual law—that the law of Moses was of a carnal character and only reached to

the end of the physical life, and was wholly sufficient until a better law was offered through Jesus Christ, and those accepting the same became dead to the old law by the acceptance of the new.

What do we understand by the term death and hell? We find in the Fifteenth Chapter of Corinthians that the last enemy to be destroyed is death, and hell is the condition in which all of the dead rest until provisions are made to change their condition or extend their spiritual life to a second temporal prison, so as to give them another chance for an eternal life in the world to come; but during that period of time which intervenes between the departure of the spirit from the one prison to the entering of the next, in the world to come, that spirit rests in an unconscious state, to a certain extent, which state is called hell, or, in other words, that spirit has not passed into an eternal sleep, but is again to be revived, through the agency of divine law, and that spirit also is to receive its consciousness, through another organism, when all the plan of salvation is to be made known to them, and if they still refuse to lay hold on eternal life their conditions remain as before, under the stubborn law of death, and all the difference between the two conditions is that their spirits shall remain in hell as they cannot be revived again, and they being dead and already in hell, in that condition will be cast into the lake of fire, which is the last and final death, when the earth will pass back to its original state, into a liquid ball of fire, and in that condition it would remain throughout the countless ages of eternity, when

the elements shall melt with fervent heat, as you will find in the Second Epistle of Peter, Third Chapter, and 10th, 11th and 12th verses.

The reader can perceive that Peter, whilst with his Master on the earth, was carefully instructed by Christ with all the extraordinary changes that the earth would undergo by divine power, while bringing about a reconciliation of the enemies of God, and at the final end of all their chances to become redeemed, that those that reject offered mercy shall be consumed with the earth, when death and hell shall be destroyed, which is the last enemy of God. We find that, in the days of Jesus Christ on the earth, all of these wonderful plans, arranged by God to harmonize the fallen angels, who were the enemies of God, were made known to the apostles and the agents employed by Jesus Christ to assist in the plan of redemption, as you will find also in Jude, 6th and 7th verses, thus :

“6. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

Thus we find that Jude, fully understanding the final end of the enemies of God, speaks of the vengeance of eternal fire, where their career of evil, the evil plottings of the enemies of God, will be ended.

The time is nearly at hand when men's hearts will be tried by the scrutinizing test of Him that will not tolerate the evil plottings, notwithstanding they may appear before the world with sanctified faces, appearing unto men to fast, and, for the sake of gain, borrow a mark from the cursed beast, upon which to establish a sect for selfish purposes, declaring themselves to be the servants of God, working through the spirit of divine revelation, when at the same time their priestly garb is stained with human blood, and saturated with the tears of the widows and orphans, and for the sake of popularity and gain plunge their innocent members into the ranks of war, and, at the same time, claiming to be the true worshippers of God, and the servants of Jesus Christ, I therefore re-iterate what was proclaimed 1800 years ago in the Eighteenth Chapter of Revelation, 4th, 5th and 6th verses.

Therefore, I say again, all you that are worshipping under the mark of the beast, beware: come out of her, I say again, that you may not partake of her plagues, for her destruction is even at our doors. Thus when you see the bitter anguish of those that have been made rich out of the innocent members that they have decoyed into their ranks, and those members have forsaken them and they thus standing afar-off—as you will find in the Eighteenth Chapter of Revelation, 17th, 18th and 19th verses.

All public formalities and written forms of worship emanating from the sectarian leaders worshipping under the false mark of the beast, is but solemn

mockery before God. Who art thou, vain man, that have suffered thyself to be moulded contrary to the doctrines and teachings of Jesus Christ into one of the hideous forms of the beast by some theological association, and step before the world a manufactured priest—a contemptible tool; a piece of machinery from under the plastic hand of nature's God, allowing thyself to be moulded and fashioned over by the agents of the devil, and teach doctrines contrary to that found in the word of God. Who made thee a judge over my immortal spirit? Why hast thou, for the sake of gain and ease, sold thyself to a creed and curbed and cramped thy whole spirit to fit to one of the false "isms" of the day, and teach men to worship God contrary to the dictations of their own consciences? Remember that the day of thy retribution is at hand; and how will stand the case between God and thy soul when thou art called to give an account of thy stewardship here on the earth: thy long written sermons, bending the Scriptures to fit the contemptible creed which thou hast promised to maintain and support, in defiance of the doctrines of Jesus Christ; stepping upon the stand and desecrating the holy word of God by declaring that God had called you to preach the everlasting Gospel to fallen man, when at heart you were truly the blackest-hearted demon that ever disgraced the world, and to cover up the Satanic spirits within you, became associated with one of his Satanic majesty's associations, and by them empowered to decoy into their ranks the true and willing worshippers of the living God. These are

those ungodly men Jude speaks of, who were before of old ordained unto the condemnation—ungodly men turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember, thou vile man, that thou art weighed and found wanting, for thy judgment shall come in one hour and the delicacies that thy false soul lusteth after are departed from thee.

How are men to worship God acceptably? Turn to the Sixth Chapter of Matthew, 5th verse, and the Saviour's plan offered to us for our guide :

The true principle of worship presented to us by Jesus Christ is, in the first place, to carefully consider our own dispositions—see if we are ready to do unto others as we would have them do unto us ; also, have we the true worship of God in our hearts. Can we with a pure and willing heart alleviate the sufferings of the oppressed and afflicted around us, without proclaiming the same to the world? Can we have sweet communion with our Saviour, who searcheth all hearts, whilst in our closets, and not stand in the synagogues and corners of the streets with saddened faces, for a cloak, that we may appear unto men to fast?

Now if we seek to change our deplorable conditions should we not carefully look over the requirements of our superior officer, before whose bar we shall stand for judgment after all our chances have passed by for redemption, and there answer for the deeds done here in the body. The course marked out for mankind to travel in by the Saviour to gain an in-

heritance in the kingdom of God is so plain that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein. And who are those that will stand condemned before the bar of God? One class of worshippers is more contemptible than the balance who will seek admission into His kingdom in the world to come, and that is the hypocrite. Saith the Saviour, Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, who draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, when their hearts are far from me. In vain, says the Saviour, do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Let me ask the organized leaders of the sectarian creeds, Who gave you authority to write out the discipline bearing the mark of the beast; your precise style of popular worship, your creeds, your church discipline, your rites and ceremonies, your style of worship, amount of salaries, printed sermons, etc., and enjoin the same on your proselytes to preach as the doctrines of Christ? Pause for one moment and hear what that noble spirit says, after leaving the shining courts of glory and taking part with His adversaries in the dark prison-house of clay—He who, in the event of time, shall reveal the secrets of all hearts, before whom you shall stand unmasked from clay, and answer for your career here on the earth. Christ says to you in the Twenty-third Chapter of Matthew, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th verses.

Therefore, give attention, all ye nations of the earth, and remember that the time is at our doors when the birds of prey shall feast upon the dead car-

casses of men that shall fall from the effect of the plagues that are now hanging over our heads, and will soon visit the earth. But just before these calamities shall break in, the Ancient of Days shall make His appearance upon the earth, and call together His agents, who are now stationed upon the earth to re-establish the ancient priesthood, in which organization shall dwell the worshippers of the living God—the only inhabitants who will rest under the seal of God—who will survive the serious plagues, and those, also, who will be changed in a moment at the appearing of Jesus Christ at His second coming, and will be caught up with Him till the earth is purified, and return again with Him to establish the great millennium.

I have briefly described some of the extraordinary changes that will be realized in the future, while closing up the career of all those fallen angels who have been subjected to prison-life in the bonds of flesh on the earth. Also, I have alluded to some of the important revelations that have passed by, which St. John discovered while in the spirit. The reader will find, in the Fourteenth Chapter of Revelation, that which the inhabitants of earth are to fully realize from the year 1870 up to 1898, of which remarkable changes I will cast a few reflections, as my guide may dictate. The chapter commences thus :

“And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred and forty-four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.”

In this verse we are brought to see Jesus Christ at the head of the church, or the members that will accompany the new Jerusalem to the earth, in the commencement of the regeneration of the House of Israel, at the beginning of the thousand years of the reign of peace on the earth. Thus it must be remembered that the 144 thousand that had His Father's name written in their foreheads, were those resting under the sealed covenant that God made with Abraham, that had received the mark of that seal through the order of circumcision, as St. John describes it, His Father's name, which was the covenant, or the seal of the covenant, in their foreheads.

This description you will find in the 2d verse of the same chapter, which reads thus: "And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps." And the third verse will bring the reader to the commencement of the millennium, and at the beginning of the re-incarnation of the house of Israel; but, it must be remembered, that there was but a limited number that could sing, or learn that song, and they were the survivors that had escaped the serious plagues, and were living when Christ came the second time, who were changed in a moment and caught up, and that returned with Jesus Christ and his angels, and thus they could sing a song that no other nations or angels could sing or learn. That is, they had been redeemed from the earth, and changed to celestial beings without being subject to the laws of death.

The third verse, reading thus: "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth." The 4th verse proves that those that are saved from those fearful plagues, have been preserved by divine power to begin the regeneration. Reading thus, these are they which were not defiled with women, for they were virgins. These are they which followed the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

In the 6th to 10th verse, St. John discovers the true Gospel being preached to those that had died in the centre age, that never had been made acquainted with Christ's plan of salvation, and were born on to the earth again during the millennium, and salvation was extended to them there, which left them without excuse, for this Gospel was proclaimed by an angel from heaven, and so clear and lucid was his mission delivered that all were made to believe, and if they did not accept, no one but themselves was to blame.

During the thousand years of the reign of Christ, with His saints, on the earth, those who are rejected, because of iniquity, from entering into Christ's kingdom, will again make an effort to establish sects and churches there, as at the present age, under the false mark of the beast, and worship that beast, or an image, a sect, or a mark of his image. They shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of

the holy angels—or, in other words, they shall not be permitted to walk in the light of the kingdom of the saints; their end is banishment from God, and destruction with everlasting fire.

Now may the grace of the Everlasting Spirit, and the spirits of His holy agents, be with you and guide you safe through the crumbling ruins and fearful plagues that soon will visit the earth, which will dissolve the bonds of corruption of this prison-life, and blend the spiritual power, by order of a transfer to a spiritual house in the world to come.

The Celestial Messenger.

PART II.

CHAPTER I.

INASMUCH as all former revelation has necessarily been shrouded from the spirits confined in cells of clay (more familiarly known as man upon the earth), the present writer through re-incarnation has, at the near approach of the fulness of the Gentile nations of the Earth, fulfilled in this record the declaration the angel made to St. John on the Isle of Patmos, which may be found in the 10th Chapter of Revelation, last verse, namely : That he, the spirit of St. John, must make another prophecy before the nations of the Earth. Thus, the writer, becoming well stricken in years, and entirely unconscious of his mission on the Earth, by some strange cause unknown to himself, wandered many a thousand miles from home and on a desolate mountain, many thousand feet above the level of the sea, met a very strange personage in human shape, yet he was thin and airy as a vapor. He said, "Linger here awhile; I know thee; be seated thou on that rock, and I will make known my present mission. I am a representative of the earth, sent on foreign missions to the planets; and in this visit I have been looking over the numerous colonies that I have planted in various portions of the earth many thousand years ago. These colonies were not earth's born sons; I brought them from distant planets that

had become untenable from natural causes, and I gave them permission to occupy that portion of the earth that was most congenial to their natures."

