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## PREFACE.

Forty-eight years ago I had never dreamed of writing a book on anything but straight Holy Ghost religion and my travels. Therefore this is responsive to immediate request by the Lord's people, whom I recognize as God's medium, through whom he communicates to me His will in the matter of my humble service in His kingdom. Astronomy is the oldest science in the world; the azure skies traversed by the glorious king of day and the beautiful queen of the night with their vast retinues of glittering constellations, constituting the vast chandelier with which God has furnished this great temple, i e., the whole material world, in which He reveals Himself in majesty, glory, love, wisdom, knowledge and goodness, magnetizing all eyes, electrifying all hearts, instructing all intellects and in superlative beauty, grandeur and sublimity, edifying the understanding of every human being. I wonder not, that this magnificent array of unspeakable beauty, splendor, majesty and glory, did win to their worship the hearts of nature's simple children; so that Baal, the sun god, became the most popular divinity worshiped by the people of this world the first 4,000 years, in the absence of the written word, intuitively stopping with the creature instead of moving forward with the inspiration of faith, responsive to the Holy Spirit, from the creature to the Creator. The Egyptians worshipped the sun under the name of Osiris; the Phoenicians and Assyrians, under that of Baal;



the Arians who first brought civilization into India, under the name of Ueruna; the Greeks, Zeus, and the Romans, Jupiter. The patriarchs and prophets in all bygone ages gave much attention to Astronomy. Job is the oldest book in the Bible, having been written nine years before the departure of the children of Israel out of Egypt, 38:31-31, "Canst thou bind the sweet influence of the Pleiades or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in this season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" Pleiades is from Pleo of Lu, rain which was frequently scarce, was much appreciated. They believed that the Pleiades brought rain on the earth. This is the beautiful constellation of the seven stars. Orion is one of the brightest and most glorious of all the constellations. When you study Astronomy, you will soon get acquainted with the Pleiades and Orion. Mazzaroth means the signs of the Zodiac, twelve in number, encompassing the entire firmament, six of them in sight all the time. Far back in remote antiquity, these patriarchal astronomers, with studies, by the power of their strong eyes, in that land so characteristic of cloudless skies, i. e., in Egypt, they never have clouds nor rain (as it is not needed, because the land is amply irrigated by the ample overflowing of the Nile.) In these western heavens it is difficult for us to conceive the brightness and the splendor enjoyed by the Orientals. While doubtless the Antediluvians made great progress in the study of Astronomy, as all eyes had nothing to do but to look up and read the book of nature spread out over the Cerulean skies and bestudded with the great king of day, lovely queen of the night and the

mighty host of sparkling diadems, everywhere bestudding the firmament. If they had any books, or records, they perished in the floods, with the exception of the monumental, i. e., the pyramids of Egypt and the temples and citadel of Baal-beck in Syria, doubtless the city which Cain founded; all these furnished incontestable evidence of the antediluvian origin. The present history of Astronomy runs back to the immediate family of Noah and received its development in Arabia, which not only led the way in the order of time but has excelled all other countries in their achievements, giving the world the brightest retinue of astronomers, actually excelling all other nations. Job was an Arab, a great prophet of the Lord, identified with the patriarchal dispensation. It required immense labor and study to organize the twelve signs of the Zodiac, which we have now in our almanacs in this day, the conjectures about the weather which you there find and which yield a potent influence among the people, are deduced from those signs of the Zodiac. There is no doubt that Job had become proficient in Astronomy. which was the leading science in the world in his day. Acturius is the name of a very beautiful constellation away up north. consisting of seven great and brilliant stars, generally known as the "Seven pointers," because they always point toward the North Star. The constellation is generally called the Great Bear. In counter distinction to another small constellation of similar shape and denominated the Little Bear.



## **BIBLE ASTRONOMY.**

### **CHAPTER I.**

#### **Creation of the Solar System.**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen. 1:1. We are not informed when this creation took place. The popular idea that it was six thousand years ago is utterly untenable. The Hebrew word **yom**, means a period of time, and not simply twenty-four hours day. Do not forget this beloved, that, "one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." 2 Peter 3:8. Now you see God's day is not the short space of twenty-four hours, but a thousand years. N. B.—This is not to be understood as definite, but an indefinite expression for a long period of time. So far as definite periods are concerned, we should remember that chronologies vary, therefore they must not put a straight jacket on the word of God. The hypothesis of these demiurgic days restricted to twenty-four hours, is untenable, because in that case they would be solar days. whereas the sun is not mentioned till the fourth day. Therefore you see the first four could not have been solar days, as there was no sun visible to measure them. Since the same word **yom** reveals all the seven days, constituting the first week, and the first four were not solar days, measured from sun to sun, it follows as a logical consequence, that none of the seven were solar. It is positively stated that, having finished the work in the six days, God rested on the seventh day. Do you

know that this seventh day is still running, because God is still resting from the work of creation. When the seventh day expires, and the eighth sets in, the logical conclusion follows that God will resume the work of Creation, transforming the earth, sanctifying it by the fires and renovating it into the similitude of a bright and glorious heavenly world, actually transforming it into a beautiful celestial sphere, when it will take its place in the glorious retinue of unfallen heavenly worlds, where sin has never entered, and sorrow is unknown. Our people much need light, to simplify and elucidate these controverted problems, because infidels take advantage of them and sidetrack our people into clouds of darkness.

(a)

As you see, Gen. 1:1, simply chronicles creation and suddenly drops the curtain without telling us when it took place. I have no doubt but that it actually occurred millions of years ago, which would be but a moment in the divine calendar, as God has existed from all eternity, never having had a beginning, and never can have an end. His existence is a perfect sphere without beginning or end. When I traveled around the world I started from Cincinnati, traveled east all the time till I got back to my starting point, coming from the west. Any other place in the world would have done as well as Cincinnati for embarkation, and disembarkation. At some remote period, in bygone eternity, the Omnific Fiat spoke into existence an immense mass of matter (I trow in a vapor state). Then with His own hand, giving it a rotary motion which accumulates velocity by its

own momentum, meanwhile pursuant to the universal law of gravitation, contraction proceeds till it gets down to the orbit of Neptune, six thousand million miles in diameter, a vast irregular mass rolls off, which responsive to the law of gravitation, assumes a spherical shape, and pursuant to the laws governing the centripetal and centrifugal forces. revolves around the primitive interger and constitutes the planet Neptune. which is the most remote of the solar system, 228 millions of miles distant from the sun and sixty times the size of the world. Still the condensation of the vast vaporous mass, continues till the orbit of Uranus is reached, which is three thousand million miles in diameter. This abnormal mass, pursuant to the laws of nniversal gravitation, assumes a spherical shape, and continues to revolve around the primitive integer, constituting the great planet Uranus—a glorious world 114 million miles from the sun and eighty times as large as this world. Again pursuant to the laws of gravity, the contraction of the primitive integer continues, till it reaches the orbit of Saturn, which is eighteen hundred million miles in diameter. There the centrifugal force again so predominates over the centripetal, as to discharge an immense vaporous mass, which, pursuant to the laws of universal gravitation, assumes a spherical shape and constitutes the great planet Saturn. with its brilliant rings, and eight great and beautiful satellites revolving around him. This immense world is eleven hundred times as large as our earth and nine hundred millions of miles from the sun.

