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The following pages contain the
Word of the Lord to his Holy Chosen Ones,
or to those standing in the Order of the Ministry.
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The first part of the paper
 discusses the general theory
 of the subject and the
 various methods of
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 main sections: the
 first dealing with the
 general principles, the
 second with the
 experimental work, and
 the third with the
 theoretical considerations.
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 survey of the subject
 and to a discussion of
 the various methods of
 investigation. The
 second section is
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 description of the
 experimental work
 which has been done
 in this field. The
 third section is
 devoted to a
 discussion of the
 theoretical
 considerations which
 are connected with
 the experimental
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 disposal.

Words of the Heavenly Father to the Holy Chosen of his Name.
 Also His Just Statutes and righteous Will for all
 those placed in the Sacred Order of the Ministry ~

Thus saith the Lord to the Chosen of his love, to those ap-
 pointed & anointed with the Holy anointing to Lead & direct his
 Chosen people.

Hearken O my chosen, give ear O ye watchmen on the
 walls of Zion, for surely I the Lord your God have oft-
 turned mine ear to your repeated cries & supplications, to
 know the will & desires of Me your Holy Father in
 Heaven, promising with your whole hearts to obey.

Listen then with attention, & prepare ye yourselves now
 to receive the just & righteous word & will of that God of

perfect justice & true love, that attentively heareth, & never forgetteth the desires & prayers of the righteous & the humble; for in my everlasting wisdom ^{have} I set ordinances & established laws for the Chosen Watchmen on the Walls of my Zion, & rulers of the whole house of Israel, whereby if they will walk in obedience, my arm of strength & plenty, & my hand of rich & abundant blessings shall ever be extended, & they, & their people shall know my kind & careful protection.

Then Come, O come near to me, the Lord your God, yea draw near in spirit, & fear not to receive & obey this my word of love, & these my just, Sacred, & righteous Statutes & requirements to, & for all those of my Chosen Anointed Ones.

Yea, you that have received my holy Anointing, & partook of that everlasting power & strength that I have in reality bestowed on my Chosen Ones, that they might Lead my people

in my righteous way, teaching them to know & fear me, by their righteous example of willing obedience to the order of their Sacred Lot & calling, in my holy house on earth.

Surely you it is, that are chosen & appointed to stand as the Head & Lead of the several Branches, or those in the different Lots & Orders of Ministry, thro'out the whole Union, save those of the first Chosen or Holy Anointed Lead, that I now address, & give my word & will, saith that God of goodness & love, who ever knows & feels the heavy burdens & afflictions of his Chosen Ones.

So receive ye, & be careful of my word, ye who are called & chosen to fill these most responsible, Sacred, & Holy Lots & Orders, for my righteous Law forbids that any one chosen or entrusted to rule or deal with my people, should ever presume to spread abroad or make public their sins or infirmities - This is a great sin in my sight saith God, & in my own time I shall require a correct account of the same.

Again my righteous will requires that those chosen to stand as Rulers in Zion, should be of that number who have gained to themselves robes made clean by true tribulation, self-denial & the cross. — Those who possess a spirit of true justice, uprightness, charity & perfect love, of strong faith but gentle spirit; Not hasty in word, but wise in consideration, Merciful, forgiving kind & forbearing, patient in tribulation, willing to spend & be spent for the comfort, the gain & increase of other souls —

Humblly enduring all trials & mortification however severe, never yielding to the follies & vanities of nature — Wise & careful of the sacred giftings of your God, ever giving, & receiving with a spirit of gratitude, to that Anointed & appointed power & order before, from whence the sacred Lots & orders in which you stand are supported, ever maintaining a

principle of willing obedience, & ready subordination to the
to the same - This is the Holy Law of my Chosen Ones, & the
only true source from which my perfect blessing flows.

My Holy Law forbids, that any one in the order of the
Ministry should presume to make mention of their sacred
order, or requirements in a spirit of vanity or with a slighty
meaning to each other, or in the ears of the people, lest my
blessing be withdrawn.

