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An Illustration of the Seven Vials. Rev. 15 & 16.

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God." Rev. 15. 1. The succeeding verses to the 5th declares the song of triumph and praise that should be sung by those who had gotten the victory over the beast and his image, and over his mark and the number of his name - But this was a prediction of that which would take place, after the vials were all poured out and in operation - For they stood upon "A sea of glass" mingled with fire" this must be the pure and clear element of the heavenly order, manifested in the second appearance of Christ; this is evident because when this was seen, the beast nor his image, nor number had not been fully manifested. And after the beast began his reign this element could no where be found in its purity. "And they sang the song of Moses, and the song of the Lamb; but none but such as have fulfilled all the requirements of the moral law of which the law of Moses was but a transcript; and the pure law of Christ can stand upon this pure and clear element and sing this song. This song ends by saying, "For thy judgments are made manifest." †

"And after that I looked and behold, the temple of the tabernacle in heaven was opened; and the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure & white linnen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles." This description shows that the spiritual messengers of the plagues were pure and holy; and that the judgments of those plagues were not so much of a providential, as of a spiritual and intellectual order; for none of the former messengers or executors

† And they could not be made manifest until all their elements were revealed & were in operation.

of the seals or trumpets were thus described in Representations that
 denoted such purity. The former were therefore more of the providen-
 tial than spiritual order. "And one of the four beasts (living creatures)
 gave unto the seven angels, seven golden vials, full of the wrath
 of God, who liveth for ever and ever." This living creature, was
 doubtless the spirit of the third dispensation, or the dispensation
 of the first appearing of Christ; for the kingdom of the beast
 under the reign of antichrist, came to its fullness in that dispen-
 sation and must be destroyed before the fullness of Christ's second
 appearing could take place; and the pouring out of these vials
 was the means of weakening that kingdom, to open the way for
 the true temple, or Church to be established and opened; & will
 also by their operations finally destroy that kingdom & all its
 powers of darkness. These angels were the last messengers
 from the testimony and temple of Christ's first appearing. And
 the golden vials that contained the plagues denote them to be
 purely the judgments of God, and that they manifested his
 eternal opposition to the spirit and principles of evil. & that
 their operations will make the final and everlasting separation
 between the principles and all the powers of good and evil;
 hence they are represented as coming from him "That liveth
 for ever and ever." Therefore they will be the eternal ministers
 of the pure opposition ^{against evil, and} of good, and of its righteous judgments
 for ever and ever. The vials were the spiritual measures of
 the principles and elements treasured ^{up} in each age of the world
 and the time allotted by ^{divine} justice for their operation, and as there
 is no mixture of the spirit of the wisdom of the world in their directions
 hence they're termed golden, for "the wrath of God is poured out
 without mixture" upon the worshippers of the beast by them (Rev 14. 10 & 11).

The work of these angels began, when the last tabernacle of chosen witnesses was established to bear testimony from days of the light of the original gospel of the Church, & from an emanation from the seven spirits of God. This took place when the Church and all professors of the Christian name had fallen & were corrupted from the true light of christianity; and also all mankind had become more fallen and debased than ever before. Hence the testimony of these witnesses, which were like the tabernacle in the wilderness, moveable from place to place, and from age to age, with the same testimony declaring that all men had fallen from the pure principles of Godliness, and become unjust & abominable, that the righteous judgments of God could no longer be delayed, against both christian professors and all mankind. Here began the power of the "Two witnesses" to shut up heaven that it rain not in the days of their prophecy; and have power over waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues as often as they will" Rev 11-6 &c. For the spirit bore witness through them of the work & judgment that divine justice then required.