## (b)

Again, responsive to the centripetal and centrifugal forces, the condensation of the primitive integer continues till we reach the orbit of Jupiter, nine hundred and ninety millions of miles in diameter, where the centrifugal forces again predominating over the centripetal, another immense abnormal mass is evolved. which assuming a spherical shape. responsive to the laws of universal gravitation, continues to revolve around the primitive integer constituting the great planet Jupiter, the largest in the solar system, fourteen hundred times the size of the Earth. Jupiter is 495 millions of miles from the sun, attended by eight magnificent moons, and enveloped by splendid luminous belts, so that he makes a grand and magnificent show through the telescope. Then the condensation of the primitive integer continues responsive to the centrifugal and centripetal forces till we reach the orbits of the asteroids. 500 millions of miles in diameter, where the centrifugal again predominating the centripetal forces, another great mass rolls off, which assumes a spherical form, responsive to the force of gravity, and revolves around the primitive integer, 250 millions of miles from the sun. As at this place we have fifty-two small planets revolving through space, astronomers have long ago reached the conclusion that originally they all constitute one great planet, which in process of time underwent an explosion, tearing it all to pieces. all of the large fragments pursuant to gravitation spherifying, and continuing their flight around the primitive integer,



and now constituting the fifty-two Asteroids. Meanwhile the small fragments, whose weight was not sufficient to develop a balance wheel, adequate to counteract the centrifugal force, as to hold them in orbital equilibrium, pursuant to the centrifugal force, so deflected from their orbit that they never again returned back to the starting point. Consequently, revolving in a perpetual hyperbole, they wander away till so affected by the gravity of some world to which they perchance approximate that they revolve around it, continually approaching it till they fall on it. As Mars and Jupiter are the nearest planets to the orbit of the Asteroids, doubtless the most of those dismembered, erratic fragments, have fallen on them, whereas many have fallen on our Earth. I have often seen them, and so have you. They are denominated meteoric stones and improperly called falling stars. N. B.—The stars are suns to other systems and great worlds revolving around them, and never do fall. (My amanuensis here interrogates about Matt. 24:29, "Immediately after the desolation of these days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." This is prophetic symbolism, in which the sun typifies the king, the moon the queens, and the stars the subordinate rulers of the nations and the powers of the heavens (firmament) the different governments. All this will take place when the Lord comes for His bride, and the Father (Dan. 7:9) will shake down all usurpers and rivals, throughout the whole world.) When these

meteoric stones revolving through ethereal space reach the atmosphere, its condensation before them develops so much heat, that they become luminous, looking like falling stars.

(c)

Sometimes we have an electrical phenomena which looks like the stars were all descending in showers down to the earth and known in history as the meteoric showers. In high northern latitudes they are very common and actually sweep through the forest, with tremendous noise, like a rushing platoon of cavaliers. Of course they are not meteoric stones, but electrical phenomena. In November, 1833, when I was only six months old, these phenomena were exceedingly manifest, as if all the stars had left their places in the firmament and were descending down to the earth. The alarm was intense, and the people took it for granted that the judgment day had come. A godly man, H. P. Young, twelve years my senior, and consequently old enough to remember it well, told me that the phenomenon occurred at 4 o'clock in the morning, giving a light bright as day, so that his father got to thinking it was day. Opening the door it looked as if all the stars were falling right down to the earth. Turning, he said to his wife and children, "All get up for the judgment day has come and the stars are falling." My informant was not converted. Therefore, heeding the warning he asked his father to pray for him, which he did unhesitatingly, all of them bowing before God, as he was a Christian and ready for the judgment day. There is no doubt but those phe-

nomena are correctly imputed to electrical and magnetic influences. Some of these meteoric stones have fallen in South America weighing nine hundred tons, giving us the enormous magnitude of 1,800,000 pounds. Now the primitive integer continuing to contract responsive to universal gravitation, reaches the orbit of Mars, 190 million of miles in diameter. Then another evolution takes place, which constitutes that planet of the solar system. He has a very brilliant, fiery appearance in the sky, and is sometimes denominated the Morning and sometimes the Evening star, owing to his position. Then the primitive integer, responsive to the centripetal forces, continues to act, till it reaches the orbit of our world, the Earth, when the centrifugal, again predominating over the centripetal, another evolution, disengages a vast abnormal bulk of vaporous matter, which pursuant unto the law of gravitation, undergoes spherification, taking its place in the orbit where it was evolved, and proceeds to revolve around the primitive integer and formed the earth, on which we dwell, one of the ten planets constituting the solar system, with an orbit one hundred and ninety million miles in diameter and ninety-five million from the sun.

(d)

Again, pursuant to the laws of gravitation and projection, the primitive integer, continues to contract, till it reaches the orbit of Venus, a beautiful planet, now revolving around the sun, with a diameter of a hundred and thirty-eight millions of miles. It is one of the largest stars visible to us in the celestial vaults, currently denominated the Morning and Even-

ing star, according to its position. Another contraction supervenes, till the primitive integer reaches the orbit of Mercury, seventy four millions of miles in diameter, when another tremendous mass rolls off, which undergoing spherification, pursuant to the centripetal and centrifugal forces, constitutes the planet Mercury, thirty-seven millions of miles from the sun. By this time the primitive integer has reached the equilibrium of the centripetal and centrifugal forces, so there is no more evolution. (I have heard some talk about the discovery of inter-Mercureal planets, but never learned whether they had actually settled the problem). Therefore the primitive integer continues to contract, till it becomes luminous, and constitutes our sun this day, which is one million times as large as this earth, really much larger than all the planets combined. The reason why the sun is not mentioned until the fourth day is because it took Him till that time to become luminous. The luminosity of a planet is inversely proportional to its magnitude. Genesis 1:3: "And God said, let there be light and there was light." This took place the first day of creation, and evidently came from the superior planets, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, which of course became luminous long before the Sun which was last of all to receive his integrity, and then so very large that it would take him a long time to receive his luminosity. Now, these demiuric days, were an indefinite thousand years, 2 Peter 3:8, as they were all God's days and not man's, as this was long before man was created and before the sun had become luminous.

## CHAPTER II.

**Formation of the Earth.**

Gen. 1:2, "And the Earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters." Here we see that at this epoch, the earth has not yet been developed in her present form of continents, islands, oceans, and seas, and was covered all over with water. We should not make the mistake to which some drift, led astray by the E. V.. Acts 19:2: "They said unto Him, We have not heard that the Holy Ghost is given," referring to His dispensation, which was inaugurated on the day of Pentecost, and they had not heard of it. Here you see he was present on the morning of creation, and has been in the world ever since. That this earth was all covered in water the first day of its formation is clear from the revelation. This conclusion is abundantly confirmed by the sea shells, i. e., fossiliferous remains of the marine animals which have been found in all parts of the earth, even the summits of the highest mountains. I have seen them. On the third day you see the waters were gathered into the seas and the dry land appeared. The creation of the animals was progressive. During the long periods while the earth was covered with water, none but oceanic animals existed, as we have abundant confirmations on all the mountain ranges. When the dry land appeared animals adapted to its

habitation were created in all parts of the earth. During these five demiurgic days, which preceded the sixth, the earth abounded with every species of animals, terrestrial, oceanic and aerial. Finally on the sixth day God created Adam and afterward Eve, a transformation of his rib. As this was his last creation, He rested from the work, denominating it the Sabbath, which is a Hebrew word, literally meaning rest, and gloriously symbolizing the rest which the soul receives in Jesus.

(e)

We see from Gen. 1:1, that God created not only the earth but the heavenly bodies, i. e., the solar system, including the sun and his grand retinue of ten worlds, with their satellites revolving around him. Then as these planets were evolved, pursuant to the laws which govern the celestial universe, utilizing the centrifugal and the centripetal in the progressing evolution of the planetary worlds, first Neptune; second, Uranus; third, Saturn; fourth, Jupiter; fifth, the Asteroids; sixth, Mars; seventh, Earth; eighth, Venus; ninth, Mercury, and tenth, the small inter-mercureal planet. Therefore you see that the earth on which we live is the seventh planet, evolved and developed. Whereas, doubtless the creation of the matter out of which the solar system was developed took place millions of years ago. Such is the harmonical relation and adjustment of these planets, with their satellites revolving around the sun, as to suggest and corroborate the hypothesis of their simultaneous creation and subsequent evolution and adjustment.