At this strange disclosure I felt an almost unconscious stupidity come over me. Supposing I was in the land of dreams, I cried out at the top of my voice, "Phantom!" when the strange visitor said:

"I am no phantom, and I now appoint thee as my agent to disclose these strange facts to thy brethren. Note the same as I relate them. Print them in a book, and hand them to my children who are scattered up and down the length and breadth of the earth. In former ages the inhabitants of the planets were at liberty to leave or evacuate their cells, or outside forms, and visit any or all of the planets that moved around their great central sun. But nearly 7,000 years ago the earth, from natural causes, became a negative planet, and none but delegated agents were permitted to visit it, excepting those who took part with earth's sons, and thus they had to remain in their earthly cells till relieved by death."

I said: "Most worthy sage, thy talk sounds as fables to me. Am I permitted to question thee concerning things unknown to man?"

Thou canst, and I am ready to answer all who ask for truth.

My question is this: How is it possible for one of my race to overcome the laws of gravitation to visit other worlds and return to earth again?

I perceive from thy remarks that thou art a philosopher, and thy earth's training has not been on a

spiritual basis. Hast thou never been conversant with the teachings of the New Testament Scriptures?

Most assuredly I have, and it is my guiding star. Here is the shining book, that I shall carry to the end of my life's journey on the earth.

Thou hast said well. Doth not that book which thou hast said was thy guiding star teach thee that one of thy brethren (the Apostle Paul) passed far beyond the limits of the planets to the Third Heaven, and received information from those grand spiritual messengers that was not to be revealed to the sons of earth until this period of time? And my mission is at this time to hand to the sons of earth, through thy pen, some of the hidden mysteries calculated to dispel the gloomy cloud of superstition and ignorance that now pervades the earth, and to bring all antagonistic parties into the beautiful plain of spiritual intercourse. Now, I will give thee a more lucid explanation. Here I will say that thy vision is not capable of seeing a disembodied spirit; and further, a spirit without the form could not produce sound that thine ear could hear; consequently, spirits coming to earth have the power to take on to their spiritual forms a thin covering of matter, and through this vaporous form they have the power to communicate, as well as to assume, the appearance of mortals. Here I will say that spirits are subtle as light, and flitting as thought, and in this untrammelled condition their transit from one planet to another is exceedingly rapid, and in this kind of materialized form, many thousand years ago, I stood before Abraham's tent on

my way to Sodom, and the spirit that I am now addressing is one of the messengers that accompanied me to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, but thou wast appointed to take thy present form to assist in the end of this age to bring about the great spiritual millennium of peace, and in the presentation of this message to the inhabitants of earth thy sojourn shall be accomplished, and thy missionary services accepted, and I will hasten to give thee a record of my proceedings in ages past. Many thousand years ago I was summoned to take charge of the inhabitants of the moon. I immediately obeyed, and on entering its eastern border I found it entirely abandoned by its inhabitants. Soon after my arrival I met the Chief Executive or Grand Spirit of the Moon, who informed me that that planet was becoming untenable; that its once famous and life-stirring atmosphere had become impregnated with the poisonous gases of internal burnings, which forced its way up through its numerous craters, submerging its once splendid valleys with melted rocks and burning cinders, insomuch that it covered the whole plain of Angelon, at one outburst, burying beneath its burning masses over six millions of its inhabitants. I appealed to the Grand Prince of the Third Realm, presenting the deplorable condition of my people, and at the end of their deliberations they presented the summons under the seal and signature of the Grand Cross, which was conveyed to thee by Leon, the fleet express messenger of the Third Realm. And as thou has responded to the summons, I will convey thee to the feeble colony in

the deep valley of Simi, which is the last remains of the countless millions of my people that inhabited this once famous, but now dying planet. We soon came to the deep valley, where I found about seven thousand grouped together, surrounded by burning mountains, the fires of which were fast closing in upon their last remaining territory, and even that was vibrating and rolling like the waves of the ocean, caused by a volcanic commotion, and they expected every moment to be buried beneath these fiery billows, as many millions of their brethren had been. As we approached these distracted creatures they all fell upon their faces and wept aloud. I commanded them to arise, and I would make known to them my errand; and as they arose to their feet I addressed them as follows: I have been appointed to protract your lives to the full period for which you were destined, and this can be accomplished only by transporting you to some other planet more wholesome in its natural conditions. This can be accomplished only by a dissolution of the spirit and body, as gross material cannot be transported from one planet to another; consequently, if you wish to continue your physical or organic lives, you will have to leave your natural bodies on this planet, never to re-enter the same again. But your spirits, on reaching the destination, will take on the substances of that planet, which, in the event of time, by eating the products of that land, those airy substances will become solidified, and thus you will begin organic life anew. These requisitions were complied with, and the whole party

bid farewell to that dismal valley of death, and were soon resting on earth's plane, ready to become associated with the gross material of earth. I colonized the small party in Central Africa, and they are now known as the Negro.

Said I: "Most noble sage, I am delighted with the extraordinary information that thou hast been imparting."

Thy eager desire for information increases my desire to communicate. Eighteen hundred years ago, when I brought thee from the Isle of Patmos into this same mountain, I imparted to thee very important information, but when thou reoccupied thy original form on the isle, thy knowledge and understanding of the things which I communicated to thee became very imperfect, and thy record in that event has been considered only visionary by all those reading the same, and it is not my intention at this period of time to correct that record, but to impart to thee true spiritual knowledge, which the inhabitants of earth in this age are anxiously seeking after; and were it not for a morbid speculation, a union of sentiment and friendly relations among all the inhabitants of the different nations could be more easily effected.

Most worthy sage, we have been taught to believe that all inhabitants of the earth sprang from two created beings, man and woman, who were driven out of the Garden of Eden for disobedience, about 7,000 years ago, who were commanded by their Creator to multiply and replenish the earth, and that command being fully complied with, is the result of all the dif-

ferent nationalities now found on the earth, and the intelligence thou hast imparted rather conflicts with our former education. Is this record true about Adam and Eve?

It is true, and the descendants of those two parents are still to be found in various parts of the earth. They are better known in this age as the legitimate offspring of the Patriarch Abraham, and are somewhat stigmatized by the Gentiles on account of their antagonistic principles to all other nations, which, no doubt, has grown out of their desire to become masters and owners of the whole earth. Here I will say that the Adamic descendants and the inhabitants of the moon are the only two races who had their beginning in specific organizations, consummated and specifically arranged for the in-dwelling of disobedient angels; and this self-same spirit of disobedience and contentiousness is more clearly recognized in the Adamic descendants this day, than in all the nations found upon the earth. The inhabitants of the moon, who had a similar beginning as that of Adam and Eve, from serious exposures and frightful calamities realized on their planet, had their once turbulent spirits harmonized, insomuch that they are willing to stand on friendly relations with all other nations.

Permit me to inquire if all the different nations are descendants of the Adamic and African races?

By no means. There are people from every planet that belongs to our solar system. Nearly one hundred thousand years ago I was summoned to take charge of the inhabitants of a planet which was called

Luna. . On my arrival the inhabitants, who numbered over 300,000,000, were filled with great consternation, as a blazing comet of great magnitude was approaching, and a collision was unavoidable. The inhabitants were very refined, and when I appeared before them and explained to them the possibility of escape, they were astonished beyond measure, and expressed the warmest sensation of gratitude. When they had complied with the requisitions as I have already described, as touching the inhabitants of the moon, they were soon from under the control of the laws of that planet, and in transit to the earth, but we all paused for a short time on the vast plains of the planet Jupiter to witness the collision that was anticipated on the planet we had just evacuated. This fiery monster came on in all its gorgeous magnificence, and the inhabitants of Jupiter gazed in fearful awe. The heat was almost suffocating as it passed on its fiery mission toward the doomed planet. The awful moment came, and Luna was safely and swiftly speeding through space on the fiery bosom of this monster. We took our leave of this magnificent planet, and were soon standing on the earth's plane, with that vast concourse of spirits who began taking on gross material to commence their organic lives anew, in the central part of the beautiful land which is now the Chinese Empire. Very many other parties from the different planets are found on the earth at this time, who were colonized under circumstances similar to the two already described.

Explain to me, most worthy sage, what is understood by the term of "the Third Realm?"

Yes; the officers who arranged and established organic laws, being located in the Seventh Grand Heaven, whose powers are beyond all contradiction unlimited, did, far back in the annals of eternity, and beyond all time unnumbered, lay off eternal space into seven grand divisions, expressed by us as realms or boundaries. But beyond this paradisiacal region, or Third Realm, where the Apostle Paul received his spiritual education, hangs the vast multitude of fixed stars, whose eternal grandeur we can see and admire, but of whose eternal officers we know not; but in the faithful fulfillment of the offices to which we are appointed, we have the promise of promotion when our appointed work is done.

I will ask thee, worthy sage, what is the true method of worship, and what style or kind of worship doth God demand of his creatures here below?

Before answering this question directly, I will disabuse thy mind as touching a personal God in some supposed locality, on an imaginary throne, with likes and dislikes, love and hatred, and strong passions, similar to that of man, who urgently demands the worship of all mankind, and he who fails to do this is condemned and held strictly accountable, and in the dim future is called before his fearful bar to give account for such gross neglect. This kind of logical reasoning had grown out of oppressed serfs and slaves, who had been taught to bend the knee in reverence to superior officers of earth, monarchs, crowned heads and despots. But it is not so with us; our highest officers are our most finished and brilliant

teachers, and all they ask in return is our love, friendship and respect. No spirit can gratefully worship a superior officer through servile fear. This great power thou callest God is not a personal being, and is not, as men imagine, at a great distance from them. He exists all around them, performing extraordinary operations and producing astonishing results. We see him in the sun, moon, earth and stars; we feel him within ourselves, yet to us no personal form or shape is ever seen. He warms the breast of the highest archangel in heaven, and breathes life into the smallest insect on earth. He supports the slender reed that trembles in the breeze, and the sturdy oak that defies the tempest. He calls forth the verdure that clothes the valley, and spreads his mantle over the green meadows. We see this great power in every passing event of spiritual and physical life. He brings changes of each rolling year; the summer of the flowers, the autumn of fruits, the winter of rest; and the spring-time of life, when all nature is clothed in blooming beauty. We see him in the tempest, shedding forth his gentle showers of rain upon the earth, hanging out his radiant bow from the clouds as a friendly token to man. We see him stirring up the fiery billows in the deep caverns of earth, riding forth through burning craters on mountains of melted lava, submerging hill and valley in their fiery track brought forth from the deep caverns of the earth. We see him sparkle in the beautiful sunbeam that radiates through the crimson sky, chasing away the dark mantle of midnight's dreary gloom. Man being a part of this

great machinery, wonderfully and fearfully made, is but the outside cell or prison wall in which rests an immortal spirit, expiating the guilt of a former life. This great spirit filleth immensity; he is high above all; for below all; in and through all, supporting and sustaining all, through principles of established laws, being the foundation upon which all other foundations rest; the prime moving cause of all causes, and the result of every effect.