This did not take place until the Church was fallen to the world. Hence the testimony of these witnesses began by confessing their own depraved state and liability to the righteous judgments of God; and then their testimony was swift and powerful against all sects and orders of men, and in denouncing the judgments of God against a guilty world, and the certain overthrow of all their systems. These things were renewed wherever this tabernacle of witnesses was removed, whenever their testimony took place. This was nothing less nor more than declaring, "the seals of the wrath of God." Thus the practice which has now grown into an ostentatious display in their religious assemblies, of the

formal professors of Christianity, of first of all pretending to confess
 their sins to God, whilst they bring nothing to light; originated
 with the last message of God from the primitive temple, to a
 lost and fallen church and world. They now take it as a mark
 of a true Christian to confess themselves sinners, whereas its
 original design was to show that there was not a true Christian
 on the earth, nay not the witnesses themselves; but that all
 were exposed to the vials of the wrath of God. While therefore
 this practice is appropriate to all Christian professors, as no one
 who knows their state will dispute; they are not of Christ,
 for Christ and sin cannot dwell together, "And no man can
 serve two masters" Such professors therefore confess themselves
 justly under the vials of wrath. But there is a vast difference
 between the spirit of those real witnesses of God who bear testimony
 by divine impression, and the dull formal professors, who make
 a trade of sinning and then of ostentatiously confessing it as a
 mark of Christians. The former burn like a fire with zeal
 against sin in themselves and others, and like flaming torches
 and mighty thunderings denounce the wrath & just judgment
 of God against it in this world and that to come. Whilst the
 latter do it from the pride of profession to become popular &
 great in the world, and to ease their consciences with a form
 without the power, and to cover their deformity under a christian
 P. cloak. But none of these witnesses with all their zeal, could
 build a true Church, or find the way into the true temple of
 God, far after the seven angels were sent forth, "The temple
 was filled with smoke from the glory of God, & from his power;
 and no man was able to enter into the temple till the seven
 plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled." Hence if the testimony

of the gospel revealed in the temple of the first appearing of Christ, had become so adulterated by the smoke of the fire of natural principles which had risen between the soul and spiritual things, as to appear like smoke, so that all men were so blinded, that no man was able to enter into the temple; then surely there could be no true Church, and no entrance into the heavenly kingdom and order, until the temple was again opened for the reception of souls. And this could not be until the second appearing of Christ. Let it be considered that the glory of God and his power, could never be smoke nor darkness of itself, but it must be the dark elements of nature that clouded the soul, so that it sees things ^{thru} a medium of its own dark and lost perception. Hence until the plagues and wrath of God against evil was manifested by the operation of all those vials, so far as to weaken the power of antichrist and the beast over the conscience, and purify and enlighten the mind of man sufficiently to receive and be led by the true glory and power of God; The temple of God could not again be opened nor be made accessible to man. And as nothing short of the same divine spirit that first opened the temple of salvation to man could open it again, hence all those vials must begin to operate, before the second appearing of Christ to rebuild the temple on earth, and to open it for the reception of man, by showing "The ark of his testimony". Then the Church of Christ could rise from its wilderness state, "fair as the Moon - clear as the Sun" but not before, and terrible as an army with banners" that is, terrible to the fallen nature of man. see Solomon's Song. 1. 10.

"And, I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to

the seven angels, go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth." This great voice was manifested by the powerful testimony of the martyrs and witnesses of truth, against the works of antichrist and of a corrupt world when "the man of sin had taken his seat in the temple of God" and the kingdom of antichrist was established in earthly Christians. Then the wrath of God began to be manifested against these things, and those "evil men and seducers", began "to eat the fruit of their own doings." And the first went and poured out his vial upon the earth, and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men that had the mark of the ^{1st} Beast, and upon them which worshipped his image." (The first trumpet showed that the Church had begun to fall to the earth, and in that situation, death and judgments fell upon all who were in that state. Then the Beast and his image began to be formed, for the image of the beast is any established religion in conformity with the principles of the world; therefore when these things began, the Beast and his image also began to be formed, although it took many ages before ^{2d} the organization was completed. This vial represented the spiritual effects of this state, and the ultimate judgments which followed. The "noisome and grievous sore" represents the uneasy, distressing and guilty state of those who were in that situation, and their clashing operations, & envious oppositions one against the other. This was clearly shown by their continual schisms and divisions, and their many inventions of new doctrines, and new and perplexing points of dispute, which made them grow darker and darker. All this manifested ~~that~~ that corrupting and noisome spiritual sore, which