## CHAPTER III.

**Fall and Redemption.**

In reference to the other worlds, not only constituting our solar system, but all the systems constituting the celestial universe, we have no information as the Bible was simply given for this world, comprising the history of its creation, followed by the mournful fate of the inhabitants and the wonderful scheme of redemption, which through the intervention of divine mercy, came to our relief. Since astronomy through telescopic observation reveals 117 millions of glowing suns like ours, even many of them much larger than ours, meanwhile the conclusion that they are all attended by vast retinue of worlds, follows as a logical consequence, legitimately reasoning from the analogy of our own system. Dr. Dick, the celebrated Christian astronomer, after having explored these 117 millions of solar systems, suggested the humble though paradoxical conclusion that all of these constitute the suburbs of the celestial universe. Therefore we are actually lost in unutterable bewilderment, as we contemplate the vastitude of the celestial universe. Yet while some may be disposed to criticise these investigations as chimerical, they are certainly calculated to wield a happy influence over the investigating mind, leading to broader, deeper and more luminous conception of God's incommunicable attributes and conduce in every



intelligent mind, loving heart an adoring appreciation of the divine majesty and benignity, a profounder humiliation and a deeper abandonment to the divine will and a more obsequious adoration of His transcendent majesty and glory; thereupon the whole, proving eminently conducive to our growth in grace and spiritual enlargement, letting us down into profounder depths, developing more capacious experimental latitudes, leading us on into more aggressive longitudes and fitting us out for a glorious balloon ride, pinioned by the infallible promises and inspired by the more glorious possibilities, thus giving us an unprecedented impetus into loftier altitudes and grander explorations as we roam the delectable mountains and enjoy a more glorious vision of the celestial city, conspicuous to the enraptured gaze of the triumphant pilgrim treading the heights of holiness.

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It is exceedingly consolatory for the pilgrim of Earth to see as we read the wonderful plan of salvation so grandly and copiously revealed taking in our souls through the paradoxical availability of the supernatural birth, followed by the expiation of all pollution from the heart by the wonderful efficacy of the cleansing blood, followed by the refining fires of the Holy Ghost, burning up the chaff, thus making a grand bonfire of the follies, levities, impertinent jocosities and everything out of harmony with God's sweet and glorious will, thus utterly disencumbering us of all actual transgression involving condemnation, and all inward sin involving a contamination, actually

making us free from sin on us and within us. Rom. 6:22: "Also in due time, when this mortal shall put on immortality, the Blessed Holy Spirit, the executive of the Trinity, sweeping away from all the deformities and ugliness supervenient from the heavy tread of Satan on the soul, leaving the imprint of his cruel cloven feet, calculated to bring blush to our face, when we meet the unfallen angels, having never known sin or sorrow; but He has in His transcendent philanthropy actually made ample provision in His glorious vicarious atonement, not only for humanity, spirit, soul and body, but this world which he created for us—through all eternity—to occupy and enjoy and utilize for His fadeless glory, has not been forgotten by the inscrutable mercy of the divine benignity. Eph. 1:3-14; Col. 1:15-20 set forth the great and consolatory reality, that the son of God, the second person of the Trinity, is the Creator of all things in the heaven and upon the earth, and that after He beheld the stupendous ruin of everything by the invasion of Satan into Eden, so soon after the creation; when the blight and the mildew fell on everything, blasting all the fruits and flowers of paradise, and leaving not a solitary vestige of hope; vacating the throne of His celestial glory, coming down to this world of sin and sorrow. He actually entered the arena of conflict, baring his bosom to the storm, confronting the combined powers of hell, lovingly, graciously and heroically espoused the lost cause, assuming the full responsibility, proclaiming to angels, men and devils, His unequivocal assumption of the lost cause and unequivocally

committing Himself to rehead all things in the heavens and on the earth. The heavens here include all the innumerable worlds constituting the celestial empire. This word rehead, Eph. 1:10, is **anakephalaioosthia** from **ana**, again and **kephale**, the head. Therefore it means to put the head on again. When God created this beautiful world, He also made man the head of it all. Therefore when Satan slew him, he cut the head off the world, so he could capture it for himself. Thereupon the glorious plan of salvation, not only restores man, but this world also. Therefore, from these wonderful Scriptures, the logical equence legitimately follows, that this earth is to be restored to her Edenic beauty, glory and dominion. Matt. 5:5, "the meek shall inherit the earth." You see here the Savior's promise clearly and unequivocally takes in the home God createl for us in the beginning. Therefore the restoration of earth back to her paradisian beauty, splendor and glory is clearly revealed, in the wonderful promises of God. Peter comes to our relief. 1 Peter 3:8, "But let not this forget you, beloved that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. God is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that we shall all come to repentance. But the day of the Lord comes as a thief, in which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements being burned up melt: but we expect new heavens and a new earth according to His promises, in which dwelleth righteousness. Therefore beloved, anticipating these

things, hasten to be found spotless and blameless unto Him in peace and consider the long suffering of our Lord, enduring as even as our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom which was given unto him wrote to us, as indeed in all his epistles speaking in the same concerning these things, in which there are some things difficult to be understood, which the unlearned and unestablished, wrest as they do the other Scriptures to their own destruction. Therefore you, beloved, foreknowing, watch lest having been led away by the delusion of the ungodly you may fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory even now and unto the day of the age. Here Peter so beautifully and encouragingly reveals the exceedingly consolatory **addendum** to the wonderful redemption of man, including his soul and body through the wonderful regeneration, sanctification and glorification; also this earth in the wonderful scheme of redemption. Just as my soul must be baptized, i. e., purified (for that is the meaning of the word), from all unrighteousness, thoroughly sanctified and expurgated; even so my body is to be transfigured, through the resurrection, if He tarrieth and send an angel for me, or through the translation, if He cometh quickly, as I am now looking. But this wonderful addendum you see augments the transcendent depositum, of soul and body, by the addition of this earth, which God gave us, to replenish, cultivate and use for His glory. Therefore it is to receive the same sanctifying baptism of fire, which is

indispensable to my soul and body. The disintegration of the human body in the grave, restoring it back to the dust whence it was taken, upon chemical analysis is demonstrated to be identical with combustion. Therefore the cremation of the dead, which is constantly practiced in India, and always among the Romans, is simply an expeditious method of the decomposition which returns the body back to the earth whence it came. In case that we survive till He cometh and takes away His bride, we will then be honored with the translation to heaven, without passing through the disintegration of the grave. 1 Cor. 5:51: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye; this mortal shall put on immortality, this corruption shall put on incorruption and death shall be swallowed up of life." In this case the omnipotent Holy Ghost in the twinkling of an eye, actually executes in the body the transformation which supervenes in combustion, or disintegration. Therefore this Earth as you see from the above scriptures is to receive the baptism of fire homogeneously with the human soul. Baptism means a purification. John 3:25; Luke 11:53-59; 1 Peter 3:21. Consequently, having been thoroughly and radically expurgated by the purgatorial fires of the last day, she will rise from her ashes, brighter and more glorious than Eden ever shone.

## CHAPTER IV.

**Sanctification of the Earth.**

Among the great and prominent symbolismes of the Holy Ghost. wind, water, fire, oil, wine. On the day of Pentecost the first phenomenon was that of a rushing, mighty wind, filling all the house where they were sitting. When I crossed the Atlantic Ocean the second time in 1895, a storm struck us five hundred miles west of Gibraltar; was on without a break five days and nights, till fifteen hundred miles east of New York, it suddenly relaxed its awful fury. I never can forget that awful storm. Noonday was as dark as midnight. Not a glimpse of the sun, moon or stars refreshed our weary wandering eyes, those five memorable days and nights; meanwhile our ship madly leaps from billow to billow, anon ascending a huge swelling sea, climbing up the firmament, lost amid the clouds, no light seen except the crested foam of the raging billows and the lurid lightnings as they traversed their burning pathway through clouds, black as Egyptian midnight. After that memorable experience, I can never forget the thrilling symbolism of the tornado, dropping down from heaven, by his awful roar to inaugurate the descension of the Holy Ghost.