CHAPTER II.

All hail, most worthy sage. Old Father Time has been giving me some very strange ideas, which seriously conflict with my former education as touching the pending destruction of the earth. If this planet passes away on the bosom of a comet, as thou sayest the planet Luna did, then the idea that the Scripture sets forth of the establishment of a kingdom on the earth is erroneous, and the Scripture is at fault.

Thy limited ideas of celestial order while in the form, could not well reconcile these provisions arranged by our higher spiritual laws. When thou redest the Scripture thou shouldst take a closer view of its teaching. The passing away of the earth or the heavens with a great noise, as the Apostle Peter declares, has already been described as the fearful roar of the same fiery monster on its march to the doomed planet Luna; and this awful roar is described by the Apostle Paul as the sound of a trumpet, for the trumpet shall sound, and the fearful change will be

very sudden, in the twinkling of the eye, and Gabriel, the Grand Spirit of this fiery monster, and when the fearful crash shall come the earth and its works shall be consumed and completely destroyed.

I cannot express my gratitude to thee, worthy sage, for this information, but we are informed by the same Apostle, that there is to be a new heaven and a new earth, where the righteous are to dwell and reign with Christ a thousand years. If this earth is moved out of its place and wholly consumed, how are the righteous to inhabit the same during the reign of peace a thousand years?

The term earth signifies material out of which springs the vegetable products to sustain animal life, whether it is found here or on other planets. My mission at this time is to strengthen and encourage my people during these coming years of peril, and when the seriousness becomes unsupportable the remaining survivors will be changed in a moment from terrestrial to celestial order, when they will be quickly conveyed to their future homes, the beautiful plains of the planet Saturn, where I have made arrangements for you to finish your term of banishment, occupying the space of two hundred thousand years. This is the new heaven and the new earth of which thou speakest, where you will dwell in peace and friendship the term of one thousand years, under the immediate supervision of the Grand Agent, who was ordained by angels and sent to the planets to take part with his prisoners and bring them home at the end of their banishment, if fully satisfied with the plan offered for their redemption.

And further, I would ask to know if all the six million billions of angels that were banished to the planets continue to take on earthly forms to the full term of their banishment?

By no means, worthy son; all spirits, that leave their forms by order of Death, are remanded to paradise known by us as the Third Realm, and there they are placed in the care of the most eminent teachers that can be found in the Seventh Realm, and in the developed condition of their spiritual natures, if they are satisfied to dwell in peace with all their spiritual brethren, they are retained in that realm until the end of their sojourn. But all who are at enmity with all measures of peace are forced to occupy earthly prisons to the final end of their banishment.

I wish to ask in regard to the fiery monster which thou hast said was destined to destroy the earth. When are we to look for this fearful destruction?

I am not permitted to answer as to the exact time of that fearful event. However, I will say, that this fiery monster requires a space of one hundred thousand years to accomplish its circuit. It feeds on stars and planets, and is so ponderous and fleet in its course, that no body in space can resist it, and inside of 1898 all that I have described as touching this doomed planet will be fully realized.

Is there no power that can avert these fearful calamities? Cannot he who created those worlds govern their movements through space?

We are taught by our superior officers, worthy son, that all heavenly bodies are the result of natural

and fixed laws, and that no law can operate against itself, and all calamities realized among the heavenly bodies are brought about by and through the force of circumstances, and all the power that we have any knowledge of is through the line of official spiritual order, working to the immediate advancement and development of all grades of intelligence; and in our spiritual organizations no spirit is counted worthy of high respect that will not sacrifice his own comfort to develop and ameliorate the condition of his spiritual brethren.

Are all the fixed stars that are seen shining in space beyond our planets inhabited by intelligences?

All stars and planets through illimitable space, so far as angels know, worthy son, are teeming with life and animation, but as touching spirits, angels or organized intelligences, we know of none outside the eighteen million billions of intelligences which I have already alluded to, and those outside of rebellion are permitted to visit any or all of the stars in space, and return to the great center again whenever they desire.

There is one more question, worthy sage, that I wish to ask, which would be received with great pleasure by all of earth's sons who are seeking after spiritual light, and that is this: When Christ was on the earth, being asked by Philip to be shown to his father, of whom he made mention in his daily conversation, he answered thus: "Have you been so long a time with me and have not seen me, Philip? If you have seen me you have seen the father, for I and my father are one; yet my father is greater than I." Can you give an explanation of this strange passage?

The answer to this question, worthy son, would embody a chain of thought touching the God and father of all animate and inanimate bodies. The same term could truthfully be made by all spiritual and physical intelligences—the God and father of all, and the life principle of all, the foundation on which all things rest; not a personage, but a principle, permeating all matters and pervading all space. Christ, who was once called Michael, or more properly named the Prince of Peace, might justly claim to be the chief or principal actor of angelic as well as spiritual forces, who about two hundred thousand years ago became the chief actor in establishing peace and order in the Seventh Realm by overthrowing the supporters of rebellion. He being the most obedient and self-sacrificing officer found in the Seventh Realm, was duly empowered by the twelve million billions of angels as the sole executive chief to effect and bring about a reconciliation of that lost party, as he informs his disciples while here that all power was given to him in heaven and on earth, and there being no higher acting officer under the sanction of supreme law than himself, considers himself equal with the law; yet the law being the legitimate foundation upon which he acted, was greater than himself; yet being ordained of angels under the sanction of supreme law, considers it a matter of justice and expediency to convey to his prisoners the idea that he was God; but further informs them, through other agents, that his power only extends to the end of his missionary services on the earth; that when a reconciliation was effected his offi-

cial business shall be closed, and he will be permitted to enjoy an eternal reign with his faithful brethren and the redeemed on the beautiful plains in their original spirit homes.

Can you tell me, worthy sage, how it is possible for intelligences to become opposed to the laws that called them into existence, as the Apostle Paul informs us that the carnal mind or the thinking powers of man are enmity itself, or in opposition to the law of God. It is not subject to the law of God, neither, indeed, can be. How can this animosity exist between us and our Great Parent?

Here, worthy son, I will say to thee, that no angel or spirit has ever been opposed to the fixed law of Nature's God. This animosity sprung up or originated between the two contending forces which had originated from fixed laws that had always existed and were uncontrovertible. But the animosity grew out of a fearful discussion between the Archangel Michael and Lucifer, the Son of the Morning. Here is where the enmity of which thou speakest originated, and which matter was decided by a fearful battle resulting in Michael's favor, and the provisions made by the victorious party before the foundation of the world, or before the laws took effect, to reconcile the defeated party to their victorious brothers, and the law was by no means to attempt to change their negative principles, but to bring them onto a platform of harmony with their brothers, and in obedience to the laws that could not be changed when once established. Therefore, the forces of Michael are known as the positive,

and that of Lucifer as the negative, and each must remain such in order to perpetually preserve harmony in every way. By becoming too strongly negative the positive is injured, and this was the case when the battle in heaven occurred. To harmonize the negative power of Lucifer with the positive of Michael is the mission and object of all Michael's celestial messengers on earth.

CHAPTER III.

All discordant elements existing among the armies of heaven have been concealed in the secret councils of the Godhead until this period of time, and as the last official agent on the earth has taken his position both on the land and on the sea, to proclaim to the inhabitants of earth that the end of all flesh is near at hand, the present writer has taken his pen through the aid of these official agents to make good the declaration of the angel to St. John. Therefore I will unveil mysteries that have been kept secret since time began. I ask my brothers who are still groping in chains of darkness on the earth to learn some of the deep plans laid by our obedient brothers to bring them back to God. In this work will be found the summing up of all the plans laid by official agents under direct influence of the Godhead, who to carry out their reconstructive plans, took part with their enemies in the bonds of clay. So, in order to learn some of the laws of organization that men are strangers to, I will ask the grand spirit or acting agent of the earth,

of some things unknown to man, which will be hailed with pleasure by all the sons of earth who read it.

Most worthy sage, and agent of the Most High, who understands the laws which govern this vast universe of worlds, and hath imparted unto us knowledge of great importance, yet there are very many other things in relation to our planet to gain knowledge from, which we cannot understand. Very frequently, in the shadows of night, we behold the northern sky lit up by vivid flashes of moving light, the cause of which is to us wrapped in profound mystery. Canst thou impart to us the cause of this strange phenomenon, worthy sage?

We are perfectly familiar with all laws, both human and divine; we are not only acquainted with the laws that govern the heavenly bodies in space, but also familiar with the general construction and laws governing and controlling the same. The electric influences of which thou speakest, son of earth, are partially caused by elemental influences or electrical disturbances, always originating over the vast fields of ice intervening between the Arctic ocean and the open polar sea, that waters the isolated plains of Eden. The first noticeable sign of the drifting and agitated elements of electrical activity is the rapid formation of a luminous belt skirting the horizon from east to west, hundreds of miles in extent. This belt is formed by the uniting of the heavily charged strata of air rapidly drifting together from the warmer climates existing on either side of these vast fields of ice, which are rapidly supplying the vacuum. Increasing in vol-

time every moment, the density of which forms this luminous belt which becomes over-charged with magnetic influences, forming a battery of extraordinary force the entire length of this gathering belt, from which is transmitted in rapid succession electrical currents extending far into space. Thus these currents of electricity being fanned by the gathering storm above the fields of ice, is what produces the moving flashes of light of which thou speakest. But this electrical activity is of short duration, as it always forebodes heavy gales of wind which rapidly dissolve this electrical battery. This is the full answer to your question, son of earth.

Most worthy sage, thou speakest of an open polar sea that waters the isolated plains of Eden. I have no knowledge of this sea, or of the plains of Eden, of which thou speakest. Can you inform me on what portion of the earth this sea and land is located?

I can explain where this land and sea is located, but it is not accessible to any other nation of people except those who inhabit it. This is the noted land where the Jewish foreparents were called into being, about 7,000 years ago.

Is this land inhabited at present?

Yes, son of earth, it is densely populated beyond the capacity to sustain them that are in the valley, and there are no adjoining lands to which they can remove, as their land is hemmed in on every side by the polar sea and lofty mountains that no mortals can ascend. These are the legitimate descendants of Adam and Eve, and have never intermingled with other na-

tions and are the party which were called virgins, and that through the law of re-incarnation, the 144,000 of the sealed Christian Jews that would be changed in a moment and caught up to the new heaven and the new earth. They will be the fathers and mothers of the Kingdom of Heaven, and through which 144,000 the whole Adamic races will be regenerated or born again, and become the members of that kingdom, which requires a thousand years, according to St. John's estimation of time, to establish.

Most worthy sage, as we understand this matter, the descendants of Adam are scattered among the nations of the earth, and if that land is inaccessible to other nations and is so completely isolated from other parts of the earth, how was this separation made?