Let there be four persons, two of each sex in every Lot &
Order of Ministry, where it is possibly consistant with the condi-
tion of the people, for, far more beautiful & powerful are my
chosen Ones, when standing in their perfect order - Yea surely
more full & free the blessing from my hand, & more for the strength
& protection of the people. For true Order & perfect Union constitute that
strong wall, that Golden Chain, that no power of evil can undermine or
sever

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And again I do require that those appointed to succeed others in the Ministry, of either sex, that they be prepared by deep & heavy tribulation of soul, laboring to realize their sacred & all important calling, & that in their spirits may be wrought humiliation, perfect obedience & selfsubjection to the gift & order in which they are placed —

Surely it is the meek & humble soul, the lowly & contrite heart that I choose; So hear me, & remember my word. Should there at any time be such chosen to stand in the order of mine Anointed, as cannot feel to yield a perfect conformity to my righteous Laws & desires, thankfully denying & willingly sacrificing for my sake, & for the honor of their holy calling, every ^{carnal} ^{vain} ~~tie~~ & ~~pleasure~~ of earth, it is my will that they be removed after a sufficient time of trial, for what does not strengthen will weaken.

Let those chosen in this Sacred Order, be such as have found a fruitful travel in gospel order, according to their age & privilege. Again if in middle or advanced age, infirmities of body should render any individual, of my faithful Anointed Ones unable to stand in the Order, in sufficient strength of mind to support the cause, let such resign, or be released, in union with their own Lord & those before, & my blessing shall follow & be with them, saith their God of endless blessing & love.

Yea I will behold with pleasure their faithful service & true labors in my vineyard below, & will measure unto them of my eternal blessings thro' time, & in my mansions above, will I prepare, & have ready the glorious reward of which they are worthy.

Verily I say unto you, O ye chosen Ones, ye Anointed with this Holy Anointing, great is your responsibility, sacred your

§. calling in the Lion of God, & solemn the work of true judgment, either to condemn or justify the souls or doings of your fellow mortals. So keep your Holy calling & election sure, betray not your trust in the house of the Lord, for great will be your accountability.

Yea full & free will be my blessing, & great will be the gain of your labors & toils for the protection, increase & beauty of Zion, each order in your own Branch of the vineyard, just according to your ready & willing obedience to my Holy Law & righteous word — For have I not said, I will publish my name in Israel, I will establish my Law in Zion, & with my chosen Ones will I covenant forever to be their God, if with their whole hearts they will honor & glorify me, their Almighty God & Creator — So hearken ye to my word, all ye, whose attention I have called at this time —

For surely I say unto you, my Holy Law commands, that you keep at all times open doors of full & entire union, & a perfect relation to my first chosen Lead on ~~Earth~~, and in all things both spiritual & temporal seek to know my will thro' the order which I have appointed, saith God your truest Father & friend,

Again my same righteous word requires, that you keep a correct account of all your proceedings, & that of your people, & give or send of the same to the first Chosen Lead in my Lion, at least three times a year, & in no case hide your counsel from that appointed Order. Yea truly it is my will that they have, & keep at all times, a general account of the outgoings & incomings, of the prosperity & adversity in things both spiritual & temporal in each & every Society throout my Lion below.

This indeed I justly require for the protection of my people

& that the first Holy Chosen of my name, or the Holy Anointed Head of the whole house of Israel, may in reality understand the condition of my people, & know better how to judge & deal wisely & justly with them.

My sacred Order also forbids that those of my Chosen Ones should attend the public meetings, or hours of worship in general, where, or at the same time, that the vile & filthy children of men do - yea where the children of the old creation that know not the true God, neither fear his name, resort mostly, or the most of them, to mock & scorn the word of truth, & the divine worship of my peculiar people.

Surely I would as a Father & friend say to you of this sacred Order - Separate yourselves from strangers without the walls of the Holy City on earth - It is indeed a very displeasing thing in the sight of your God, to behold those

of this most sacred calling, freely conversing with the filthy & unclean, who despise me, or know me not as I am.