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Then follows the fire in cloven, flaming tongues, resting on the heads of the disciples, now of one accord after ten days waiting before God in united importunate prayer. While wind and water both vividly symbolize regen-

eration, as breathing, and drinking are the inseparable concomitants of physical life; hence the beautiful and vivid pertinency of their symbolic signification, so prominent in the spiritual realm. Jesus says, "Unless a man may be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Hence you see the pure spirituality of this supernatural birth in contradistinction to the physical. "The Spirit breathes where he willeth, and thou hearest his voice, but dost not know where he cometh and whither He goeth; so is every one who has been born of the Spirit." While wind and water both so prominently symbolize regeneration, and the oil, which is the great lubricator, beautifully typifies the Holy Ghost as an indwelling Comforter and Energizer, always keeping us oiled up, in good running order and just ready for every emergency; meanwhile the wine (Eph. 5:18), symbolizes the Holy Ghost in His normal capacity, as the great nerve, keeping us always awake on our watch-towers, and ready at the tap of the drum to rush to the thickest of the fight and the hottest of the conflict, ever ready to tiptoe the firing line and press the battle to the very gate of the enemy; the transcendent symbolism of the Holy Ghost in sanctification, is fire, because it is the great destroyer, in a few minutes sweeping away a magnificent mansion, rolling its flammiferous billows over a city and laying it low in ashes. The beautiful and triumphant saliency of this fact is because fire purifies the material world,



by utterly destroying impurity. Consequently, on the day of Pentecost the grand and glorious inauguration of the sanctified dispensation, the Holy Ghost fell on them in flaming fire, at the same time abiding on their heads in tongues of fire, each one a living flame, the one to preach hell fire to sinners, till the night-mare of damnation stalks before them like an avenging specter ready to consume and destroy the world without end, and actually revealing a bottomless hell with its lurid flames, the awful doom of the wicked. Meanwhile, the other fiery tongue is to preach to Christians, the lightning truth of the eternal God. "Without the sanctification no one shall see the Lord." Heb 12:14, and thus convicted for entire sanctification, the actual sine qua non of admission into His glorified presence. Not only man is inducted in the covenant redemption, but even this earth which God created for his eternal occupancy, Matt. 5.5, "The meek shall inherit the earth." 2 Pet. 3:8-18, vividly reveals the sanctification of this earth, by fire, v. 11, 12. All these things being thus dissolved what kind does it behoove you to be in all holy deportment and godliness. looking for and expediting the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements being burnt up melted. These scriptures not only reveal the crematory sanctification of the earth, but also the time when it shall take place.

Verse 7: "But now the heavens and the earth have been preserved by the same word, kept for a fire in the day of judgment and the destruction of the ungodly people." There-

fore we find that in those scriptures (not revealed in the E. V.), not only the clear and unequivocal revelation of the fiery sanctification, but the time in which it will transpire, is also clearly revealed, i. e., the judgment day. Acts 24:15, clearly reveals the resurrection of every human being, both the just and the unjust antecedently to the final judgment; consequently there will not be an atom of human dust left in the earth, when the crematory fires envelop it. Three-fourths of the earth's surface is covered with water; and great regions around the poles, with eternal mountains of ice. Water is a compound of oxygen and hydrogen; a sufficient intensity of heat decomposes it into its constituent elements. The moment this disintegration supervenes, the hydrogen which is the most inflammable element in the world will immediately take fire and burn up; meanwhile oxygen is the great supporter of combustion. Consequently the whole atmosphere, which is so awfully contaminated and impregnated with blasphemy, obscenity, falsification, revelry and everything vile and abominable; meanwhile it has actually been the habitation of demons, devils, myrmidons, imps, fiends, specters, wandering over the earth seeking whom they may devour, and winging their flight through the air in countless myriads Eph. 2:1 Therefore the entire atmosphere must be thoroughly expurgated, by the celestial flame which according to these scriptures of the senior apostle, will envelope the whole earth, thoroughly melting and liquifying it.

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All this is corroborated by the geological fact that the earth is now a globe of liquid fire, with thin crust formed on the outside of it: not so thick in proportion to its size as the shell of an egg, in proportion to its diameter; meanwhile this crust is interpenetrated by 400 volcanoes, whose perpetual roaring is a prelude of the arch-angel's trumpet, destined to awake the dead, at the same time rolling rivers of burning lava pour out from their gaping craters deluging all the surrounding country. A. D. 79 Mt. Vesuvius, which overhangs the city of Naples, suddenly disgorged tremendous fiery floods which inundated the cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii, which thus suddenly buried alive, remained unknown and forgotten 1700 years, till a man with his dog heard him barking after a rabbit which had fled out of his reach, went to him and discovered an entrance into that vast sepulchre occupying seventy acres embracing the city of Pompeii. I have walked through its streets since twenty-six acres of it has been disinterred. The whole Japanese empire, or four great islands and a hundred small ones, originated from volcanic upheavals. The same is true of the Hawaiian and many other islands. Peter here tells us that the whole earth will be cremated. Consequently the oceans, seas, lakes and rivers will all be consumed, and the frozen poles melted. This cremation as you see, 2 Pet. 3:12, will take place simultaneously with the final judgment. N. B. The Judgment Day will not be restricted to twenty-four hours, as the sun will

be darkened and no longer serve as earth's chronometer. The truth is, the liquefaction of the watery world will so becloud the atmosphere, as to effectually obscure the sun so we can see his face no more. God will take plenty of time for the great final judgment. N. B. Every human being must pass through a rigid examination under the infallible scrutiny of the divine diagnosis. When we consider the countless millions, billions and trillions of people who have lived on the earth in all the ages and the innumerable hosts of fallen angels, who have borne a conspicuous part in this long war of Satan against the Lord of Glory, error against truth, wrong against right, virtue against vice, guilt against innocence, and sin against holiness. Hence you see the illimitable magnitude the final judgment must assume, as every immortal intelligence must pass in review before the great white throne. N. B. There will be infinite diversities of judicial administration in that great day pursuant to the affirmation of the infallible word. Rev. 22:12, "Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give unto each one as his work is." Here you see how in this great final adjudication an inconceivable diversity of judgments must supervene, dispensing to each one according to this work. Consequently infinite degrees will supervene, administering just retribution to the wicked, both men and demons. Verily the judgment of men and devils will be so mixed up, that confusion inexplicable will confront finite beings; God alone seeing through all complications and perfectly diagnosing

every case, however intricate. Rest assured infinitesimal degrees of retribution will characterize the destiny of the wicked, while the same illimitable diversity of rewards will obtain among the righteous. 1 Cor. 15 ch. is Paul's long chapter on the final judgment. Here he tells us the diversity of rewards and punishments will be similar to that of the heavenly host. The unaided human vision identifies sixteen stellar magnitudes meanwhile the telescope reveals a thousand. Consequently the conclusion follows as a logical sequence from this infallible verdict that endless diversities appertaining to magnitude and degree, will certainly characterize the judgments of the great day. These judgments never did appertain to the simple problem of salvation and damnation, as that is settled forever in this life.

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The moment you sin condemnation supervenes. Ezek. 18:4-20. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Therefore spiritual death supervenes the moment you commit a known transgression. This condemnation, which is death, is superseded by damnation, which is the second death, the very moment you die. The same is true contrastibly on the other side; the moment the penitent sinner casts himself on the mercy of God in Christ and by simple faith receives and appropriates the atoning Savior, a free justification supervenes, which as the subject walks in the light and faith appropriates the wonderful promises of full redemption, is admitted by entire sanctification,

a blessed heavenly prelude, which glorification climaxes, when this mortal puts on immortality, thus ushering the beatified soul into celestial glory. There you see the judgment appertaining to the heaven and hell problem, is settled in this world; the final judgment having other matters altogether pending for its adjudication, i. e., the status of the soul in the rewards of heaven, or the retribution of hell. Therefore when we contemplate these illimitable diversities of judgments, pertinent to the allotment of every human destiny, and supervenient to the final adjudication, before the great white throne, i. e., the great appellate court, which shall wind up and eternally settle the destinies of every human being, will not be expedited. Rest assured God will take plenty of time. However we must not simply consider the time necessary to the divine diagnosis and adjudication, but take in the human side. There you see the utter impracticability of dispatching it all in one fleeting solar day, from the fact that all the people, who have known us, must be recognized in the testimony which will settle the degree of reward or retribution, which God in absolute justice will administer. The saints will only be judged, relatively to the reward of their labors. Meanwhile our testimony will be in demand in the adjudication of the wicked. In his perfect administration with divine justice against the souls who have neglected salvation and rejected His mercy, whether individuals, communities, towns, cities, churches, when He makes inquisition for blood, He will put us on the witness