To answer this question correctly, worthy son, would call forth a description of the wonderful changes that the earth's surface has undergone since Cain was banished to the land of Nod, and also the changes that were laid under a specific order outside of the supreme law to change this once celestial body to a terrestrial planet as the theater upon which should be enacted the grand tragedies of human life. Therefore, note these changes as I relate them, and let the inhabitants of the earth learn the extraordinary provisions made by the grand officers in the courts of heaven to subdue the enemies of God.

Over 200,000 years ago this melted mass held its position to the sun as at the present, but the time had arrived when it was to undergo the change provided for at the commencement of the establishment of or-

ganic law, and it must be remembered that this special law which was known by all the executive officers in space, as the law under the curse, was reserved especially and exclusively to corrode and oxidize all the planets that revolved around their common center; for the whole of these planets became the dwelling place of millions of evil spirits. But as this earth is the one consigned to my charge, I shall give only a brief description of the laws of change, when taking effect on this melted mass. The first thing noticeable when this cause took effect was a gathering mist some distance above the earth, which increased in density every moment. It became heavily charged, and fearfully black with clouds and tempests. The electrical currents from the opening batteries of the center orb upon these gathering elements was terrific and sublime. The clouds were pierced through with vivid lightning, and the thunder was like the sound of a million chariots rushing to battle. The agitated elements had already spanned the entire horizon above the planet which had become shut out from the glow of light and heat from her great central protector. Oxygen and hydrogen that had been arranged by divine power to produce this fearful change, had begun forcibly to unite, and soon vast volumes of water began to fall on all sides, which caused this heated mass to seethe like a huge monster. The greatest volumes of water collected at the poles, and the heated masses of melted lava as they met these oceans solidified and thus formed high prominences of rocks and mountains around these vast oceans. The vast pressure of the

congealed masses on the pools pressed on each side alike. As the earth revolved, the uncongealed masses beneath the sun caused by the pressure on the poles, formed a chain of mountains around the entire earth, which left two beautiful valleys spanning the entire earth, extending from the central belt to the chain of mountains that held the oceans. This was the condition in which the earth rested when the foreparents of the Jews were called into being. It was on the northern slope of the above described mountain that the noted Garden of Eden was situated, and the land of Eden where Cain was born was north of the equatorial mountain, and the land of Nod, to which he was banished, was on the south side of the mountain, which was then densely populated by several hundred tribes known as the Gentiles, which were of the first creation, and that at the time Adam and Eve were formed, had existed on the earth for about 193,000 years. This famous garden of Eden above the valley where Adam and Eve originated was the most noted spot on the earth. This garden was hemmed in on every side by towering rocks that had been produced from the surging of the melted masses, whose brilliant spires like sparkling diamonds, could be seen from the central chain of mountains across the northern valley.

Most worthy sage, from whence came the vast river of water that flowed out of the Garden of Eden?

It came forth through the numerous crevices out of which had been forced the glistening spires that

reached far into the heavens, and was supplied by the waters of the northern ocean that laid much higher than the garden, whose waters flowing to the center of the garden which was much lower than its outer limits, and when uniting formed one of the most extraordinary rivers. It flowed through the garden in a southerly direction, and discharged its vast volumes over the precipice at the outlet of the garden, onto three jutting rocks which parted the waters as they reached the valley and formed four important rivers, watering the valleys through the beautiful land of Shinar, through which, in after years, some of the families of the Adamic races passed when they built the wonderful tower of Babel.

Worthy sage, in what portion of this wonderful garden was this noted orchard of fruits located?

Son of earth, there were but six trees of fruits ever found in the garden and they were placed on a vast crowning rock that spanned this magnificent river. They were planted by the same hand that called Adam and Eve into existence. At this time all these trees except one were entirely unlike any other trees found on the earth. They were transplanted from the beautiful plains of Paradise, and whosoever ate the fruit of these trees bloomed in immortal youth. The other tree had grown out of oxidized soil, as do all the trees now found on the earth subject to the laws of change and decay. The other trees are the food of angels and will also be the food of all the redeemed when occupying again the beautiful inheritance that the fallen angels by transgression had

lost. The Adamic race is entirely distinct from all other tribes and nations of earth, and was formed for special purposes that I will soon make known to thee. The different grades of nations of the first creation were called into being on all the planets obeying their one common center, nearly 200,000 years ago, and have been taking on gross material by a succession of temporal prisons, through the laws of regeneration or re-incarnation, shut out entirely from any knowledge of the plan of redemption. I will speak of the extraordinary changes on your planet that have brought about the isolated condition of the 7,000,000 of Adam's races to which reference has already been made. The earth, after its incrustation, remained as already described for the space of several thousand years, and the inhabitants being born through the 666 nations created by the special laws for the indwelling of disobedient spirits, and through which descendants the earth at various times became nearly depopulated. But the most extraordinary changes transpired after the Adamic races were called into existence, when the northern valleys lying between the central chain of mountains and the Garden of Eden had become thickly populated, a fearful explosion took place beneath this chain of hills that held the northern ocean in bounds; caused by the water from the ocean finding its way to the melted masses below, when the steam carried away a part of this mountain, through which opening the waters of the ocean rushed, sweeping away all the inhabitants of the valley; submerged the beautiful villages that were spread over the entire

northern portion. There were but four of the Adamic races saved; those that remained on the northern mountain's summit, and also a few that were scattered through the land of Nod in the southern valley among the Gentile nations. This valley thus flooded remained the bed of the ocean for a long period of time. The land in and around Eden had become densely populated, extending along the shores of this ocean. But it happened in the progress of time that the Gentile nations were aroused by a still more fearful explosion. The entire bed of the Pacific ocean was lifted at one outburst, and the out-rushing waters carried away a large portion of the central belt of mountains and its millions of people, into the ocean still resting on the northern valley, which now forms the belt of the Sierra Nevada mountains, east of the Pacific ocean. This vast body of mountains being deposited suddenly in this ocean on the northern valleys, threw the axis of the earth out of balance, and brought the Garden of Eden beyond the now frozen regions of the north.

Most worthy sage, thou speakest of the creation of the Gentiles, and also of Adam and Eve. Wilt thou more fully enlighten me as to the manner of this creation?

I am gratified that thou desireth the knowledge of the mysteries of Nature. To begin with, about 200,000 years ago, the time having arrived in which the disobedient angels were to inhabit a series of temporal prisons or bodies, in order to subdue their turbulence. The earth being then brought to the re-

quired condition, and already teeming for ages with every kind of animal life, the disembodied spirits were incarnated in bodies of earthly composition, the celestial band hoping in that way to reconcile them to Michael's conservative plans of peace. Under Michael's directions, some of His most trusted angels prepared the means for the angels of the Devil to become reconciled. The first of all created life was in the seas, and these first created beings were mere floating masses of jelly-like particles, of various shapes and sizes. Finally, this became adhesive to the rocks; some becoming plant-animals, others plants, and still others, animals. When the time arrived for the creation of *man*, these strange descendants from the primitive sea-jelly had grown to many varieties and proportions. You are greatly interested in the question of the human race being descended from the monkey, ape, gorilla, and kindred animals. The answer to this is no, and common sense rightly applied should teach the world that man has descended from man alone, and is in nowise connected, relatively, with the brute kingdom.

Son of earth, these celestial messengers constructed wombs from the same material as the primitive sea-life in the warmer parts of the seas, that is, near the islands, and in the bays and gulfs of the sea. Instead of being impregnated with animal or plant life as the first creations had been, the celestial angels brought spirits in chains of darkness and they took possession of the newly-created bodies. There were created five representative races of people, the red,

white, black, yellow and brown, in the respective parts of the earth in which they are found, though the assimilation or amalgamation of these races has produced other shades of color and types of symmetry. The red creation was that of the American Indian, the black, the Moors in Africa, the white in Europe, the yellow in Asia, and the brown in Australia and adjacent islands. The negroes of Africa and the founders of the Chinese Empire I have already told were colonized from other planets destroyed in the natural course of events. You do not care to know all that transpired to these beings, but here I will say that celestial messengers were incarnated among these Gentiles and gradually led them to civilization and enlightenment. Being re-incarnated 193,000 years, these disobedient angels were still more enlightened by the creation of a new class of beings, the creation of Adam and Eve. I have already described to you the location and general appearance of Eden, but I will here state that there was a small lake in the northern part of this garden, and in this lake was constructed the womb in which Adam was created and brought forth; the only difference in the creation of the Gentiles and the creation of Adam was, that Adam was a celestial spirit in the flesh, wholly positive, and therefore unknown to wrong, and insensible to shame or evil. He was not subject to earthly death, as his veins were filled with spirit essence instead of blood, and till he performed the act of disobedience, by following the suggestions of the Devil who had tempted his wife, his negative force was wanting. Being placed

in a mesmeric or trance-like state, a part of the androgynous principle of Adam was extracted, and from this Eve was created after the same plan as Adam. Now Adam, when created, partook of both the male and female properties, and the female property was the one taken from him. When they sinned they were for the time taken possession of by the Devil's angels until their expulsion from the garden, until which time their original spirits were dormant. At this expulsion, these evil spirits were dismissed, the negative part of Adam and Eve having been awakened.

We are informed by one of the ancient writers that Noah was ordered by God to build an ark that would float on the waters to save himself and family and the animals from destruction when the flood came. Is this true, worthy sage?

I communicated to Noah, who was our official agent on the earth, to build a craft that would stand the surging of the waters, and drift to the central chain of mountains, that himself and family might escape from the isolation of those now hemmed in beyond the vast field of ice as already described. Noah was not told to take any of the animals into his vessel, as all the animals were in plentiful abundance in the land of Nod, upon which the Gentile nations subsisted.

As we are closed in by a wall of clay, worthy sage, and have only the means of learning of things belonging to earth, through the five senses, we have a great desire to learn something of the causes which created and control the shining worlds above our heads.

Can you give me a general knowledge of the construction of the sun, and the relation he sustains to the planets that revolve around him?

The full answer to this question would necessarily embody the fixed laws and principles that govern all of the heavenly bodies in space, and not only explain the general make-up of the sun, but also the power and influence that he wields over his planets. The center of the sun is composed of an extraordinary magnet, which in size is much larger than the earth. This magnet is a battery of extraordinary power, but the external surface of the sun is composed of two indestructible luminous substances which enter largely into the formation of all the heavenly bodies in space; but are not found on any of the planets since their incrustation. One of these substances is called radiant and the other crescent; these are substances that spirits are clothed with when known as angels. These substances are wholly antagonistic to each other, and are the positive and negative principles. Radiant is the positive substance with which all the angels of God are clothed, and the crescent substance is that with which the demon spirits were clothed, being wholly in opposition to the positive forces. The external surface of the sun is composed of both of these substances. They are formed in cone shape, the tapering end reaching to this powerful magnet, and the larger extending in an opposite direction. When these two substances are placed together they revolve transversely to each other with great rapidity, and the whole surface of the

sun being composed of these immense cones placed alternately to each other, and extending to this extraordinary central battery which also revolves with indescribable velocity, sending off electrical currents along the entire lines of these revolving cones, which send forth a blaze of electric light, and is that which forms the dazzling brilliancy on the entire surface of the sun.