Hold no conversation with such, or with the defiled soul upon unprofitable matters, or that which has no concern with your sacred & holy calling. But if there be any, or many duties concerning matters without, or the transactions of those in the Outer Courts, that need your counsel & approbation, ever do this duty as you would all others in the holy fear of my name, & my everlasting blessing shall attend you.

Avoid providing for yourselves means to converse with the selfwise of this ungodly generation, upon the various scenes of the times, government of the Land, Laws of the States & the like correspondence. Surely such familiarity between those whom I have called to be pure & undefiled vessels in my Holy Courts, & the filthy workers of iniquity, is, O the God of heaven

repeat displeasing & disgusting to me —

But hear yet again, for I have a further word for all my Chosen Ones & the chief rulers in my Zion below. It is concerning those who have turned again to wallow in their own filthiness, & forsaken their home & privilege —

They, above all beings that inhabit the earth do, & will need the greatest mercy & charity in time & eternity — But many will never repent in time, so as to seek at your hearts mercy or forgiveness — Such it is, I would that ye my chosen Ones have no dealings with, & say, suffer them not to tarry within your borders when it can consistantly be avoided — Again, there are many ^{who} go from Zion that have never realized their day & call, & indeed various have been, & are the causes that Zion has long been & is so scattered —

Therefore I say, O ye worthy Ones ye rulers & judges in my Vineyard, Judge with that judgment that is given you, & deal with such as return to you, or ask your mercy, as you feel you can bear out in justice, laboring in that true wisdom which will surely be given you, to discern the depth of their humiliation or repentance, & to understand their past & present condition.

It is better to bear & forbear, to give & forgive, than to hastily cast a soul from you, or leave them to wander in misery, when there is the least hope that light & truth might reach them thro' patience & forbearance, or another privilege in Zion — Again hear me, for I would that ye my chosen have no fellowship with the unclean & defiled souls that necessarily or by chance tarry with my people a season as hirelings or whatever.

Suffer none such to visit or enter your dwellings save in instances unavoidably necessary — For indeed the order of my Chosen Anointed Ones is Sacred pure & clean in my sight, & so should be their habitations & possessions.

For the most holy of the Ministering Angels resort there, & Angels of protection dwell there, & also the spirits of your blessed parents & Elders that have faithfully labored in that holy calling, often assemble with their fellow laborers to strengthen & support you, & to inspire into your souls the will of your God, & waft your prayers to him & to the heavenly orders above.

O then receive from Me your Holy Father of purity & harmony, the word of my Sacred, beautiful, & heavenly Order, which my righteous will requires to have established

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& maintained in the Sacred dwellings of the Anointed of my Holy Courts on earth, like unto my glorious manions above in uniformity & comeliness —

These are furnished with that which is beautiful & all sufficient, wrought & prepared by holy hands & in perfect order. Even so shall the dwellings of my chosen on earth be adorned with that which is comely & exemplary, in the eyes of the people, & which my holy spirit can bless & behold ^{with} pleasure.

Surely my righteous word forbids that in the dwellings of my chosen ones there be any high or superfluous paintings, or colors of this kind on any of your possessions — Let the ceiling of the dwellings of the appointed orders of the Ministry be Blue or of a bluish cast — The floors of a light or uniform yellow. Let all the necessary furniture or articles of wood be plain & wrought by the hands of your own people as far as possible.

Avoid providing for yourselves, or keeping in your possessions articles of any kind that you have reason to think have been the objects of idle curiosity & fancy — Either by picturing, figuring, flowering or printing &c. For know ye my Chosen Ones, the pride & vanities of earth, or the embellishments of human & natural art, are not for you to make choice of, & beautify not your dwellings.

Let the outside covering of your beds be plain & modest, & not of many, or high colors, blue, or changeable are beautiful in my sight. In a plain simple style prepare your floor covering so far as consistent; also all the necessary provisions for comfort or profit; for your calling is high & holy, & none but the heavenly orders are nigher to me, then why not with your whole hearts serve me, & not the gods of time.