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like the "worm that never dies" was eating out the very marrow of the gospel and the life of the body. And although a form of godliness was established and supported by ecclesiastical and earthly power, yet being destitute of the power and life of salvation and of the light both of reason and revelation, it could not satisfy any rational soul hence their many struggles to amend and reform it. These same effects have followed, and will always follow those who after having had divine light and power; then fall to the earth and undertake to build a system conformable to the principles of an earthly fallen nature, for such have "the mark of the beast, and worship his image" And it began its operations by such in that state tormenting each other both internal and externally. This is the "noisome and grievous sore" that fell on them, and will be the judgment of such unto the end of time.

This is the same plague prophesied of in Zech 14: 12 to the end. "Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth". Doubtless, this sore was also providentially manifested in the terrible pestilence that raged thro' all the known world, and continued 50 years, in the sixth century. Thus there was a noisome and grievous sore fall upon the earth, both naturally and spiritually. It is evident that by operations of plagues, famines, and convulsions of nature and internal anxiety, those effects are literally manifested among men; but these are only the visible effects of invisible spiritual principles, and are but a figure of the plagues that fall upon the soul under the divine judgments of God. This was after the foundation of the great image of the beast was laid, and his power confirmed by the establishment of the Catholic

gospel and the canon of scripture, by the authority of the self styled Fathers of the Catholic Church. And an ecclesiastical authority with the power of life and death, set up to support it. And this vial shows the judgments whereby God avenges his Church, by the plagues upon its beastly opposers and tyrannical oppressors and persecutors; until the mystery of God is finished. This vial is the fruits of the principles and elements declared by the first trumpet.

"And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea." The second trumpet had declared the death and bloody principles which followed the "Great mountain" that fell into the sea. That is, the great body of the Church falling into the world, and the second vial showed the ultimate effects of the operations of those principles. From which it is manifest that those principles which operated in the Catholic world, became as the blood of death, both natural and spiritual. In the Roman empire which had become the Catholic sea, and was the fountain head from whence proceeded the corrupted elements of false and tyrannical principles; as a sea of corrupt water that supplied the streams of nature with the same bloody and deathly elementary principles. The whole genius, ambition and glory of man in this sea as a fountain head, became turned to the principles of blood in wars & persecutions. And the effects were, that the real life of the gospel was lost from the earth; thus every living soul in this sea died. This marks the period when there was not one soul in the world, whatever life they might formerly have had, that retained that life of the gospel which was originally planted

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in the primitive Church, and this death finally spread through
all nations. Hence all that remained as a testimony was in
scattered witnesses, under mourning and darkness. This however
could not have been until those bloody and dark principles had
come to maturity, by the full establishment of the Catholic hierarchy
and the supremacy of the pope, above the kings of the earth.
And also the Mahometan religion being contemporaneously
established in its meridian, near the close of the eighth century
And the rest of the world was shrouded in pagan darkness, and
all supported their religions and systems by earthly power, and
by the persecuting sword: by these means every living soul
that had the original life of the gospel were slain, either naturally
or spiritually, so that blood and darkness spread throughout the
world. These principles when they came to their height produced
the tyranny, carnage and horrors of "the dark ages". The real
blood of this sea, was the blood that is the life of "the man of sin"
which St Paul foretold would set in the temple of God, showing
himself that he is God, "hence it is to those who are of himself
or of his kingdom that he shows that "He is God". This man of
sin having got full possession of the Catholic Church, turned
it into a sea, or fountain head of his blood or life, which was
the blood of death to all who had any life of Christ in that
dead sea. The effects therefore of this vial may be traced
thro' the second trumpet to the elements and principles of
the red horse and his rider, who went forth in the opening
of the second seal.