Astronomers speak of comets. Can you inform me as to what is meant by the track of a comet?

Son of earth, the path of a comet is prescribed by fixed laws in which they are forced to travel. They never vary from those fixed lines without fearful opposition, but sometimes the force of circumstances brings about this fearful result.

Canst thou tell me, worthy sage, what material comets are composed of?

They are formed of the lighter gases that are constantly escaping from all organized bodies, being lighter than the atmosphere that surrounds those bodies, and these gases naturally drifting to those passive lines, as already described, and as they drift along these lines they become connected and attached to constantly accumulating substances, and as it becomes more dense, its speed also increases, and by their extreme velocity heat is rapidly increased, and they become most formidable travelers.

Permit me to ask how a body as thin and light as thou hast described becomes so forcible as to move other heavy bodies out of their places?

I will say that the comet that carried away Luna nearly 100,000 years ago has long since ceased to

travel in the prescribed track of comets. Many millions of years ago it collided with a comet of nearly its own size, within the sphere of Avelon, the largest sun, and again started on its fiery path, destroying two of the largest planets of this sun. And since that time it has been feeding on all bodies in its fiery track.

Worthy sage, what disposition is made of those ponderous bodies it takes upon its fiery bosom?

Here, worthy son, I will say that language is inadequate to describe this wondrous mass of moving fire; and its fearful heat as it passes through space draws into its vortex all masses of moving matter for thousands of miles on either side, which are melted long before they reach its surface and become a part of its fiery bulk.

Can you tell me, worthy sage, how many miles it is to Paradise?

Miles are not known with us. It is only an expression used by man, but we make use of the same terms to convey ideas to you. The distance from earth to Paradise in miles could not be easily estimated. It is ascertained, according to man's mode of estimating, that a spirit can pass through space at the rate of 300,000,000 miles per second; and for a spirit to pass from earth to the borders of Paradise requires about seven hours, and that realm is so expansive that it requires about four hours time at the same ratio of flight to pass across its plains to the opposite boundaries.

Can you tell me, worthy sage, how Paradise is arranged?

I reply in the language of the Word of Power, "Listen, ye armies of heaven, to a description of the arrangement of Paradise, this wondrous realm which is the central belt resting between the seven grand divisions in space. Within the center of this wondrous realm shall be placed a dazzling throne of light, on which shall be enthroned the grand officers of perpetual peace, surrounded by cherubims of immortal glory, and from which wondrous center extends arched corridors leading in all directions, lit up with the blaze of revolving pedestals composed of radiant and crescent formations. These corridors open into rich valleys of evergreen shades, carpeted with flowers of fragrant sweetness and eternal beauty, extending on through orchards of blushing fruits that impart life and immortal beauty to all who eat the same. Beyond this line stands the ever-blooming trees of Paradise: their golden hues intermingling with the warbling notes of feathered songsters, makes the melody ever enchanting and sweet. Just beyond this scene of grandeur rises to view millions of shining mansions of beauty extending thousands of miles, designed for Nature's Great School of Reform. These mansions extend to the rich gardens of Paradise amidst the blushing flowers that bloom along the shaded walks beneath the famous trees that bear twelve manner of fruits; the leaves of which, figuratively, are for the healing of the nations. Beyond these scenes of grandeur and beauty are stars and suns, shining in all their splendor, intermingling with the blaze of distant worlds on either side to cheer and beautify the

peaceful homes of the Great Inheritance of the Redeemed."

Worthy sage, were any other of the heavenly bodies arranged for the reconciliation of the fallen angels?

No, son of earth; this is the only system of planets known to angels throughout all space, that could be reduced to solid substances, as all other suns, stars, and planets are composed of indestructible substances.

How is it possible for me to answer questions that I ask of strange things in space that I never saw nor heard of before?

The answer to this question, son of earth, might change your desires for a continuation of your interrogations. You are answering questions that are astonishing me far more than yourself. You are only answering what you helped plan and carry into effect (I am only speaking to the inner man which is answering questions independent of the outer man), which plans and unrevealed secrets were officially signed and sealed, and the same consigned to your charge, and only to be revealed through your pen. Thus you perceive that you are answering your own questions; all that my agency with you at this time is to paralyze the physical powers of your outer man, and allow the spiritual powers of the inner man to write and bring to light the hidden mysteries that have been kept in your charge from before the foundation of the world.

Why has not this state of affairs been brought about before this late hour, worthy sage?

The fault is your own, son of earth; your strong desires for wealth and the sordid things of mortal life, and now as you fully understand your official agency as the only Revelator that can proclaim and unveil the laws of mediation both to man and angels; make haste and finish, that the inhabitants of earth may be ready to meet their pending doom, for the end of all flesh is near at hand. As the balance of your developments are both intricate and profound, I will summon to your aid the spirit whose name is Carlos, who will assist you to unveil mysteries that have been kept a secret since before the world began. Therefore, for the present I bid thee farewell.

CHAPTER IV.

Worthy Carlos, and Grand Agent of the Blessed, am I through thy influence to learn more of the official affairs beyond the pale of mortal life?

Yes, worthy brother; I have long desired this interview, and I am now ready to unfold mysteries of the first laws of creation through the combined laws of Nature's God, concerning man, embracing a period of 193,000 years, from the laws taking effect down to the formation of Adam and Eve, whose legitimate descendants are still on the earth, embracing a period of 6,887 years. These two races are still on the earth; the descendants of the first creation are known as the Gentile nations, and the legitimate descendants of the Adamic races are known as the Jews, and both of these nations are approaching their final destination

on the earth. And the angel is now proclaiming that times and seasons with mortal man are soon to close. And as the keys of mystery were consigned to your charge, no official business tending to the re-establishment of the apostolic priesthood could be entered into until your second prophecy should be made, and as I presented to you the sealed record containing the voice of the seven thunders, 1,800 years ago, I again stand as your agent to assist you in unveiling that book, that through this work all mysteries shall forever close. Therefore, I now stand as your spiritual agent between the inhabitants of earth and those in spirit life, to assist you in revealing the deep-laid plans of mediation between God and man; both to angels and spirits, which the angels long since have desired to look into, and through these pages, the same mysteries are revealed to man.

There are many mysteries to me, worthy Carlos, outside this mortal life, many of which the Grand Spirit of the earth has unfolded to me. I am becoming weary and impatient while remaining in this dismal cell and yet am permitted to converse with bright spirits that have the freedom of the glittering constellations. Can you inform me why this had to be my dismal lot?

Worthy brother, you are only occupying the same position that the Great Creator voluntarily occupied to achieve a victory over death, and to establish a peaceful home for all the redeemed beyond

The stormy seas of mortal life,
Far beyond the fear of strife;

You should ever rejoice to sacrifice your ease for a short time on this dismal shore, to redeem your lost and fallen brothers from the bars of eternal death.

How came they to be placed in that fearful condition, worthy Carlos?

By open violation of the peaceful laws of God.

Then was not this serious affair brought about by their own voluntary act, worthy Carlos?

Yes, worthy brother; they were only acting out their own evil principle.

How came they with those evil natures?

They came forth thus from the spiritual fountain of Nature's God.

Then if they were the legitimate offspring of, and came forth from the spiritual fountain of this wondrous God of peace and goodness, why were they not all good?

If the laws of God could have possibly been established on that basis it would not have been wisdom to produce but one side to nature, but under such a state of affairs there would have been a profound monotony—no aspiration, no progression—neither would there have been a choice. It is beyond any power to produce substance in nature with but one side or one end. This law holds good through all the ethereal worlds; from the wondrous Godhead from which all intelligences emanated, to the lowest serf that dwells among the dismal haunts of strife and confusion.

Then, worthy Carlos, do I understand that the peace officers of the positive forces are trying to re-

construct or change the negative forces to become wholly positive and destroy the negative powers entirely?

By no means, worthy brothers; that could not be possible. Principles in nature cannot be changed; if they could be, the laws of God would not be eternal, and God would cease to be God, and all nature would return to chaos.

Then, worthy Carlos, as the laws have been established, the fearful invaders have met the full penalty of the law, which was banishment from that court. What is the necessity, or where is the wisdom and expediency of the heavenly powers and even the Great Creator and Organizer to follow them down to this distant earth, and strive to bring them back to the same court with their same negative principles, and with the strong probability of committing the same breach again?

The attempt has never been made to change their negative principles. The combined efforts of all peaceful intelligences, since the fearful conflict was to destroy the chain of evil that had grown out of false ambition that generated strife. They were not resting under censure by any of the obedient powers for their eager desires for progression and aspiration; but they were held to account for attempting to establish a false claim to the throne of power, on the minority principle which was both false and deceptive. The mere claim they set up was ignored by the peace party, but when that claim was attempted to be established by an actual seizure of the throne, it was a

terrible crime and had to be met in defense on their own ground, which resulted in the most serious conflict ever known, and they were banished from the court. After the matter was consigned or placed in the hands of a Mediator, who was the official acting word of power, who revoked the sentence of eternal death, and Satan was banished with all his host for the space of 200,000 years. At which terminus they were to be remanded before the same court. Thus the greatest intellects of that realm were admitted into these secret councils of this ordained Mediator to devise a plan by and through which the angels of this arch-traitor, at the final adjustment, could legally be claimed as joint heirs with him who became the Son of God. From the beginning of the Adamic people on the earth, through the law of inspiration, a Mediator was foretold who should atone for Adam's transgression in the Garden of Eden. Gross speculation has become exhausted to fabricate a plausible pretext for the All-wise Creator to suffer an ignominious death because of his new-made pair eating of fruit calculated to make them wise. Adam's formation was of late origin, though connected with the great plan of reconstruction, yet not fully reached in official order as touching the plan of reconciliation for nearly 200,000 years after the plans formed.

Is Satan and all his host to be destroyed on this planet?

No, worthy brother; according to the established laws regulating the Deocratic Government, no offender can be punished or condemned without first being

arraigned before the Impartial Judge and the offender and offended be brought face to face, and the charges preferred against the offender be fully made known to the accused, who is allowed to make his defense. And Satan, who was consigned here on the earth, was only awaiting his trial; being an officer of great intellectual power, whose intrigues were truly profound, and knowing the undying sympathy the Supreme had for his own angels, was not fearful of the result of the impending trial, as he had with him one-third part of the angels of God. According to the laws of the Supreme Government, all offenders must suffer according to their crimes. Therefore, all who subscribed to the laws that governed the members of Satan's kingdom were legally and rightfully God's own, and thus the angels of God that had voluntarily left the Deocratic Government and had sworn allegiance to the government of Satan, were legally God's own, and Satan supposed there was no legal power that could arrest or take them from him. If the remaining inhabitants of earth desire to learn the depths of eternal wisdom and sympathy of the obedient officers of God, read the deep-laid plans of mediation to defeat the arch-traitor in his premeditated reply to the charges to be preferred against him at the bar of God.

Is the great God called the Word of Power?

Nay; the Word of Power is the official acting part of this wondrous God and claims by heirship to be God, being the only power known under supreme law, the maker, organizer, and creator of all inanimate bodies in space, the sovereign power over all obedient intelligences, and with us is the only God known.