Let all the necessary articles of your hand labor be plain & of a simple form, not ornamented by ingenious devices of fashion or color, merely for curiocity.

Let there be nothing fanciful set upon the dining Table of my Chosen Ones, those in the order of the Ministry, but let it be furnished with vessels like unto those in my Mansions above, which are of ~~a~~ pure white, but those of a bluish cast, or of a blue edge are comely, & resemble heavenly things.

Give ear to my word & receive the things that I offer, not as great & mighty things, but as things essential to the travel of the soul, called to walk in the path of selfdenial & teach others to walk the same by their holy example. I am verily a God of order & uniformity, of neatness & prudence, & I delight to behold it in my Lion on earth, & ^{nought} that my hand or

spirit can bless Her, & Her inhabitants with, that is profitable or beautiful, would I withhold; but ^{than this} more, or that which will do the body no essential good, nor give life to the soul, is a hindrance to its travel in the road of true self-denial, & my holy spirit cannot own or bless it.

O then listen to the desire & will of your God; Set in order your sacred dwellings, & in your holy calling fulfill my requirements, then shall my protecting Arm be extended over you, & my hand of plenty be stayed upon you. I can then enter my holy house on earth, & own & bless the chosen of my name, & my name also will be glorified there.

Again I say, let the food & raiment of my chosen, & of all that call on my name for blessing & protection, be sacred unto them.

O my beloved ones, set not upon your Tables of food, Wines, or Swines flesh, & make no use of spirituous liquors, save in

disease or infirmity of body, for all of these are offensive to me, & unprofitable for my chosen people who profess to serve me with their whole hearts, to use as a beverage any way.

Array not yourselves in garments of fashion, like, or after the ~~forms~~ ^{forms} of the children of ~~men~~ ^{this world} — I would, so far as lies in your power, that you provide for yourselves garments of the work of Lions child dren, but by no means array yourselves in garments of many colors, or that which is gay & superfluous, but let your dress be plain & every way becoming your sacred order in the Legion of your God.

This is my will, my word & my desire of you my anointed ^{Chosens} Ones, the ^{Chosens} Head of my people — But listen yet longer, & be not weary of my desires; for from your holy example shall my people learn to love & reverence me, & my righteous way.

Let there be no provision for hand labor in your retiring apartments, save the necessary duties to keep in order your ^{dwelling}s

20. & for the care & comforts of the sick — Again, in these Sacred apartments, the perusing of fables, morals, or works on natural science or history, is displeasing to my holy spirit, & the guardian angels & spirits that often assemble there.

Such studies are in every sense of the word foreign from the spiritual labor or duties of a spiritual Lead, or Lead in spiritual things — Verily I say again, if ye my chosen ones will hearken to my word, & will seek to know & do my will, then shall my spirit be with you, & my holy angels be your guardian protectors.

So fear not to trust in me, for if ye will keep me in remembrance then shall ye feel & know my kind & careful protection —

Yea if on your many journeys from one branch of Zion to another, you will keep separate so far as lies in your power, from the vain children of men, or the filthy worshipers of strange Gods, ye will surely do my will & my angels of peace &

protection will go with you, & the ungodly will see that ye are called out from among them, & are not of them. So blend not with them, & be not uncessarily dependant upon them.

But if, by any means, you really need their assistance, then, in Godly fear, deal friendly, but honestly & soberly with them, teaching them to do likewise, by example.

If at times, you cannot avoid being in their company, & even partaking of your food at the Table, or resting your bodies in the same apartments, ever bear in mind that your calling is sacred, that you are the Lords Anointed, & that your spirits cannot mingle with theirs to your gain, save in that godly conversation, or correspondence, that will serve to instill into their dark souls a degree of true light, knowledge, & love to God & his way.

Hold no conversation for the sake of applause or worldly honor, allow not yourselves to feel a desire to learn from what you may

chance to hear among them, of the various vanities & follies of time & nature, having no interest in party opinions, & by no means obligate yourselves to have any dealings with the ^{children of the} unrighteous Mammon, further than your present condition or needs require, for I am your God your strength & supporter.