And the judgments of God were manifested in the
final results to the highest degree; under this vial arose
that system of assuming the office of the devil and his angels

+ (showing thereby plainly the devilish spirit by which they were actuated in this horrid work)

by persecuting all Hereticks and none conformists; by imitating
 all the horrors of hell torments, as far as in their power, by all
 imaginable horrors and torments, and by representing in figures
 upon those victims of Catholic mercy, Devils and flames, ⁺ &
 by shedding the blood of all such as far as in their power; under
 pretence of authority from the court of heaven, and by mocking
 them with the infernal plea that it would be for the good of
 their souls in the world of spirits. And as the consequence of
 such an example under the sanctimonious seal of "The benign
 gospel" the wickedness and horrid cruelties among all orders
 of men exceeded all bounds. Nevertheless those principles did
 not come to their height till the pouring out of succeeding vials.
 But the judgments of this vial, do and will always attend
 the establishment of a worldly Religion, supported in any
 measure by the power of Persecution, according to the nature
 and degree of the operation of this hypocritical & persecuting
 spirit, so long as the world stands.

"And the third angel poured out his vial upon the
 rivers and fountains of waters, and they became blood." This
 vial marks the effects of the establishment of the Catholic
 Hierarchy which spread in as it were streams of blood and
 death thro' the world, and in the establishment of fountains
 of corruption and death thro' all the Catholic world; such as
 the doctrine that the wine in the Eucharist, was turned into
 the real blood of Jesus shed by the real Fathers of this persecuting
 Church; that it was drunken in remembrance of that
 bloody deed, and infused a mysterious and saving virtue into
 the partakers; (a more horrid and blasphemous principle
 could not be conceived;) with many other similar blasphemous

and horrible principles that proceeded from this bloody and dead Catholic sea - all of which were propagated and enforced by bloody crusades and persecutions. Well might it be said, that their streams and fountains became blood; for drinking blood and applying blood appears to be established as the main spring of the Catholic religion, and shedding fresh blood, the principle means of propagating and defending it. And therefore as they grew raving mad with the orthodox profession of drinking and shedding blood, they ultimately eat the fruit of their own doings, and brought the just wrath of God upon themselves, by the same bloody principles operating in this beastly and bloody kingdom. } There was never any one doctrine that originated from this "Scarlet-whore" that caused so much controversy, and such fierce and bitter contentions as this doctrine, that the sacramental bread and wine was changed into the real body and blood that was born of the Virgin Mary, and eaten and drunken by true Christians. It was so unreasonable that many zealous abettors & subjects of the Catholic gospel could not accede to it. Hence originated the most horrible and bloody contentions among the subjects of antichrist, for their thirst for blood, was not satisfied with shedding the blood of Hereticks, but after butchering or driving them to desolate mountains and caves of the earth; the same bloody principles were then turned into the bowels of this Mother of Harlots, and most horrid wars & bloody butcheries were practised among her own children, to decide the question about this turning wine into blood & drinking it. And the rancorous hostility on this question, has divided the antichristian world more than any other to this day.

It has divided and subdivided them so as to be the seeds of their final
 dissolution. It is therefore the vial of God's wrath as the fruits of
 this corruption of the original simple memorial of the one heart
 and one soul of Christ and his true disciples" for instead of this
 oneness, the most bitter animosities and implacable hatred
 reigns and like a corroding canker has been continually eating
 out the life and weakening the power of the monstrous beast,
 from the time that those doctrines were broached to this day, and
 will finally by the operations of the same principles surfeit &
 destroy his kingdom with his own blood. For this vial will
 continue to operate in the same line throughout the whole world,
 upon Pagan, Mahometan, and antichristian religions, until
 all are destroyed - They will be suffocated and slain by their
 own blood or life of their own contentions & bitter principles
 Therefore said the angel of the waters "thou art righteous, O
 Lord, which art, and wast, and shall be, because thou hast
 judged thus; For they have shed the blood of saints & prophets
 and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."
 This vial will therefore, ^{by the operations of those bloody streams} assuredly finally destroy every
 institution among men, which has ever persecuted the righteous
 or shed blood for its support.