What are we to understand by the words Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit?

The Holy Ghost is also another acting part of this wondrous God; not an organizer, nor a creator, neither is it a personage, nor an angel. It is the embodiment of truth, of wisdom and perfection, and places the adjusting seal on all of the disobedient angels that are redeemed to God on the earth. Thus the Eternal Spirit, the Word of Power, and the Holy Ghost, with us is one God.

Worthy Carlos, can you inform me of the expediency of this wondrous God of all power taking part with His prisoners in the bonds of flesh, on earth?

Yes, worthy brother; elsewhere in these pages the cause of man's existence on the earth has been explained. The same record clearly states that they were placed in chains of darkness and reserved to judgment; and the record still further asserts that the Son of God was born on the earth and did meet this same Devil in person in council in the wilderness, but the nature of that interview was not explained. After which he walked with Christ in several conspicuous places, both in the temple and on the mountain, offering to compromise with Him, being the official agent of God, offering him the whole earth to compromise his disgraceful outrage in the rebellion, claiming that the glittering fields of wealth and official sway as a monarch to sit upon the throne of state with Satan's minions bowing at his command, would be a grand compensation for his trifling agency as arbitrator step-

ping between him and God. Feeling confident that when he with his legions should again meet in their last home, he would answer the charges and carry conviction to the entire court that his claim to the throne was just. The Son of God acting under the laws of courtesy and respect, proving Himself to be an officer of deliberate and candid consideration, as the Apostle Jude, speaking of dignitaries, did not bring against the great arch-traitor a railing accusation, but courteously listened to his contemptible plans of conciliation until forbearance seemed to preclude the expediency of further indulgence, when He consigns the case to the great day of accounts by a telling remark that Satan felt and understood that he had been confronting an officer who was capable of carrying out His deep-laid plans and would not even shrink from the jaws of death ; thus, "Get thee behind me, Satan." The inhabitants of earth should know that they are the subjects of this arch-traitor, groping in chains of darkness, for the end is near at hand.

Worthy Carlos, can you tell me who the angel was whom the Revelator, John, saw come down from heaven clothed with a cloud ?

Son of earth, he is the Great Spirit of Truth, who will lift the seal from the voice of the seven thunders, and prepare the inhabitants of earth for their final deliverance. That angel is by your side and through your pen will solve some of the grand problems of life.

CHAPTER V.

Most worthy Milon, and Grand Agent of the Blessed, am I permitted to learn more of the unrevealed mysteries of the universe? Other agents have spoken to me as my brothers in the bonds of flesh and conveyed to me ideas that are strange and unearthly; things that appear to be visionary, yet they are things I remember as a dream. This same form vanished gradually from my view, yet when I close my eyes he is still before me. I still hear him speak and my right hand understands his language and writes things strange to me. I read the same and still desire to write more, notwithstanding my unearthly visitor has bid me farewell, but has promised me that I shall not be without a guide; that Milon, the highest, shall reveal and bring to light things that have been clothed in mystery. I am fully conscious of thy presence, and as I have been informed that there is a relationship between mortal man and angels, what shall I understand by the expression, "Spiritual birth?" As the Lord informs Nicodemus that he must be born of water and of the spirit.

Worthy brother, this is a mystery of God in eliminating in the twinkling of an eye the evil from a person and placing good instead. But should evil, which is ever present, again gain the ascendancy it is as if the good had never been. Only those who have experienced this change in which the plan of redemption is placed, can know or realize its greatness.

Worthy Milon, I do not yet perfectly understand why Adam and Eve should have been created.

Worthy brother, there were different grades of angels in Satan's army, and one grade was to have their probation through a separate creation — that of Adam. Cain has been somewhat spoken of, and in the process of time Abel, the second son, was born and they grew to manhood. Adam and Eve were visited in the valley by Him who had formed them and gave them encouragement as to their final destiny. That the death that they had brought upon themselves by the transgression of the law was not an eternal death, but after the lapse of 5,000 years, He would bring about a similar arrangement as in the garden from which they had been expelled. And instead of the entering of a demon spirit, that He, the Lord, would take part with His prisoners through their lineal descendant, and suffer death at the hands of His prisoners by crucifixion, and through the loss of His blood as a sacrificial offering, and while remaining in the grave three days and nights, He would enter the prison where their spirits would be resting under the bars of death, and preach to them the gospel of peace and pardon and burst their bars asunder, and bring them forth in spirit form to re-enter human bodies again, when His terms of pardon should be made known, through which acceptance in the event of time they should become joint heirs with Him in the Beautiful Inheritance that they by transgression had lost. Thus you perceive the wrong impression Adam gained through the promise made

to him, that Christ Himself through the loss of His own blood would assume the first Adam who was formed without blood and by the violation of the law, and eating of the products of the earth generated blood in their systems which would be changed in Christ at His crucifixion, and He would become the head and father of that nation through a birth. It was through this wrong impression entirely that God demanded the sacrificing of animal life as an offering for sin. Cain and Abel under this impression commenced the sacrificing of the products of earth as an atonement for sins. God, on whose expansive bosom rests this vast universe of worlds would not condescend to receive such sacrifices. It was the manifestations of the inner man or spirit that were acceptable to Him. Cain was possessed of an unreconcilable spirit whose sacrifice was but solemn mockery before God. With murder in his treacherous soul it could not be expected that his sacrifice would be accepted. It is not the seeds of sin resting dormant in the spirit of man that are punished under the laws, but it is the fruit growing or ripening out of those seeds that is manifested through the flesh or outer man, causing him to carry out the desires and intentions of the inner man. Satan would have remained with Adam's family until the death of his physical body with the strong desire to murder remaining in him until he could be reached by divine justice in another body, or his sinful nature through his own desire should be forgiven, cancelled, and sealed by the Holy Spirit. But Satan being the grand opposite of all

good, this demon principle is so obstinate in him and a few of his subjects that they will never seek for pardon. Being left in the field with his brother, Cain carries out his innate desires by shedding his brother's blood. Again he is confronted by his master and is questioned in regard to the whereabouts of his brother. "I banished you to this earth for your open violation of the law. For no offense whatever you have taken the life of your brother, for which sin you must leave this beautiful land. The place I have destined to banish you is beyond yonder wilderness and the chain of mountains that span the earth, where you will find the gross conspirators that you plotted with many thousands of years ago. This land across the chain of mountains is known as the Land of Crime. The people are called the Gentiles and call their country the Land of Nod. Here you can satisfy your burning thirst for revenge. Therefore you, together with those criminals, are subject to the law of reincarnation which shall extend for the period of 7,000 years from the date of entering this human tenement."

Satan has but one more banishment and that is from the bar of God where he must again stand to answer to the charges preferred against him. You will find that Paul's mission to the Gentiles in offering them salvation was entirely different from the requirements that Christ enjoined upon the Jews, for the Jews were restricted to certain ordinances, and by referring to Paul's letter to the Colossians, 2nd chapter, 20th and 21st verses, you will find that the Gentiles were forbidden to meddle with the ordinances

which were enjoined upon the Jews. For the Jews being aliens and strangers to the Deocratic Government, they, like all foreigners desiring to become citizens of a strange government, are brought under certain restrictions, even before making their applications to become citizens. The Jews, learning through the inspired writings that there was to be born into their nation a deliverer to free them from the yoke of bondage, were entirely ignorant as to the nature of that bondage. As the freedom that this great deliverer would extend to them as they were exceedingly few in number compared with other nations of earth, and that they were under heavy taxation to the powerful government of Rome. Their anticipations and expectations were, that when this great deliverer came, he would make them masters and owners of the earth. For the fearful antagonism existing between them and the Gentiles, nothing but an entire extermination of them would satisfy the Jews, and when the Great Redeemer had been announced by angels, yet had not come through their prescribed laws, and outside the official line of their priesthood, they put the supposed impostor to death by crucifixion; and as it was not the plan laid by divine wisdom to receive them into the family of God, by an adoption, they were to be received as children are born into the families of earth. These conspirators, or Satan and his army, were consigned to the charge of the Grand Spirit of the Earth, who is now by your side and will give you all information in regard to their final destiny. My agency is confined

exclusively to the provisions made by the Word of Power, to bring back to the courts of heaven all that had not passed beyond the law of reprieve. The Spirit of the Earth is wholly conversant with the official doings of the officers placed over all spirits banished to the earth; and who will answer all questions in regard to the plan of reconstruction until the Word of Power takes part with His prisoners on the earth, when I will return again and disclose all mysteries that have been hidden in God, until this revelation passes into the hands of the inhabitants of earth. Farewell until I come again.

CHAPTER VI.

Most worthy sage, I am indeed pleased to have you with me again. Can you tell me what will become of Satan and his 12,000 generals who plotted with the conspirators to overthrow the Deocratic Government?

No one can foretell the result of their trial before the grand bar of God from which they were banished.

Can you tell me, worthy sage, what has become of the conspirators at this period of time?

They comprise the greater part of the inhabitants of earth, and will continue to enter human organisms until the last reconcilable spirit enters for the last time and then comes the end of all things on the earth, and the earth will pass back into a liquid ball of fire, which will be the final destruction of all the enemies of God; as the servant Jude declares them as Sodom and Gomorrah suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Worthy sage, where now is the Land of Nod?

It lies beneath the Atlantic. When Satan or Cain was banished to this noted land it was the richest and most powerful on earth. Its vast cultivated fields extended from the chain of mountains that belted the whole earth and reaching to the borders of the southern ocean. After the waters of the northern sea had broken over its bounds, it flooded the entire northern valleys where the Jewish fathers had existed a long period of years, until those northern valleys had become densely populated by the Adamic descendants, and at the time this ocean broke over its bounds it drowned every vestige of life except those that remained on the mountains. In the process of time this mountain was partly carried away by an earthquake, which opened a chasm to the melted interior, into which the ocean flowed, which proved to be the destruction of this large tract of land. Vast upheavals took place and the country was shifted to where the Atlantic ocean now is ; over those well cultivated fields it now rolls.

You have informed me, worthy sage, that the obedient angels, or the angels of God, have come to earth. Some of which have entered human organisms and lived on the earth with the Dragon's party. Was it for their own development to become wiser and better ?

Son of earth, none of them consigned to an earthly prison has bettered his condition, mentally, physically, or otherwise. It may serve to humble them in their own estimation, but it has not made them better. Good

spirits enter human bodies for humane purposes. All the obedient spirits who have entered human organisms have done so to the sacrifice of their ease and comfort, to elevate their erring brothers on the earth, and not themselves. The Word of Power who occupied the throne of power in the courts of Heaven entered a human organism on earth and allowed his body to be nailed to the cross as a sacrificial offering to redeem His lost brothers who were doomed to perpetual banishment without this condescension. Which God-like act proved His unflinching and undying love for His lost brothers, and not only proved to them but to all the Heavenly powers that none but this wondrous God such undying love could show.

Can you inform me, worthy sage, how many of the obedient angels have voluntarily entered human organisms on the earth?