block, to testify against all who have thus despised His righteousness, ignored His redeeming grace and dying love and blasphemed the Holy Ghost. Now when we consider all the countless billions who have lived on the earth through the ages and the demons that have thronged the air and the innumerable hosts of angels, who have been ministering servants in behalf of the heirs of salvation, through the long rolling ages from the days of Eden, till the last trumpet sounds; oh, what a gathering on the plains of the celestial firmament, in that great day, when the books of eternity shall be opened and all judged, out of the infallible records found in those books. From the days of Adam and Eve, to the latest posterity that tread this fallen earth, the constant rolling tide of war between two innumerable armies, i. e., saints and angels on the one side, fighting under the blood stained banner, Satan and his myrmidons on the other, fighting under the black flag of damnation, must in their turn pass in review, before the great white throne, encumbered by the lowly Nazarene, no longer a "man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief," but now triumphant from Mt. Calvary; crowned, sceptered and enthroned, the judge of quick and dead. The long war between sin and error, truth and falsehood, wisdom and folly, righteousness and wickedness, iniquity and holiness, purity and corruption, grace and rebellion, having swent over every mountain, valley and dell and deluged the world with blood and heaped it with mountains of the dead, has finally wound to a close. Now the settlement

of matters for all eternity, has heaved in view of every immortal spirit, who has ever been a participant in this war of King Immanuel against fallen Lucifer and his innumerable myrmidons, all now must finally face the Prince of Glory, who vacated the throne of celestial splendor and doffed the diadem of eternal victory and triumph to condescend and take upon His spotless soul, all the sin and misery that ever blackened the fallen world and populated hell; having finished his work and carried away palms of victory and diadems of glory from every battle field beneath the skies, even having descended and proclaimed to the myrmidons of the pit, I. Pet. 3:19, "The transcendent victory He won on Calvary," and even crossing the intervening chasm impassable by the finite, Luke 16:24: Pursuant to that transcendent efficacy of the victory won on having emancipated a jubilant host of Old Testament saints, led them up with Him to the sepulcher, whence receiving His crucified body triumphantly out of the grasp of the grim monster, after His abiding forty days on the earth, with those unemancipated Old Testament saints, Eph. 4:8-10, and Matt. 12:40, ascended up from Mt. Olivet wrapped in the snowy white clouds of celestial glory, received by His loving Father amid the shouts of countless millions from multiplied myriads of bright unfallen celestial worlds, where sin and sorrow have never cast of the effulgent majesty, illuminating all the celestial worlds with glory and victory, never dimmed by a shadow nor blighted by a sorrow; a solitary cloud, to obscure the glorious vision



these countless millions and billions of angels, assembled hither from millions of unfallen worlds to witness the grandest ovation heaven has ever known, i. e., the triumphant ingress of His glorified Son from the battlefields of Calvary, crimson with His own redeeming blood, and followed by the long procession of Old Testament saints, all shouting uproariously, "Glory to God in the Highest; the peace of good will among men," i. e., the peace which Jesus brings on the earth is that of good will, i. e., universal love and disinterested philanthropy throughout the whole human family, all their quarrels eternally evanesced amid the splendors of the glorious Sun of righteousness having arisen upon the world with healing in His wings. Thus, the angelic representatives from millions of immortal worlds that never knew sin nor sorrow, are gathering to witness the most wonderful ovation the celestial metropolis has ever known, infinitely eclipsing all the royal triumphs ever enjoyed by Roman conquerors, returning from their fields of victory and glory, and received into the Eternal City under a grand triumphal arch built at the cost of millions for his royal reception, crowned with all the honors of a universal empire.

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N. B. The Judgment will not be a solar day, but a period somewhat after the order of the demiurgic days. Meanwhile this grand appellate court of the universe is in session, bear in mind this earth will be passing through her purgatorial fires, undergoing thorough condemna-

tion, actually liquified by the intensity of the heat, in a molten state throughout; all the great strata constituting her vast solid crust liquified by the intensity of the heat. When we descend into the earth now the mercury in the thermometer rises ten degrees for every forty feet. Make the calculation and you will find the descension of forty miles will give you about five thousand degrees of Fahrenheit's thermometer, a sufficient intensity to melt every rock and metallic substance constituting the crust of the earth. Meanwhile, every drop of water in all the oceans, seas, lakes and rivers will be vaporized and having undergone decomposition into their constituent elements, i. e., oxygen and hydrogen, will be actually consumed and, of course, all the vast ice fields encompassing the poles melted, liquified; disintegrated and consumed. Doubtless the Judgment period will occupy years meanwhile the earth will be burning. (I Pet. 3:12) and conspicuous to the inspection of all her inhabitants the resurrected. (Acts 24:15), and assembled on the plain of the firmament. We know not how often the burning earth will revolve around the sun during her luminous, molten state, meanwhile, she is undergoing purgation. This we know, God is going to eliminate not only all sin but all the effects of sin, out of this beautiful celestial planet, which he created for the human home in his vast ethereal universe. Therefore this purgatorial cremation, which 2 Peter 3:12 certifies will take place simultaneously with the final Judgment will doubtless continue coevally with that judgment.

## CHAPTER V.

**The New Creation.**

Rev. 21:1-8, "And I saw a new heaven," i. e., a new firmament as the atmosphere had been so awfully contaminated with sin in all conceivable forms and phases most horrific to contemplate. Consequently it must of necessity be sanctified by the purgatorial fires. "And a new earth." Peter gives the negative hemisphere of the wonderful, tremendous and glorious transition, actually undergoing dissolution and cremation in order to her thorough and radical sanctification. Meanwhile John, as you see here, gives the grand positive hemisphere of the new creation. "For the first firmament and the first earth passed away and there is no more sea." The verb is in the aorist tense, peculiar to its revelation of a transaction already finished. So the first heaven, i. e. the ethereal firmament and the first earth had already passed away. Now follows the statement: "There is no more sea." The explanation is easy, it has been burnt up by the fires that sanctified the earth. During the long roll of those six thousand years, and the millennial thousand yet to come, aggregating seven thousand more, the thousands of rivers flowing down from the continents into the oceans and seas, bringing with them worlds of debris, the very essence of fertility, have

of immense depth and inexhaustible productiveness. Now the time comes for the new creation, i. e., the glorious upper side of sanctification. The millennium taking the devil out and expelling his myrmidons from the earth and bringing in the reign of Christ, will be her glorious conversion. Then the cremations (2 Pet. 3:5-18) will be the negative hemisphere of her sanctification; John, Rev. 21:9, coming to the co-operation of his apostolic senior and giving us the glorious positive side. "And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming out of heaven from God, having been prepared as a Bride, having been beautified for husband." You see here the synonym of the Bride and the New Jerusalem. Gal. 4:2-6. "And the Jerusalem above is free, who is the mother of us all." This Jerusalem is the Bride of Christ and the mother of God's children. Now that the earth has been sanctified and recreated after the similitude of the heavenly worlds, we see this glorified Bride come back to abide forever. "And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is the people, and he will spread his tent over them, and they shall be his people and God himself shall be with them and will wipe every tear out of their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor any more pain; because the former things are passed away." And he that sitteth on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Here you see clearly revealed the new creation of this earth, the Lord actually making all things new.

The reason why we now have the icy poles is because the plan of the earth's axis is inclined to that of the ecliptic  $23\frac{1}{2}$  degrees. You know the Lord in a moment with the touch of His finger can tilt up that plane into perfect identity with that of the ecliptic. In that case there will never be any more winters on the earth, but from equator to the poles clothed with eternal spring time, e. g., "And one of the seven angels, having the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and talked with me saying, "Come hither, I will shew the Bride, the Lamb's wife." Of course, you know the Bride is the glorified church of God, the sanctified souls constituting the Bridehood and the motherhood of God's children; meanwhile, the regenerated millions, the children of Christ and his Bride, with the latter constitute the great family of God. "And he led me in the Spirit to a mountain and showed me the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God; and her light was like unto a stone most precious like a jasper and crystalline stone, having a great wall and high and having twelve gates, and upon the gates twelve angels and their names were written which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. On the North three gates and from the West three gates and from the East three gates and from the South three gates. And the wall of the city having twelve foundations, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. He that spoke with me had as a measure a golden reed that he might measure the

city and her gates and her wall. The city lies foursquare and the length, breadth and height of it are equal." This wonderful city of transparent gold, with jasper walls and gates of pearl is here denominated the Bride of Christ. When we speak of Cincinnati as a rule, we allude to the people constituting it as well as the material city. As this is denominated the Bride of Christ, who is a glorious spirituality even though now the little fragment in this world occupying mortal bodies destined soon, either through the resurrection or translation, to be spiritualized and, therefore, in the literal and preponderant sense, a great and glorious spirituality. Here you see the apocalyptic prophet from a lofty mountain directed by the angel actually sees this glorious New Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven.