Thus we may see that this third vial, is the final
 effects ^{spiritual} or fruits of the principles declared by the third trumpet;
 which cast the "star of wormwood upon the rivers & fountains
 of waters". This vial began to effect the leading ecclesiastical
 operations of the world near the tenth Century, which is justly
 accounted the darkest period of the world.

"And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the
 sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which had power over these plagues; and they repented not to give him glory." To have a right understanding of this vial we must consider, that notwithstanding the fierce contentions marked by the preceding vial, the papal power maintained the ascendancy, and increased in power and overruled all opposition, until the pope obtained the power of arbiter of the kings and princes of the earth, and was able to call out the whole force of the Catholic world in its religious crusades. And about the beginning of the 13th Century was at its height, so that the greatest monarchs of the Catholic world were compelled to hold his stirrups, for him to mount his horse. Truly then all the world had to bow down to, and worship the scarlet colored (or bloody) beast. (The cap stone of the fabric of "Mystery Babylon" was put on by the establishment of that infernal tribunal called, "the holy inquisition". In this tribunal was displayed the greatest heat of Catholic fire; from this time the sun of the ecclesiastical world was manifested in the most scorching heat of coalition, and persecuting vengeance, both in the religious wars and persecutions of the Catholics. And also in the fanaticism, fury and religious phrenzy of the Turks in the Mahometan cause. And the power of the popes, and their horrid tyranny raised up fiery contentions and fierce wars between them & the kings and emperors of the earth; moreover the crusades in this 13th Century stirred up fiery wars between the western and eastern Catholic empires. Thus the ecclesiastical sun scorched men with the heat of controversy, persecution and religious wars, beyond any thing ever before manifested on earth.

1st. For nearly the whole world were engaged in arms by the Catholic crusades, under the deceptive banners of the cross, and the Turkish powers under the banners of Mahomet, ^{who} with equal religious phrenzy were engaged in fiery and terrible wars against the Catholics and against the Mahometan powers to obtain the ascendancy in the Mahometan world. And the pagan world were nearly all engaged for or against the Tartars, and they scorched with the heat of the fire of their ambition & enmity to the Mahometan power, the relics of the saracen empire & completely overturned it - Thus the scorching heat of this vial consumed the original Mahometan power.

2nd after the close of the crusades against the Turks the fire of contention broke out between the popes and the powerful Catholic sovereigns, to that degree that in the early part of the 14th Century its heat scorched and withered the papal power, so that it appeared fast drawing to its close; by this means the power of the popes was so weakened that they lost the power to make holy wars blasphemously so called. This laid the foundation for the papal chair to be shorn of all its power in future ages.

3rd the monstrous height of glaring absurdity & wickedness to which the kingdom of the Beast arrived, raised up many powerful opposers of its principles; such as John Wickliffe of England; John Huss and Jerome of the German Empire and others, such as the Waldenses and Abbigenes who rose in the very heart of the Catholic nations; and tho' marked in their peaceful conduct and order, by the greatest resemblance to the purity of the primitive Christians of any people then on earth. yet they testified with divine