Finally, I would that my Chosen Ones, & indeed all my people, who journey in classes or companies, would at all times possible while among the idolatrous nations of the earth, be united in spirit, gathering together by yourselves at eve, giving your hearts in prayer, & your voices in praise to Me, your God of purity, who Delights in pure & undefiled offerings, & to that holy power & heavenly Order, that has called & placed you in a higher & holier sphere, than the greatest or noblest around you, who exalt themselves, & exult only in worldly honor & fame glorying in the God of their own choice.

These O my chosen Anointed are the words of love, from a God & Father of love & care for the beauty, honor, & support of the order of his own appointing, & Altar of his own erecting, in the Sanctuary of his holy name, & the indwellers of his most Holy Courts on earth.

But the end of my word is not yet, for of the order of Elders & rulers, & of those gathered into the first orders of the several Churches thro'out Laion, I have not spoken, & surely these things I will not withhold, that ye may know my will & do my pleasure.

So be mindful of my word, & in your wisdom choose, appoint & anoint such ones to stand as Elders & rulers to labor in a spiritual order & calling, as can stand before me & my people, vessels clean & beautiful, clothed with meekness & humility, patience charity & perfect love to me, to my holy & just way, & to all souls.

Let those appointed to stand as Elders in the first orders of

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the several Churches be after ^{the} Order of the Ministry, 4 in number
2 of each sex, of sufficient age experience & travel in the work of
true selfdenial, to realize the important & responsible Lot they are
called to fill — Those that you feel are in reality trustworthy souls,
of honest & upright principle — Lovers of truth & haters of iniquity,
Such as will walk in holy fear, regarding their own Sacred Order,
never betraying their trust in regard to souls under their charge
& protection, & will at all times yield free & willing obedience to
the Lead, or orders before them — This is the perfect order of
heaven & should be throout my Lion on earth.

Even so I say of all Lots of Elders & Leaders in
spiritual care, as to their faithfulness in trust, but, various
are the excuses that some Orders cannot be full in number
for time being, but the perfect, full, & true Order is the strong
est in union & power, & most for the protection of the people.

But let it be remembered that my holy word forbids that there be any placed as burden bearers or rulers in my Zion, that have not willingly signed their names to the Sacred Covenant of my people, to devote & consecrate their time & talents to my services, & for their own souls gain here & hereafter.

Surely I am a God that seeth & knoweth all things, Father of my own household, & planter of my own vineyard, & should I not care for all, but most for the safety of the choicest of my creation? Yea, truly, my chosen people & their possessions, is first worthy of my blessing, care & protection, & they who love, serve and honor me most in time, I will make most glorious in eternity.

So fear not, but be ever unto me your Father & friend, even as I am unto you, truthful & steadfast, without flattering or wavering from my wise designs & purposes - Seek not to evade the cross of self-denial & hide not your counsel from the Lord, or from the Orders before you.

Listen yet longer, & understand my will concerning those gathered into my first Churches, or the first orders of each Society. I would that these forward orders in my holy house, might be of that number sealed & secure, or of the choicest among my people — They who have given the first ripe fruits of their souls unto me, willing to sacrifice & endure all things for the honor, support & upbuilding of gospel order, & to be truly worthy of their privilege — Of Adults or those of riper years I say.

Gather none that are so involved in any way that they are not free to sign their names & bind themselves by the Church Covenant — Make no choice of such as have any essential impediment of their natural powers of the mortal body, or so far changed from the upright form of man, that they cannot come to the just requirements of the Sacred order of the members of the first Churches of my Zion below —

Now O my Chosen Ones, all ye anointed with the Holy
 anointing, to stand as Leaders, directors & protectors of my people
 throout the several Branches of the Union, Come near to Me,
 your Holy God, & gather Wisdom from my sayings — Yea, accept
 & treasure in your hearts all these, the things pertaining to
 the beauty, glory & honor, safety & protection of your Holy
 calling in the Lion of your God.