John's description of this glorified Bride is thrillingly significant whether applied to the mystical spiritual body or to the individuals here, he says: "the length, breadth, depth and height are equal, i. e., a perfect cube which is beautifully exegetical of the sanctified character. E. g., if you knock down a cube, it is just as high as it was before. Prize it up and turn it over and its dimensions, whether you estimate length, breadth or height, are just what they were before. With reference to the location of this wonderful celestial metropolis, the golden capital of the celestial universe, fifteen hundred miles, length, breadth and height. Oh, what a city, reaching solid from here to New York, down to the Gulf and up

to the Lakes and then we must multiply paradoxical dimension by about one thousand if we would reach the real magnitude of the city. It is built of transparent gold. Consequently those golden streets which will divide perpendicularly into sections, giving us about a thousand cities, mounting up towards the stars as well as reaching out latitudinally, longitudinally fifteen hundred miles. You see the angel escorted him away to a lofty mountain, from whose summit he saw this new Jerusalem approaching him. Acts 27:27, "And when it was the fourteenth night we being tossed on the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors discovered some country approaching them; and having sounded they found it twenty fathoms, having moved on a short distance they found it fifteen fathoms; and fearing lest perchance we might fall on some rough places, having cast out four anchors from the stern they were praying for the day to dawn." Here you see nautical phraseology, stating that the land was approaching them, when they knew it was the very opposite i. e., they were approaching the land. I merely cite this passage in order to prove an alibi, involving the conclusion that when John saw the New Jerusalem coming to the earth, the phenomena simply involves the conclusion that we are approaching this wonderful city of God.

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When Lucifer fell he made first assault upon the earth. It is believed that he had served in the creation of this world and consequently had his heart on it and when deflected from

God sought to capture it for himself. In the book of Job, we find, he was walking up and down in the earth and going to and fro. Suffice to say, he succeeded in catching it with his strong diabolical hand and deflecting it away from the plane of the ecliptic and dragging it away to the awful proximity of hell, determined by the cooperation of his countless host, Rev. 12th ch. i. e., "as his tail drew one-third of the stars," i. e., "his influence drew after him one-third of the angels." From that fatal abduction this earth has been missing from the plane of the celestial ecliptic. In the grand restitution, the creative hand, Rev. 21:5, "Behold I make all things new," as a normal result will restore back our poor fallen earth to the plane of the heavenly ecliptic, to take her place with all other celestial worlds. Pursuant to our Lord's promise, Matt. 5:5, "The meek shall inherit the earth;" you see amid the glorious fulfillment of all these promises, the saints are going to recover this world and possess it for ever and ever. Dan. 7:27. Nothing shall ever fail in the glorious restitution which our Savior came into t'is world to make. He gives us the new creation in regeneration, spiritual perfection, in sanctification, intellectual perfection, in glorification. This final work of the Holy Ghost, reaches the soul when it vacates the body. If he shall come and honor us with translation we shall be transfigured and glorified, spirit, soul and body in the twinkling of an eye, 1 Cor. 15:51, if He tarrieth and sends an angel to call us away from this mortal tenebment He will transfigure and glorify us, soul and spirit, when we vacate this body. In



that case the body will be raised in the transfiguration glory, when the last trumpet sounds.

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The transcendent work of the glorious Christ actually eclipses all possible conception. His victory over the enemy is ineffably transcendent, not only saving soul and body to the uttermost but pursuant unto the original economy, which gave humanity this world forever, actually making Him Lord of creation and telling him to fill the whole earth, to subdue and use it, is absolutely certain to receive its glorious verification, not only sanctifying all sin with all its contaminations out of this world and thoroughly purifying it by the conflagrations of celestial fire; but as we see in John's prophecy, Rev. 21:5, actually making all things new. Oh, how consolatory that promise, the glory of this latter house is greater than that of the former. Revelation, 22, "He showed me the pure river of the water of life clear as crystal, proceeding out from the throne of God and the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it and on either side of the river the tree of life producing twelve manner of fruit yielding its fruit every month, the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse; the throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it and its servants shall serve Him, they shall see his face and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there and they have no need of the light of a candle or the sun, for the Lord shall shine on them and will reign unto eternities and eternities."

We have it certified here repeatedly that there will be no more sea. This is perfectly inferential, from the affirmation of Peter in reference to the crematory sanctification of the earth. From the simple fact that water is material and a sufficient intensity of heat not only decomposes it in its constituent elements but actually burns up those elements as a normal consequence, except the small quantity that will have passed into vapor and survived in an ethereal state, which having thus by fire been expurgated will again descend on earth and superinduce those pure and beautiful crystals of life, which will go meandering all over the world, not only supplying it with all the demands for pure, salubrious water; but also for irrigation. Now let us contemplate the heavenly state of this world. We have no snowy mountains, they have all been melted, dissolved and taken away in the glorious renovation. We have no burning deserts; they have all been transformed into beautiful fields and prolific gardens. We have great stormy and shipwrecking seas which constitute three-fourths of the earth's surface. The Word assures us repeatedly there is no more sea. Therefore, the earth is superficial ten times its present magnitude. As I travel around the world among the innumerable signs of my Lord's new coming, I find the soil so exalted, especially in the old world that I am constantly reminded of the Lord's promise to change it and renovate it. Psalms 102:25-27, "Thou oh Lord, in the beginning did lay the foundations of the earth. The heavens are the works

of Thy hands These shall perish, i. e., in their present form, but thou remainest: and all these shall grow old like a garment and thou shalt roll them up like a book and as a garment they shall truly be changed." You see how this prophecy harmonizes with John, Peter, Jesus and Apollos. Hebrews 1:10-12. Therefore this truth appertaining to sanctification and renovation of the earth is copiously revealed in both Testaments.

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The oceanic bottoms are now rich as the gardens of the Lord, fertilized by the debris carried down by the myriads of rivers in all the earth, which have been flowing long ages before man was created; as you must remember the demiurgic days were not solar, consisting of twenty-four hours but great periods as you seen 2 Peter 3:8 God's day is a thousand years. These are not man's days as he did not exist; but God's, therefore the soil on the bottoms of all the oceans and seas has been constantly receiving new deposits of fertility while the ages have rolled on. Thus preparing the earth for the glorious paradisiac state which awaits us in the on-coming ages of eternity.

## CHAPTER VI.

**Celestial Ages.**

Astronomy reveals 117 millions of glowing suns like ours. Whereas our sun is attended by ten great worlds and among them Neptune, sixty times as large as ours; Uranus, eighty times; Saturn, eleven hundred times and Jupiter fourteen hundred times the magnitude of our earth. Astronomers surveying the heavens with their powerful telescopes, chasing the planets in their orbits and the comets in their flight, have with great assiduity and perserverence also in their persistent and protracted diagnosis and analysis found that these 117 millions of suns with their vast retinues of worlds aggregating one billion and one hundred and seventy millions of worlds are all revolving round some far off primeval center which, with immense and preserving toil, they have identified with Alcyone of the Pleiades. Job 38:31. Now comtemplate this immense universe; e. g., our sun traversed by Mercury at a distance of 37 millions of miles; Venus, 68 millions of miles; our earth also revolving round at a distance of 95 millions of miles, meanwhile Mars revolves round him at a distance of 145 millions of miles; Asteroids, 250 million of files from the sun. Now we come to the great planet Jupiter, 14 hundred times as large as the earth, revolving round the sun at a distance of 495 millions of miles. Then reach Saturn, 11 hundred times the size of our earth, revolving round the sun at the dis-

tance of 909 millions of miles. Then we reach Uranus, eighty times the magnitude of our earth, revolving round the sun at the distance of 1,440 millions of miles. Last of all in the solar system we reach Neptune sixty times the magnitude of our earth and 2,880 millions of miles distant from the sun. Now, contemplate all of these great worlds revolving round our sun respectively accompanied by their beautiful satellites of which our earth has one, Queen Luna, revolving round her 13 times per annum, at a distance of 240 thousand miles. Meanwhile, our sun, thus accompanied by his vast retinue of planets with their beautiful satellites, of which Jupiter has four and Saturn eight, Uranus, eight and Neptune four. All of these great worlds perform their revolutions with diversified periodities in proportion to their distance from the sun, the more remote having the longer peregrinations.