fervor against the corruptions of the papal hierarchy, which
 brought ^{them} on the most horrible persecutions and massacres of
 the most unreasonable kind ever known; and the catholic heat
 rose so high that they made ^{the} mockery of solemn thanksgivings
 for such scenes, as made the blood of a reasonable man to run as
 it were cold. But these ^{victims} and many rational men merely as the
 defenders of rationality and humanity, testified with great fire
 and heat, or fervency and zeal, against the horrible abuses of
 this malignant ecclesiastical power; these raised a great fire
 in the catholic world which has never gone out, but its heat
 drawn from some rays of the sun of the natural & spiritual
 world, scorched & began to wither the catholic religion & power:
 and was the forerunner and morning star of the grand division
 in the kingdom of the beast, called the reformation. (Thus the
 heat of this vial began to wither and consume the kingdom
 of antichrist. And lastly, the heat of divine justice was
 manifested in this 14th century by the most general and
 fatal plagues and pestilences ever known, which extended
 thro' the whole known world. Many populous countries
 lost one third, and some one half, and some nearly all their
 inhabitants; this was followed by such famines & prodigies
 of nature, that the whole human race seemed threatened
 with extermination.) This however rather belongs to the
 general operations of the seals and trumpets, than to the vials,
 were it not that it appears to be the highest degree of those
 plagues ever manifested; and hence marks the particular
 operation of the heat of the wrath of God, to scorch the lives
 and prospects of man to the highest degree, as if the seeds of
 those plagues had been treasured up in all the ages, and

had now burst upon the world at once. But further, after these plagues are described, it is added "And men blasphemed the name of God, that had power over these plagues, and they repented not to give him glory". This is remarkably exemplified in the history of those times, for altho' some while the danger stared them in the face, had shown a measure of feigned repentance, and some perhaps sincere at the time, yet no serious reformation took place so as to be abiding. Nay, what seems most extraordinary is that after one Country was visited; others would make a mock of it until their turn came. And even nations who were visited by these plagues, would not be persuaded to abandon their wars and fierce contentions one against the other, and persecutions & bloody massacres still went on. The most unheard of cruelties and injustice were practiced against the inoffending Jews in those very Countries by the phrenzy of Catholic fire; as if to revenge the scourges of omnipotence on the innocent, and in the result it appeared as tho' mankind were hardened rather than otherwise by all the plagues of this vial. Thus there was no real repentance to give God glory, but the plagues of the heat of the wrath of God brought forth by the angel of this vial will never cease until God hath avenged all the injustice of man. This vial is the fruits & consummation of the principles declared by the fourth trumpet, by which the light of the sun of righteousness, and the light of nature were smitten so as to darken all men on earth. And this vial will administer the scorching heat of the wrath of God until those principles are consumed. The records of all history attests that during the 13th Century mankind were

more universally engaged in war, and the pursuits of blood, than ever before known on earth; and that from this time until near the close of the 15th century, mankind were led by the most enthusiastic and fanatical madness, and fiery passions, devoid of reason more than any other period of the same length ever recorded on earth, and which rendered mankind one mass of inconsistent and fierce savages.

"And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they knawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed ^{the} God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds". This doubtless marks the period and principles of the protestant reformation, and the elements by which the kingdom of the beast was to be destroyed. A little before the reformation began, the catholic world, including the two branches, the eastern and western, or the Romish and Greek Churches, were undoubtedly the seat of the Beast. The darkness of both as to the light and principles of the gospel, was completed in the 15th century. And the dark and destructive storm caused by the pouring out of this vial of wrath, which was the effects of the catholic principles bringing forth their ripe fruit, first burst upon the eastern or Greek empire and church. The deplorable and fierce contentions which were the natural fruits of the spirit of Diotrefes, or loving to have the preeminence which had been sown in the Church had now come to maturity, and by their contentions about the mystical doctrines of the cross, which completely darkened and obscured the real light and principles of the gospel, now in their utmost need of union still continued & paralyzed

the efforts of the empire to defend itself against the Turks. And thus it is justly said, that the controversies of the Greek Theologians about the cross, opened the gates of Constantinople to the followers of Mahomet and paved the way for the final triumph of the Crescent (the Turkish banner) over the banners of the cross.