There are none exempt from the eternal Godhead down to the lowest angel that pays homage to the God of all. Some of the most prominent officers of the obedient angels have been reincarnated on the earth in almost every age. The constitution of this glorious Republic was framed by the same officers who framed the Constitution of the Deocratic Government in the courts of Heaven. The framers of that document declared that all spirits were free and equal, and the same officers clothed in mortality on the earth said in their Constitution of the United States that all men are created free and equal. In the process of time the element opposed to Christian reform boldly declared that all men were not born free and equal. This declara-

tion was made by Satan and his favorite officers who ever sought to obstruct the march of freedom and liberty. The Spirit of Truth is by your side and will now guide your hand.

CHAPTER VII.

Worthy Spirit of Truth, I am ready to receive whatever message you deem best to give me at this time.

Worthy brother, the suffering originating from wars, commotions, slavery and intemperance, is even beyond the pen of Infinite Wisdom to describe. These fearful scourges have been brought about by the evil devices of one of the most profound arch generals that inhabited the chambers of space, and the result of his plottings in every age on the earth has already reached the climax. But the causes outside of human speculation that brought about these terrible calamities is now my mission to unveil. Nothing can exist in Heaven or on earth but has its corresponding opposite. The grand beauties of a distant Heaven have been painted to man with a wondrous throne in its center, with a God on the same who is supposed to be the God and Father, the Creator and Originator of all things, with shining angels, spirits and messengers at His command. The opposite of this is a dismal Hell with a hideous Devil supervising the same, with demons, devils and imps, together with the spirits of the damned, are vividly described. This is, in part, gross speculation without giving a satisfactory reason therefor. No

spirit, angel, or mortal, is blamed by us in spirit life for being inclined to evil. The most inveterate demons were created so by nature. The poor mortal that burns with deep anger and has strong desires to take the life of a fellow-being, and refrains from doing so through his natural life, on returning to spirit life is received with great honor and respect by his brothers. The Apostle Paul declared that "as a man becometh so is he." No intelligence is to be blamed for being what nature made him. On the other hand, no officer in spirit life receives great honor for being made good by nature. The Word of Power who became the Son of God was not crowned with honor and glory for being the grand opposite of all evil. But He was crowned with greater respect and honor for voluntarily leaving His exalted position and suffering thirty-three years of gloomy prison life among his prisoners, and even suffering the death of the cross to redeem the fallen angels from the jaws of an eternal death. Mortal man is only separated from the spirit world by a thin covering of flesh, but the human eye cannot behold the retinue of spirits that constantly surround him. The lobes of the brain are so completely guarded from all outside influences, the natural spirit enthroned is comparatively free from the attacks of outside evil spiritual influences. Satan's will-power over spirits and angels is almost beyond the power of resistance by all those whom he has had under his iron grasp. Consequently all redeemable spirits as fast as they are redeemed, are conveyed to the Great School in Paradise, where the

Son of God took the spirit of the thief after the crucifixion, and also where the spirit of the Apostle Paul was transported, who on entering this wondrous court to his astonishment found a vast concourse of the disobedient angels he had once fought as the Archangel Raphael. There the great plan of mediation and reconstruction was made known to him, which he was forbidden to reveal to man until this age when the seal is taken from the voice of the seven thunders, and the long-swallowed book. There he learned all of his official business on the earth, the main object of which was to offer pardon to the redeemable Gentiles. He then came back to earth and entered upon his Christian duties with great zeal, and after many gloomy years of unflinching toil, yielded up his life into the hands of his enemies.

Worthy brother, the dread destroyer is in this land. Satan with his band of demons is undermining the bright intellects of millions of human beings every year with poisonous drugs that bring the unsuspecting victim under the bars of the second death. This beverage is sapping and destroying the foundation of reason. It makes fearful inroads in all the societies of earth. It makes demons of the most noble hearts that ever graced the earth. Reflect on the destruction of bright intellects, the wails sent up from bleeding hearts, the hideous howls from the gulfs of eternal despair from wretched souls that are lost, and lost forever. This blighting curse thrown into the balance sinks down into the shades of eternal night, and still on down far below all other miseries on the earth combined.

The sad wail of millions of bleeding souls has already reached Him who said, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay." Retribution is at hand. The cloud of vengeance is hanging heavily over the heads of those who dare to barter with human souls to obtain the dross of earth. The spirit of swift retribution is already frowning above their heads, and the spirit of vengeance has sworn and will not revoke his decree that gnawing worms shall consume their vitals and they shall gnaw their tongues with pain.

The inhabitants of this boasted land of freedom who drenched the fields with blood to maintain their Constitutional decree that all men are born free and equal, and extinguish slavery, now are placing as rulers of this grand Republic, demons incarnate that will license their brothers in crime to deal out deadly poison, that not only destroys the perishable bodies but also places their immortal souls under the bars of eternal death, and when approached by their constituents for redress and ask for a law that will prohibit the manufacture and sale of these poisons, declare that their hands are tied. The decree has already gone forth under the seal of Him that cannot lie, that the bands are already forged that will fasten their blood-stained hands forever. And the same spiritual hand that wrote in flaming characters upon the crumbling walls of Babylon, in sight of the same reveling drunken band, Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin, is writing it upon the crumbling walls of this nation. Satan, after his banishment from Eden, passed through the wilderness to the equatorial chain of mountains that spanned the earth into

the populous borders of the Gentile nations. This valley extended many thousands of miles south to the borders of the southern ocean. The most powerful of these nations kept up a continual warfare on the weaker tribes, so that oftentimes the entire lands were drenched in blood. It so happened in the process of time that Satan, in the personage of Cain, became very conspicuous as a war general, and marched at the head of one of the most powerful nations then existing in that land, from conquest to conquest. He was joined by other bands and laid waste the entire land. He finally marched with his army and besieged the walled city of Amazon, the capital of the most powerful nation then on the earth, and after a long siege they delivered this supposed-to-be unconquerable metropolis into the hands of Satan. High above the executive mansion of this famous city he raised a black flag with glittering shields and flaming swords around its entire border, and across its floating surface he placed in flaming characters, "Death to any nation that disputes my power to be absolute." So to him was ascribed the ownership of every kingdom they knew. This famous walled-in city, the headquarters of Satan, where he issued his fearful mandates, was situated near a river, all of which territory was sunk beneath the Atlantic ocean. The speculation as to right and wrong among the two contending powers of spirits and angels in the spirit land is similar to the speculation among the contending intelligences of earth. The difference is that man is born with innate or hereditary desires to provide food and raiment for the support of their per-

ishing bodies, and in connection with these principles which are governed by reason or judgment, is found the lower animal nature. The strongest of these principles in man is to propagate the species. This principle was so designed by the Creator in man to produce habitations for the indwelling of fallen angels. Without this wise provision arranged by the Creator, the grand chain of evil which was in opposition to goodness, strife and contention, wars and commotions, would never have ceased between the two grand armies of Heaven, whose lives were not rated under the laws of time. But among the armies of earth base outlaws and desperadoes are removed from society by the laws of death. The same evil-designing spirits that the sons of earth have to contend with is the same band that Michael and his angels contended with. The negative forces headed by Satan were speculative, progressive, and what would be called by the sons of earth, political aspirants. When any spirit, good or bad, enters a human body, it loses all knowledge of a former existence, and among the countless millions that have entered the form, not one except the Word of Power who became the Son of God, remembered His former existence and the plans of mediation and reconciliation which He was placed in the form to consummate. The renowned Elijah, who left the higher courts above with the Word of Power, and who was to stand as a witness for the Son of God, also remembered the one charge made to him before leaving the shining court, that on the earth in the form of John the Baptist he should give his evidence to the Jews by the

descending of the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove, and lighting upon the Son of God on the banks of the Jordan river, was a sign that He who had sent Him declaimed that all men through Him might believe.

Worthy brother, Satan's point is by the curse of intoxicating liquors to gain the control of the whole Christian world. He is ever active and seeks by professed Christianity as an angel of light to bring into his empire all forgetful, erring souls. As you are nearing the verge of your departure, and the time is also drawing near when you will cease to be an agent in the flesh, you can soon speak to us in the spirit as a spirit. One of the grand officers of the Seventh Realm, whose name is Coron, is by your side and will now guide your pen.

CHAPTER VIII.

Worthy Coron, am I permitted to ask thee of matters concerning the Seventh Realm?

Assuredly, noble son, we, in spirit life, are far more desirous of communicating to our brethren in the bonds of flesh than they are desirous of asking our advice. Man's formal style of invoking supreme law for aid and information, instead of asking their brethren in spirit life to be made acquainted with their earth's duties, has been a great hindrance to the union that might otherwise have been effected among mankind. If they had approached their spiritual brethren as did John the Revelator, the Apostles in prison, Abraham and Lot, Daniel in the lions' den, Christ on the moun-

tain talking with Moses and Elias, and thousands of other cases on record which prove to the sons of earth that God speaks through agents, angels and ministering spirits, as the Apostle Paul has declared. Speaking of angels, he says, "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister unto those who should be heirs of salvation?" As thy desire is to gain spiritual knowledge to hand to thy brethren on the earth, I am ready to impart any information concerning our laws and regulations on this side of the River of Death. The term "heaven" is used by those in spirit life to describe the vast regions of space and worlds contained within the limits of two prescribed lines running parallel with each other through space, and the territory lying between these lines by spirits are called realms, and by mortals are called heavens or spheres. There are six of these imaginary lines extending from the great center dividing the vast chambers of space into sectional order, containing suns, planets, comets and fixed stars. These lines are numbered from the great center heaven which is called by angels "God's Throue," supposed to be the fountain-head of power and the grand laws of organization that extend through all the worlds in space. There is no language used by men or angels that could describe the magnificence that surrounds the expansive realm of this vast inclosure, which was once the peaceful home of God's beloved children numbering eighteen million billion.

Canst thou give me a closer description of the arrangements within this great center?

I can give thee a faint outline of the grand divisions of this eternal center. The most significant term that could be used by man to commence a description of this vast realm would be "immensity," as it is billions of miles from the grand center of this realm to the radiant belt that makes its outer boundary, it being the only line or boundary dividing the Seventh Realm that is marked by radiant and crescent illuminations. Around these revolving, indestructible illuminators, as given in a former description of the sun, there are numerous stationary arched globes, around the whole line that spans this eternal center. On the outer surface and along the entire length of these arches, are growing in endless profusion ever-blooming trees of life-bearing, invigorating fruits, with radiant walks amidst the evergreen shades of indescribable beauty, with blushing flowers, and warbling songsters mingling with the chant of angels, never fails to give pleasure and contentment to all spirits and angels who are willing to be governed by the peaceful laws of that realm. At the terminus of these arches is the grand court of officers of that realm, angels and archangels, serfs and seraphims, who legally appoint ministering agents to their brethren in exile on the earth. The officers of that court are instructing a delegation of the highest archangels of that realm to visit their fallen brethren on the earth, to strengthen them and encourage them to become obedient to the laws of God, and accept the plan of mediation, as the end of all things on the earth is near at hand, when the Adamic races will be transferred to a kingdom in the world

to come. This famous court is surrounded by mansions beautiful which connect the arches with the center globe, which no angel has ever entered and which is supposed to be the secret dwelling-place of Nature's God. From this indescribable ball of glowing fire are transmitted streams of light combined with magnetic and electric forces which pass along those famous mansions to the radiant belt spanning the entire circle, which radiant and crescent revolving globes around the whole surface of this vast realm, throwing off these eternal forces through illimitable space, connects all the heavenly bodies with this great center.