In all of the various scenes & seasons of your duties at
 home or abroad, bear in mind the Sacredness of your Calling, &
 of the solemn obligation each one, & all, are under, to faithfully
 maintain it, & to provide means for its security.

Suffer not the members of the house of Israel to visit or to
 enter in common your retiring apartments, as in their own
 dwellings, more than is necessary for your assistance, or for the

protection of your apartments in your absence — But beloved Ones, in such cases choose for yourselves such members as have come to years of understanding, & will at all times perform their duties in godly fear, never inviting others to attend them only in union or by liberty of the Elders of the Church, for blessed are they who love & fear the Lord thro' his Holy Anointed in their perfect order.

Again in cases of sickness which do occur among you, for the sake of ^{the} Sacred order of your holy Calling, avoid at all times as far as possible inviting unnecessary company of members in common, yet provide all needful help & attendance, but strive to make choice of such as will respect that holy Anointed Order & not trample upon it, & so displease the holy Angels & blessed spirits that ever attend where holy Order is kept.

Even so let it be when duty requires a part of the Lot to be absent, or one of each sex are left at home, provide company that will reverence your Holy Order - Again never invite any one to sit at your Table when the whole Lot are present ~~except~~ it be those of your own order & calling.

But when absent from home, & in company with others, then do as you feel most proper, & my blessing shall not be withheld. Still again to do my righteous will & pleasure, you will at all times avoid all cumbersome & noisy trades, or employment of hand labor, that will hinder you from attending to the calls, trials & burdens of the Elders of the people in due time & season, for that is the Sacred duty of those in the order of the ministry.

When you my beloved, have listened with attention, & gained an understanding to your satisfaction of the case laid before you, then with that righteous judgment & wisdom which is ever yours,

from my all powerful hand, let your Yea be Yea, & your Nay be Nay, regarding more at all times the righteous Law of your God for the protection of the house of Israel, than the various opinions & pleadings of the people, ever remembering that their safety will depend on their willing & perfect obedience to the order of their protection. Also that your strength & blessing & true gift will be according to the perfect union of spirit in which you move together, & with the Orders before you.

Yea saith your Heavenly Father, peace blessing & prosperity from my holy hand shall flow unto you, even in the midst of adversity & affliction, & tho' tribulation deep & heavy should fill your souls to overflowing, yet will my Angels of consolation ever be near to sustain & comfort you, while you

condescend to keep, & require to be kept, the true & sacred order of your most responsible & selfdenying calling in the Lion of my name on earth —

O then deny ^{not} my justice in calling your attention to my many repeated desires, & seek not to wade the selfcrossing path that is before, & suffer not yourselves to mingle in common with the members in general, to often visit their apartments of hand labor mostly for releasement of body or mind.

Take no part in unprofitable arguments that you may chance to meet with, or have knowledge of, but let your people, & my people learn holy fear, & humbleness of spirit from your example — Keep not in your possessions, bills of account of business transactions, of trades, or of temporal concerns, such & suchlike dealings belong to those in the Outer Court.

Again make no provision to keep Money of any kind in your retiring apartments in my holy house of worship if you would please me your God. This is the word & will of your Eternal Parents, be careful & wise with this, & with all things entrusted in your charge.

As to the Order of the Sabbath, let it be forever written & printed on the hearts of both Leaders & people to keep it Sacred as a day of holy service unto Me, the giver & dispenser of every gift & blessing to mortals — Yea in praise, prayer or thanksgiving, & in some spiritual devotion or employ, let the whole day be spent — Let all hand labor that consistantly can, be avoided on the Sabbath, for it is a day holy unto Me.