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Now let us consider these 170 millions of suns, accompanied by their one billion one hundred and seventy millions of worlds in their respective fields throughout the boundless celestial universe all revolving round that infinitesimally distant primal center, Alcyone of the Pleiades. When we contemplate this infinite vastitude of the celestial universe we actually sink away into unutterable bewilderment and cry out with the Ps. 101:2 "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him but a little

lower than the angels and crownest him with glory and honor. Thou hast made him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet, Gen. 1:26. Thus while left in inextricable bewilderment, the brain racked in her gigantic effort to investigate and lost amid its own futile efforts along the line of diagnosis, apprehension, and comprehension till we feel like saying with Socrates, whom the Delphian Oracle pronounced the wisest man in the world; "This much I do know, I know nothing." Ah, how few people actually reach that point on the plane of philosophy unilluminated by the revealed word. which settles the controversy in short order. 1 Cor. 3:18. "Let no man deceive himself: if anyone among you in this age seems to be wise, let him become a fool in order that he may be wise." Here you see the first lesson in the school of Christ for us all to learn, is that simple fact that we are fools. If we do not learn this great primary truth our progress will be slow and our graduation uncertain. Now, while we stagger in contemplation of our own solar system, of which our earth is only one out of ten and comparatively small, Neptune sixty times her superior, Uranus, eighty times; Saturn eleven hundred times and Jupiter 14 hundred times her magnitude. Really in the diagnosis of our own system we are lost in the magnitudes. Then what shall we do when we come to the diagnosis and investigation of 117 millions of suns with their vast retinues of worlds, all roaming through the void immense, prosecuting their diversified peregrinations around that

far away primal center, i. e., Alcyone of the Pleiades. I fully concur with Dr. Dick, the celebrated Christian astronomer; Kepler, the greatest astronomical mathematician the world has ever seen, so celebrated for his wonderful calculations that he received the honorable cognomen, "legist of the skies." and others in the conclusion that this Alcyone of the Pleiades, around which all of these 117 millions of suns with their vast retinues of worlds are revolving, is none other than the celestial metropolis containing the city of God, so vividly described in Rev. 21 ch., made of pure transparent gold with jasper walls and gates of pearls, 15 hundred miles in length, breadth and height. Dr. Dick advances the hypothesis that this magnitudinous celestial empire containing the 117 millions of suns with their retinues of one billion and one hundred and seventy millions of worlds, is after all but the suburbs of the celestial universe. Oh, the unutterable greatness and stupendous majesty of the Almighty! When we contemplate His ineffable, inconceivable and incommunicable attributes, lost in wonder and hypnotized in the futile attempt to diagnose His Majesty, dropping all I can but swoon away, with the concession lingering on my lips, "plunged in the God-heads deepest sea, Lost in His immensity!"

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When we contemplate the wonders of the divine benignity, thus providing for us a home in the celestial universe, we break out with another. "Awake, my soul, in joyful lays, To sing my great Redeemer's praise!" While

we utterly discard the conception of confinement or even restriction put on our explorations of His mighty works, simply that we may adore His majesty and bask in the bliss of His unutterable benignity, plunge the deeper into the unfathomable ocean of His redeeming love and wing our flight to loftier heights in our adoring appreciation of that wisdom which our loving Heavenly Father so richly bestows on His saved people, who are always infinitely delighted with a humble place in the school of Christ, studying at the feet of Jesus the deep things of God revealed by the Holy Ghost in the precious Bible, which we have studied all our lives with unutterable delight, so electrified with the wonderful facilities we here enjoy in the school of Christ, with those wonderful radiations and brilliant scintillations, flashing in like stargleams from the eternal world, yet when we contemplate the extraordinary facilities of acquiring knowledge, which await us in the glorified state, we are drawn out in longing wonder to go over and explore the glory land, which we have so often contemplated through the telescope of faith while standing on the delectable mountains. As sanctified imagination on the pinions of faith and hope wings her flight away, language is impoverished in all attempts to delineate the glories that await the faithful pilgrims in the blessed beyond. Among our teachers in the glorified state will be father Adam and mother Eve, who unutterably delighted to meet the countless millions of their family who in spite of all the machinations of Satan and his myrmidons have outrid-



den all the storms and reached the Eden of bliss whose flowers will never fade and fruits never fail. How we will be delighted to hear them tell their own perioditious history, of which we know so little. Oh, what a teacher will Enoch be, telling us about the antediluvian times, how he preached holiness to the Lord three hundred years, mounted the fiery chariot and soared away to heaven with his transfigured and glorified body. How I will like to sit at the feet of Seth, the oldest antediluvian patriarch on whom the mantle of his fratricide brother fell when but a child. We have tried all geology to learn about the flood. How edifying to hear our father Noah rehearse the mournful valedictory of all the antediluvians and the joyous edictions of him and his family, from the vacated ark, from the summit of Ararat. Oh, what a teacher we will find Job, the heroic defender of full salvation, whom God admitted to actually live two long lives of one hundred and forty years each on the earth, witness to His uttermost salvation and preach redemption to all the world, "I know that my Redeemer liveth and shall stand in the latter day on the earth, that I shall see Him with my eyes and not a stranger; thus at that early day, so bright in personal experience and so clear on the perplexing mystery of corporal resurrection and the adventures of the Lord; not only the first, but far back amid the dense fogs of mythical traditions, grand and clear on the second coming of the Lord. We are all delighted to sit at the feet of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and all the prophets then what will it be after

they have been taught by the archangels and their predecessors thirty-five hundred years. We are so wonderfully edified by Moses the mediator of the old covenant honored above all the people that ever lived on the earth to speak to God face to face, after the legislator, leader and mediator of Israel, has ranged through the fenceless fields of glory, and enjoyed all the possible facilities of heavenly holiness universities, what a wonderful teacher we will find him. Paul the most learned man in the world, a double graduate, having graduated in the Greek colleges of Tarsus and the Hebrew seminaries of Jerusalem and actually been honored with the authorship of more New Testament scriptures than all others. How we are delighted to sit at his feet and learn wisdom! Who can conceive the glorious privilege of sitting at the feet of the great apostle of the Gentiles after he has enjoyed all the inconceivable facilities of erudition available in the new Jerusalem, instructed by archangels, cherubims and seraphims and along all the line of patriarchs and land of ineffable bliss and fadeless glory! There we'll meet the inspired apostles, our Lord's own selection, who enjoyed His personal society and instruction, the full benefit of the most wonderful Bible School ever taught on the earth

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As we are fully assured in the blessed world, that our Lord will not only take Satan and all his myrmidons off this world, but sanctify it wholly with the baptism of fire according to Peter 3 Chapter and actually make it over,

thoroughly renovate it. Rev. 21:5. "Make all things new," and in the glorious finale, confer it on His saints as a soldier's bounty, a delectable souvenir, to possess and enjoy forever. When the Lord gives us even a cottage in this wilderness of sin and sorrow, in which we can rest for a night we enjoy it with grateful delight, but have you ever contemplated the sweet condolment of a delightful heavenly home, the mansion our Lord is preparing for us, John 14:2. This glorified Earth is our mansion and is constantly now undergoing preparation for our eternal occupancy, Matt. 5:5, and John 14:23, "If any one may love me with Divine love, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our mansion with him. Monee in this passage is the same word translated mansion. Ver. 2. The Lord's people, it is true, have been poor in all ages of the world. He made Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Job millionaires, and Daniel prime minister of the universal empire, counting his gold by bushels, because they lived in the symbolic dispensation, and it was important to typify their wonderful spiritual wealth by the temporal. The glory of the Savior, which He put on the pinnacle of His climax was preaching the gospel to the poor. But the column is going to be turned around. "The last shall be first, and the first shall be last." Then the Lord's people who have spent this life in poverty and destitution, and owned so little in this life, will own it all in the good time coming. While this will be our mansion, perfectly fitted up, by Ilim who originally created it for us

and gave it to us. Whereas Satan took it from us and has ever since been doing his best to add it to hell, to augment his unsatisfactory, restricted dominions, our wonderful Jesus came down from heaven and poured out His blood to redeem us, soul and body, also including the "mansion" which He had made for us, and is now refitting for our eternal restoration and occupancy.