The Turks took Constantinople in 1453, and before the end of the century, had made themselves complete masters of the Greek Catholic ^{Empire of the} Church, ^{which was} from that time forth, shorn of all its power and only buying a precarious existence by concessions and a heavy tribute and sale of its highest offices to the followers of Mahomet. Truly it would appear plain that in this fall, the consummation of the wrath of God fell upon this part of the seat of the beast; for by this means the eastern leg of the Catholic ^{or "image"} beast has fallen under the dark slavery of its most hated rival and enemy. It may therefore emphatically be truly said that this part of his kingdom, "was full of darkness" in every respect, for it could not be more full; and from that time they have as it were gnawed their tongues for pain and agony and madness against that power that has held them in bondage, and yet have never been able to burst their fetters however sore and galling they might feel; and it is equally plain that they have never repented of their deeds. But though under this scourge have blasphemed the name of God, by their scandalous abuses of the religion which they professed and laying the blame of their bondage upon divine providence which was entirely brought on by their own dark principles & contentions.

The same principles which caused the vial of wrath to burst upon the eastern hierarchy and overthrow it; also caused it to be poured out upon the papal seat of the beast,

and produced similar effects, tho' in a different manner & has ¹⁹
and will finally destroy it. The same animosities & contentions
existed in it, and only needed a counter balancing power to check
the sovereign authority of the pope, to break out into open rebellion
and begin its overthrow. By the sale of indulgences, to support
the profuse expenditures of the popes, thro' which pardon for the
basest crimes that corrupt nature could be guilty of, might be
purchased for money, whether past, present, or future, & this
under the pretended authority of the court of heaven; the dark
catalogue of the abominations of the Mother of Harlots and
abominations of the earth was completed, to such a degree, that
the most unthinking and profane were shocked at it, & it filled
the whole kingdom of the beast with materials for a fire to
burn this Harlot "with fire" as soon as a spark could be applied
to it. This spark was soon applied by Luther, first from
ambitious rivalry against his brethren of other Catholic
orders, yet doubtless he believed he was right in opposing these
scandalous abuses. But he would not probably have revolted
from the papal authority, had not his rivals induced the pope
to excommunicate him; but the kingdom of antichrist being
ripe for the divine wrath, to commence its destruction, it was
so ordered by providence to pour out this vial upon it. Therefore
his cause being supported by earthly princes, ^{during} to free themselves
from the exactions of the papal see, he was enabled to maintain
his ground; and thus brought on the grand division, which
divided the papal world, and laid the foundation of future
subdivisions, which made this part of the kingdom of the
beast full of darkness, as to seeing and knowing how to
maintain its power and life. and it will in the ultimate

effect loose both in these dark elements poured out upon it.

And henceforth the papal power has been in pain from the mortal sores inflicted upon it; and as it were gnawed their tongues for pain at the loss of their power & unrighteous gains and in devising means to regain what they have lost, which they have never been able to effect, but still grow weaker and weaker. And each party into which his kingdom has been divided have similar sores and pains in their turns and gnawing of their tongues in their fierce contentions; and in trying to propagate and defend their power & gains. But neither Catholics nor Reformers repented of their former deeds which brought this vial of wrath upon them, but if possible increased into more ungodliness; and blasphemed the name of God in the scandalous means which they took to propagate and defend their systems, under the name of the pure Religion of Christ. Moreover, the Reformation opened the way for those infidel philosophers, who attacked what they supposed the Christian Religion, and being wholly dark as to the true Religion of Christ, blasphemed its founder & the God of heaven from whom this false Religion was pretendedly derived; because it was so abominable & inconsistent with reason and the rights and liberties of man, they being galled and under grievous sores from its oppression and tyranny; did not seek to God for the true Religion, but set themselves to find a remedy in nature; therefore they repented not of their wicked deeds; thus all parties did not "repent of their deeds", but blasphemed the God of heaven, & sunk deeper and deeper into the principles of a fallen nature. But the wrath of God revealed in this vial thro' the operations