Let the Ancients among my people rejoice in the long continued goodness of their God unto them, & in the salvation they have

found in his holy way — Let those in the strength of their days sing praise, & with every faculty of their souls glorify that God that has called them to so high & holy a calling. Let the young & inexperienced learn to know & fear their God on this his holy day, having all their devotions sacred peaceful & orderly —

So let it be on the day kept in remembrance of the Holy Savior as to all out business in general, even to the setting of the Sun — Ye my people are His only true followers, & can in truth sing of his goodness & mercy, praise him for his everlasting kindness, & give thanks glory & honor to him for this blessed way of Salvation, & can in reality follow his example in giving alms to the needy, & doing good to all men. Surely all this is becoming my chosen people, to love & give glory & honor in true sincerity of soul to the first

chosen parents & founders of their redemption, to sing endless praises in humble, solemn, prayerful & joyful strains, to both Father & Mother of the new creation in their perfect order as One.

Let all these days & seasons of offering & thanksgiving, praise & adoration, be improved by Trions children in the true & right sense & spirit. Not as bestowing great honor & glory on the natural or earthly part or existance of Jesus Christ or of Mother Ann Lee. But in grateful remembrance of what they suffered to obtain, for the good of all souls, yea that perfect salvation & full redemption, that nought but the same self-denying, crucifying cross that they bore, will ever bring to any

These, O ye Anointed orders, ye Chosen Ones, yea these ^{souls} are the words, the will, & the desires of your righteous Father

above, for all my people to know & understand — But more & most important to the gain & increase of the travel of my chosen people in my Zion below, is the yearly offering, or sacrifice of the whole heart in humble acknowledgment, confession & repentance of every known sin, or secret desire to sin —

Yea let every soul that calls on my name for protection, blessing or mercy, unitedly bow in submission to this gift, to confess with their tongues to Me their God, in presence of my chosen witnesses, seeking mercy & forgiveness by true repentance, yea & thankfully acknowledging my everlasting goodness in providing such a blessed way of salvation and redemption.

Thus & thus have I spoken, & caused to have written,
 & delivered into your charge, these my Sacred requirements,
 my just Statutes, & my righteous Will in many things need-
 ful for the beauty, order & protection of my holy house
 on earth, yea even of the most Sacred Courts of my Chosen
 Ones— Receive ye this, a Gift, Sacred heavenly and
 divine, from the Author of all goodness, & giver of all
 good, and peace be to every soul of my chosen Anointed
 Ones, that will support & maintain a united interest
 of feeling, to keep these sayings faithful & true, so long
 as they remain in the Sacred Order of Gods Holy Chosen
 in His Lion on Earth,

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Closing Address by the former Ministry Elder C. B. & W. B. Elders H. L. & A. C.

Most dearly beloved companions, & fellow travelers in tribulation; It is you that we feel to address, & would thankfully speak words comforting & satisfying to your burden-worn spirits, could we but meet you face to face, & mingle our voices & spirits as one, or together, as in past times without the aid of pen & ink. But this kind offer of our blessed parents before us, we readily accept, trusting in the measure of consolation it will yield you to know our feelings & acceptance with your dealings or desires relative to the Sacred pages that we received as a Gift peculiarly Holy & divine unto us, in the truest sense & spirit of the day & time it was given — We have only now to say —

Our spirits are indeed comforted, & our souls greatly released from a burden that by no means save that you have taken could so effectually do it. — The Gold Plate, & the word thereon, really felt to us as a peculiar notice from the source of all good, & our whole

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souls were bound to acknowledge its divine influence, & support it in spirit & substance. — We cannot condemn ourselves for the true sacredness & carefulness, with which we received & ever dealt with the Gift & word to us, never reflecting with regret that we were the ones to bear the responsible burden of its circulation in the several orders of the Ministry, & meet its after effects in tribulation, to the extent of all our souls could bear even before we left the shores of time.

So you see we have only to bless you & your labors; Yea the full blessing of our souls is ever, & ever will be with you, in what ever Gift of God, or order of His house, you, in your united spirits & desires feel for the increase of your own order, or any other portion of our Order of the Vineyard of Christ & our Eternal parents on Earth.

The Gift of God, the power, knowledge, wisdom, & the Holy Anointing of the Sacred order in which you now stand in the House of God on earth, we have not taken with us, it remains with you, & your successors.