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In this life I am a great traveler, frequently crossing continents and oceans, everywhere doing my uttermost to finish the work the Lord has given me. When he takes me out of this world, I believe it will be because He has more use for me in some other world. Who would be fore suitable to preach the gospel warning to the newly created inhabitants of new born worlds, thus fortifying them against their liabilities to apostasy and forfeiture of their probation, than we who have already been caught with Satan's lasso and passed through the flint mills of regeneration, sanctification and stood on a thousand battle fields, fought under the blood stained banner, passed through tempest and tornado, faced Satan's gattling guns and boomerangs, and come out with a shout of victory? Methinks, when I am winging my flight from world to world, with adoring wonder, exploring the boundless universe of my heavenly Father, everywhere magnifying His mercy, so delightful to do His will like the unfallen angels, contemplating the stupendous glory of His creative and administrative majesty, meanwhile multitudes thronging around me lis-

tening to my wonderful story of redeeming grace and dying love, proceed to interview me, "Are you not one of those old soldiers who fought under the blood stained banner of King Emmanuel in that bloody war, against sin and Satan, for the recovery of that lost world, about which we have heard so much?" I respond in the affirmative. They resume: "The tidings have reached us, cheering us with the news that signal victory has crowned Emmanuel's arms, in that long war of six thousand years." "The tidings that the victory has rolled all over that lost world and Satan, the adversary of God, Truth, Holiness and Righteousness, has suffered signal defeat in every land and nation, and the sanctifying fires have expurgated that world from every imperfection, sin, wickedness, rebellion, lawlessness and treason against the government of our heavenly Father, that ever did blacken and pollute it, and it has actually been transformed, recreated, celestialized and actually turned into a beautiful and delightful heavenly world and is this day really a charming paradise, far eclipsing the blooming Eden, which Satan blighted, withered and ruined. As you are one of those old soldiers, and we are very anxious to visit that restored paradise, having celebrity of God's battlefield, where His Son met all the hosts of hell, in solid phalanx, fought and conquered them, even descending into hell, there proclaimed his victory to King Diabolus and all the peers of the pandemonium. I respond, "Most delightfully will I serve you." Then, pounding away, through trackless ether, we speed our precipitate flight,

passing rolling worlds, blazing suns, wandering comets with their tails of fire spanning boundless ethereal firmaments, till lost in the eclipse of cerulean ether. Thus, winging our flight through the void immense, on and on, on and on, we dash, till a shout roars from the host as a gorgeous landscape heaves in view. Oh! what is that transcendent beauty, splendor and glory, rising in panorama before our gaze? Then speeding our flight toward those gorgeous visions, while many are shouting over the scene, we notify them, this is the world which sadly went down under the terrible assault of Satan and his host, becoming the scene of that long war of six thousand years; meanwhile the battle raged, fierce and hot, between the motley hosts of hell with her demoniacal millions in full panoply against the Prince of glory, who in condescending mercy, saw our ruined estate, and came to our relief. The Antediluvian ages, with human longevity, a thousand years memorializes the constantly increasing victory of Satan, till the God of the universe found it necessary, in mercy to destroy the whole human race, except one righteous family, as the only preventive of the perpetual and inevitable population of hell by each revolving generation, moving like the ocean waves and breaking forever against the rock-bound shore. This Divine intervention, having given decisive victory to the cause of truth and righteousness, the beautiful angel "Hope," from her glittering wings, dashed the light of joyful anticipation along the embattled line. As the postdeluvian generations multiplied upon the face of the earth, human life soon dropping down from

one thousand to one hundred years, thus bringing eternity so nigh, proves a powerful incentive to virtue, righteousness and constant readiness to meet the Judge of quick and dead. As the generations multiply upon the face of the earth, Satan availing himself of his own ammunition, heredity in every heart, promotes the **Pharaohs** to the front of the world, and brings God's elect into bondage. In due time He raises up Moses, his prophet and mediator, to preach the everlasting gospel and lead Israel out of bondage. The law dispensation under his ministry is inaugurated, and runs fifteen hundred years, waving aloft the banner of truth, righteousness, justice and peace, meanwhile the inspired prophets preach to the world, the immaculate purity, justice and victory of the Divine administration, while millions of bleeding birds and beasts, pour out rivers of blood, thus quantity symbolizing quality, and all administering the great and glorious anti-type, destined to bleed, groan and die for the sins of the whole world, on Calvary's rugged cross. Fifteen hundred years have gone, the wise men see His star in the East and come to worship Him. John the Baptist stirs the world by his preaching, and dumbfounds all the kings, priests and potentates, by introducing the Prince of Glory to the world, and by his official prerogative, baptizing Him in presence of the multitude, and thus consecrating His High priest and inaugurating Him into His official Messiahship. All hell rages, demons howl, myrmidons machinate, concoct and lay under contribution all, the chicanery of the pandemonium, concentrating all the powers of hell, the cultured clergy of the fallen church, and the kingdoms of the

world, for His destruction. This they consummate, pursuant to the death warrant, assigned by Pontius Pilate, the Roman proconsul and representative of Tiberius Caesar, the world's emperor.

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At the very moment, when earth and hell are jubilant with shouts of victory, He suddenly enters the senate of damnation with the tread of a conqueror, and becomes the herald of His own victory. The very thing they thought would give them the victory, gave it to Him. Little did they dream that their cruel murder of His body, would consummate the vicarious substitutionary atonement, which He came into the world to perfect for the sins of every human being. Having proclaimed His victory to the panic stricken powers of the pandemonium, falling on their knees throughout all the regions of dark Tophet, now illuminated by the splendor of His Glory, and thus verifying Phil. 2;10, "Every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess, of things in heaven, in earth, and beneath the earth." Thus having triumphed over all hell, crossing the chasm, impassable to the finite, but not to Him, enters Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:24). The intermediate Paradise, saluted by all the Old Testament saints, with triumphant shouts of victory, as they had waited there four thousand years for Him to come, perfect the Abrahamic covenant by sealing it with His own blood and lead them all up to heaven with Him. Eph. 4:8-10. Halting at the sepulchre, and resurrecting His body, after abiding forty days, accompanied by the mighty hosts of Old Testament saints, He ascends from Mt. Olivet amid clouds of purest white, radiant



with heavenly glory, and accompanied by an innumerable host of angels and the countless multitudes of Old Testament pilgrims, He mounts away through trackless ether, illuminated by blazing suns, flaming comets, radiant spheres and glittering constellations, till the celestial metropolis, heavens in view, when the angel porters shout aloud, "Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and let the King of glory come in." Psa. 24 ch. The angel porters shout, responding to the salutatory host, "Who is the King of glory?" The answer comes promptly from the jubilant throng, "The Lord, mighty to save, and strong to deliver." Then the gates swing high and open wide, while countless millions of angels, representing millions of worlds, who have never known sin nor sorrow, roar, the long, loud "Welcome home, Prince of glory! Welcome home, Conqueror of Mt. Calvary!" The gospel ages have flown, the tribulation hackled out of the world, the incorrigible millions preparatory to the ushering in of the glorious millennial reign of our transfigured incarnate Christ. The glory of the Lord has actually covered the earth a thousand years as the waters cover the sea. Satan has been let out of hell and permitted to test the Millennial saints, done his best, made a hopeless failure, and finally received his irretrievable doom, ejection into the lake of fire, in outer darkness. The crematory fires have actually sanctified the earth, expurgating all the contaminations of sin, and every tread of Satan. The Creative Fiat has supervened in the glorious regeneration of the whole Earth into the heavenly similitude. Now this beautiful home of humanity which

God in the beginning created for us to occupy and enjoy forever, has been gloriously disencumbered of all diabolical invasions and encroachments, actually transformed into a celestial Paradise, the lovely heritage our Lord (Matt. 5:4) hath bequeathed to the faithful soldiers who fought under the blood stained banner, crimsoning the earth with their blood and whitening it with their bones, are enjoying the perfect consecration, pertinent to prepare them for such an emergency, verifying the missionary motto, "An ox, standing between the plow and the altar, ready for sacrifice or for service."

Now to the dear holiness people of every land and nation, regardless of creed, race or color, this book with its fifty-one precessors, is respectfully dedicated. Let us all be true and meet in heaven. God bless you all.

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