Most worthy Coron, who is Christ?

Thou noble son of earth, this Christ and the Archangel Michael are one.

Where is Christ, the Mediator, at this time?

His residence is in Paradise, the Third Realm.

Then who governs and controls the hosts of heaven?

Since the great rebellion there has been no necessity of a governor. Every angel is eminently interested in the welfare of his brothers, and the highest officers of this realm volunteer to go to the planets to mingle with and die for their fallen brethren.

Is not Christ to become a king and a ruler in the world to come?

Yes, but His rule only extends to the end of that kingdom which only lasts a thousand years, when the spirit of rebellion and disunion is destroyed. Carlos will now answer your questions.

CHAPTER IX.

Most worthy Carlos, I desire to ask thee of the mode of worship required of us, that we may become members of Christ's kingdom.

Worthy brother, in regard to thy question as touching the kingdom of heaven, all Gentile nations have reason to rejoice that they are not to become associated with that kingdom. It is made up of only the Adamic races most familiarly known as the Jews. Christ's missionary services on the earth only extended to the lost sheep of the house of Israel with whom I was left in charge after his crucifixion.

What becomes of the spirits of the Gentiles during the thousand years while the Jews are occupying the kingdom?

Worthy brother, they are then in the full enjoyment of their purchased possession in the Third Realm.

Do all of the Gentile spirits occupy this possession during the thousand years?

All except those who have been made acquainted with the full chain of circumstances that placed them in temporal bodies on the earth and the plan desired by the peace party for their pardon and redemption; those who are in the possession of this knowledge and through malice reject the plan, their chance for pardon is lost and no further provisions will be made for them, for this is the sin that Christ alludes to that

shall not be forgiven in this world or the world to come—the sin against the Holy Ghost. The other party is the Gentiles who never heard the Gospel and plan of redemption. They will be admitted into the kingdom with the Jews. But this kingdom will not be established until their eleventh and last term of prison life is ended.

Did not Christ's missionary services extend to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews?

Yes, worthy brother, his mission extended to all mankind. But being born of the seed of Abraham, if He had mingled with the Gentiles the same as with the Jews, the latter would have had just grounds to condemn Him, but standing aloof from the Gentiles, He stood before his accusers faultless, except on one charge and that was that He claimed to be King of the Jews, and when questioned by Pilate: "Art thou a King?" Christ answered the question in view of His foreknowledge, saying: "To this end I was born, that my kingdom is not of this world; if it was, my subjects would defend me; but my kingdom is hence."

When the disciples asked Him, did He not answer emphatically that the kingdom of heaven did not come by observation, but from within them?

His answer was correct. His language was addressed to the spiritual intelligences of the Jews who were His prisoners that He had followed from the Seventh Realm to the earth, and whom He knew would reject, condemn and crucify Him, and which spirits then within them would be His subjects in the kingdom of heaven. This kingdom was to be es-

tablished through the law of regeneration, or another birth. Thus informing Nicodemus that he was to be a member of that kingdom, but could not enter it until born into it.

Worthy Carlos, we are taught that the regeneration or new birth is in this life.

This is partially correct, for the foundation for this new birth is laid upon this earth.

When a man's sins are forgiven and he receives his new birth, is he regenerated?

Worthy brother, turn to Matthew, 19th chapter, 28th verse, and you will there learn that He promises His apostles that they who had followed Him in the regeneration, when the Son of Man would sit in the throne of His glory, they, the twelve apostles, should sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. He had led the way and they had followed Him. He had never lost sight of them, and had laid the plan to meet them in a kingdom in the future, with his apostles by and through a birth, as He had informed Nicodemus, who would also be a member of this kingdom, which was to be made up of the house of Israel.

What are we to understand by Christ's language to Nicodemus, that flesh and blood could not inherit the kingdom of heaven?

The New Testament gives a plain understanding of the commencement of this kingdom. The grand parents through which all the Adamic descendants are to be born into the kingdom of heaven are those who are to be sealed, which the Revelator, John, describes

in the 7th chapter of Revelation, the 144,000 that stood before the throne of God and the Lamb clothed in white robes, and also in the 14th chapter, 4th verse, of the same book. The same 144,000 that were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and the Lamb. Also the 15th chapter of I. Corinthians, 51st verse: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trump." And another passage states that we are to be caught up to meet Christ in the air. All these passages have their direct reference to the establishing of a kingdom. These 144,000 that are sealed are changed in a moment, the same as Christ's body was changed. First Peter, 3rd chapter, 18th verse, says that He was put to death in the flesh, but was made alive, or quickened, by the spirit, that is, the blood flowed from his veins and the spirit of eternal life entered, in which event He changed, from mortality to immortality and in which change He assumed Adam's first position in the Garden of Eden. Christ being born of Adam's progeny under the same law had changed the order by crucifixion, the same as the 144,000 who will be changed in a moment by divine law and caught up to the planet Saturn, which is to be the new heaven and the new earth, the noted Star of Bethlehem being drawn into service to transport them from this to the new earth. Through which number, they being the parents and members of the kingdom, and through them will be born of spirit and water all the descendants of the Adamic races. Flesh

and blood cannot inherit that kingdom, but flesh and bone with all other necessary properties constituting bodies, the same as Christ appeared to His apostles after the crucifixion, in a closed room, circumstances that forced the stubborn reality upon their minds that no human body could enter into their midst in their guarded conditions, and supposed they were confronting a spirit. But their Lord and Master removed their doubts by informing them that a spirit had not flesh and bone as He had, and offered to give them a physical test by thrusting their hands into His wounds. The kingdom of heaven will be peopled by the same and under the same conditions that the present inhabitants were brought upon the earth, becoming converted by the law of death from the earth form, and become a child again through the law of regeneration, being born again, as Christ informs Nicodemus, of water and spirit, through the 144,000, and will in that condition live and reign with Christ 1,000 years, under a spiritual government, when the twelve apostles will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Are our preachers at fault when urging disobedient and sinful individuals to reform and receive a change of heart?

All Christian ordained agents are commanded to preach the gospel of peace to man; the renouncing of their original leader, the Devil, and the endorsing of Christ, which endorsement cancels the debt that brought them here, but the canceling of that debt precludes the necessity of regeneration or another birth into the kingdom, as the debt is canceled by a baptism

of spiritual fire and the Holy Ghost, which is a full endorsement of this membership into the great family of God. Therefore, warn thy brethren who are teaching the plan of redemption to all those who are under the curse of their original debt, to carefully study the teachings of the New Testament Scriptures, and not misconstrue the true teachings of that record, and endorse Christ's peaceful plan, the fruits of which are love to God and man, peace, joy and friendship and doing unto others as you would have them do to you ; on which hangs all the laws that bind in one general compact the armies of heaven.

Worthy Carlos, what has faith to do with our salvation ?

I will answer by a parable. Once there were two individuals living under the rule of a certain governor who was respected by a large majority of his subjects. But these individuals for treason and attempted assassination of the governor were banished to a desolate island to remain during their natural lives. At the end of seven years the noble and humane governor sent an ambassador with the glad tidings that by swearing allegiance to the government and acknowledging their acts, they could return to their homes and be received into full citizenship. The officer delivered his message to the two men and urged them to return with him to their homes, where they would be cordially welcomed by their friends. One of these gloomy exiles showed signs of great pleasure and offered a prayer to God and thanks to his noble governor, and was ready to endorse the

stipulations and return home. But the other was wholly unbelieving, and denounced the officer as an enemy laying a plot, by the aid of the government, to execute them. Consequently, he remained on the island and the governor's reprieve was of no avail. His unbelief stands as a figure of the Jews. Christ hath availed them nothing in this age. Through unbelief they rejected and murdered their warmest friend and deliverer, which necessitates the establishment of a kingdom in the coming age, which forces upon them another birth and death. But the believing Gentiles have a part in the first resurrection on which the second death hath no power.

Where do the spirits of the apostles go when they leave the earth?

Worthy brother, all obedient spirits have no particular location after leaving the earth. Wherever their services are required, there they are found aiding and encouraging their erring brethren, Michael, or Christ, in whom is concentrated the Word of Power and the Holy Ghost, being their director.

Where go the spirits of those banished to the planets after death?

They are immediately conveyed by ministering spirits to the Great School of Reform in Paradise, where they are taught by the most obedient spirits that existed within the borders of the Seventh Realm.

Who heads this noble band of teachers?

He who was crucified at Jerusalem. This is where He conveyed the spirit of the thief who was crucified with Him, reaching those beautiful plains on the same day of their departure from earth.

Are all the spirits that were banished to the planets retained in that Great School of Reform?

If after a certain time they are still found to be enemies to all principles of goodness, they are returned to the earth to become associated with temporal bodies again. These demons are the same legioned host that Christ met in the field of Gadarenes. They were His prisoners and knew Him, and desired of Him not to be sent into the deep, meaning not to be consigned to space till their time to be tormented, or their time to be born again into another body on the earth. This is the class of spirits that oftentimes entice their brother spirits occupying the form to commit horrid crimes, setting brother against brother, and inspiring the vindictive and disobedient generals of the earth to lead their armies on to the fearful destruction.

Worthy Carlos, what becomes of these spirits after the term of their banishment?

They are again taken to the realm from whence they were expelled, and re-enter the celestial bodies they once were forced to vacate.

Will they all become friends to that grand brotherhood and the union they fought against?

No, worthy brother; this is the most serious part of the sequel. They, after entering God's building that Paul describes in II. Corinthians, 5th chapter, 1st verse, which he calls a "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." They are then remanded before the last tribunal in the full enjoyment of their spiritual bodies, when the condition of their friendship with God is inquired into by Him who was

'crucified for them, and asks the final question: "Are you yet satisfied, or has all I have done for your redemption and restoration been for naught? If you accept, your names shall be inscribed in golden letters on the eternal scroll; if not, your chances of redemption are past, your rebellious spirits shall vacate your spiritual bodies for the last time, and your spirits shall drift through the outer bounds of space through the countless ages of eternity." Worthy brother, my mission with thee is now finished. The mysteries under my charge are unsealed. Milon is with you. I must hasten to join my brethren in Paradise. You will be with us soon. Fare thee well.

CHAPTER X.

Worthy Milon, I wish to ask thee what becomes of the angels in Satan's army after they have refused Michael's offers?

Worthy brother, it is a grief to tell. This being the eleventh time they have been brought from the planets to the Great School of Reform, and many times have they rejected those offers; their stubborn nature will lead them to the great bar of God, and before the last tribunal, only to hear the sentence "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels."

Worthy Milon, where is this fire located?

This fire is figurative. It is the bitter pangs of despair, anguish, remorse, and a guilty conscience,