We have worked out our day & time, & have gone to rest from the toils & burdens of earth, but yet feel that a solemn obligation binds us to take an interest in providing some way to assist you in the present burden of the said Book, & so forever discharge ourselves from further responsibility. Even so is the united voice of each Ball that signed their names to the word, & have since come home to rest from earthly cares. So receive beloved this intercession of our spirits in your behalf, in purest love & unceasing blessing now & forever, & feel confidence in your own souls, knowing that what you bless on earth, will be blessed in Heaven, so long as the gift & power of God is your reliance, & your united ^{spirit} is, & ever will be your strength & support. The gift of God, the order of his way & work, we find is ever progressive, & increasing in light & understanding, knowledge & wisdom, & souls must travel accordingly, to fulfill the day & season in which they are called, & is allotted them.

Now is your day, & heavy the burden of your souls for the sake of

Lion's safety & increase, in a perfect knowledge of God's Holy way, & an interest to obey it to their own salvation. — But be assured dear fellow companions in tribulation, in trials, crosses, & afflictions, altho' we are called to dwell in another sphere, & have found our order in the spirit land, yet we do not forget you, but feel constantly desirous for your welfare & prosperity, trusting that the powers above & before us, will aid & strengthen you, & give you wisdom to lead & direct the house of Israel aright.

We bless your faithful labors thus far, & now feel to make this one intercession, that in your interviews with the different Orders or Lots of Ministry, you would make mention of ^{our} love & blessing, with our fervent desires that a double portion of good may be realized from the general united gift; that we trust there will be, in delivering up said Books & in receiving whatever you in your wisdom feel to offer, for thus we have done, fully believing it to be the right time, & the Lord's Will, & so

let it be the will of the Lord's Anointed on Earth thro'out his Holy Courts. ^{41.}

Your blessed Heavenly Parents unitedly seal this our word, with their purest love & blessing to rest with you, & your fellow laborers in the Ministry. Your beloved Father William who attended the Holy Angel who directed the writing of the whole Book, & who bore the mortal Inst: thro' the severe scene of tribulation now says.

Most dearly beloved, I too rejoice in this blessed cause, for you cannot fully realize while in time how important it is that the chosen people of God, have a Head, a Head, a spirit influence thro' mortal direction; Yea chosen vessels anointed with that holy anointing, & endowed with that wisdom, power & knowledge, that Earth can neither give nor take, & how great their responsibility that they keep their rectitude, highest in their order on earth, & near to their blessed parents in the spiritual regions. Even so it is, so it ever was since God had a chosen people on earth, & so it ever will be in the order of God's work & way. So in the purest love blessing & strength of a Father & true friend,

I close my word at this time, with this promise of your God to you; That strength shall be given you to work in the vineyard of Christ, according to your season to work, & the toils & labors required of you. You shall be clothed with perfect wisdom, & true confidence in your God, that will shield you from Satans forces. As you lead on the Armies of Israel, & set in order the Shew of the Lord, you shall feel & know the protection of the strong & mighty Angel that is sent to be with your thro' time, & none shall rise up against the Lord's Anointed. My spirit shall be with you as you journey thro' Zion, & this my ^{word} is to all your companions in the Ministry that will confide in the gift of God that is to, & for them, in perfect reconciliation remembering at all times, that Zion's increase, strength, beauty, glory, honor & protection of Her God, consists in Her willing & united obedience to his word & way thro' His appointed Order. Again I say, even so it is with you the chosen of His name. Your God has verily called you out from among the people, to go before & lead them on. He has Anointed you with ^{His} Holy spirit. Keep your holy order. Hold fast your anointing

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& surely the powers of Heaven will be moved to bless & strengthen
you & your labors, & Zion will increase. Yea beloved ones,

These things I feel & say, with that power that I trust
will reach your souls, & with that kindest love of a Father
that will soothe your troubled spirits in tribulations darkest
hours, & in trying scenes yet to come. So receive^{it} as such
& ever be mindful that your God is your strength & sup-
porter to the end.

From your true parent friend

William Lee