* Thus this vial is the consummation of all things

of all its degrees, will finally cause the power and all the systems of the Kingdom of the beast, to perish in its darkness. For it may be clearly seen, that in all the operations of the Kingdom of the beast this Kingdom has been, and still is full of darkness as to the knowledge of the truth, and how to act for the interest of his own power, & that of his subjects. The meridian degree of this vial, began to operate at the time of the French Revolution, since which period, it appears plain, that all the wisdom and plans of man in all his institutions of Governments and Religions, have been confounded, disappointed, and shrouded in darkness; even the Mahometan Hierarchy has also been ^{effectually} divided since this vial began, into two grand divisions the followers of Omar, and the followers of Ali, and it has split into many subdivisions; so like the Catholic world, it is also hastening to dissolution, having by its abuses lost its credit and charm among men more and more. Thus all those systems must perish.

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the waters thereof were dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared". The last vial had been poured out upon the Catholic powers which was the primary seat of the beast; by which its destruction was begun; but the same principles of destruction were finally to fall upon all the corrupt institutions of men; for the Kingdom of the beast comprehends all the powers of the world under the dominion of beastly fallen nature. Hence this vial was poured out first upon the Turkish power, the seat of the Mahometan part of the beast, to commence its destruction. The Turkish power and indeed the whole Mahometan power, arose, or was based upon the great river Euphrates. Therefore it is taken to represent

4. Thus this vial is the consumption of the power declared by the fifth trumpet which urged the five passions of the Catholic and Mahometan, against each other and in the result caused the dreadful clashing of all nations & parties.

that hierarchy. After the conquest of the eastern empire; the Turks proceeded in their conquering career, until it appeared as if their power would swallow up all Christendom. But at length a sense of mutual danger caused the Christian powers to drop their dissensions for a time and unite for mutual defence, and just as the Turks were on the point of taking Vienna 1683. which would probably have given them the command of all the Catholic world; they were defeated and driven back by the assistance of John Sobieski, king of Poland.

From this time the power of the Turks gradually declined and they ceased to be a conquering power, nor has any further abiding conquests been made by the Mahometans over the Christians.* For soon after this the Mahometan empire, like the Catholic was divided into two separate heads like the Christian world, with its two heads Catholic or orthodox and protestant. The Mahometan orthodox or Orniade party had the Turks for their head, and the followers of Ali the Musulman protestants, had their head in persia, which the Turks were obliged to acknowledge as independant; this laid the foundation for the final overthrow of the whole Mahometan power. The Turks by success had become satiated with plunder, and overrated by luxury & concupisence and the dark principles of treachery and rebellion have from that day continually weakened their power. ¶ 2nd This vial was poured out and dried up the waters of this great river, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. This river was represented as the largest that ran out of paradise, it therefore signifies the greatest power of human nature, which is primarily the lust of the flesh, or the power of

* Thus the overflowing of the "great river" or current of their power "was dried up" so that it was no longer the great river among the rivers or powers of the world.

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procreation, for its name signifies "to be fruitful, or to multiply". Its waters therefore properly signify the combination of the Governmental powers and leading influences of the world, which are all bred in them. (The east in scripture is put for the source of light; "the kings of the east" therefore are the primary leaders of increasing light, who like princes reign in that degree of light which they have brought forth. But while the waters of the great river were directed by the three general powers or influences of nature that govern fallen man and these concentrated in one head of Government; this completed tyrannical despotism to such a degree that no kings of light, could come forth and lay a foundation of dominion in the true light, neither in the natural nor spiritual orders, because they would be immediately suppressed by this arbitrary power of the beast; concentrated in the Government. These waters, the source of all arbitrary power had to be dried up before the way of these kings could be prepared.) These three powers are thus described, "and I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth, and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." These frogs are, 1st the military power, or power of the sword; which gives power to all the tyrannical institutions and Governments of men. 2nd the civil power, or natural earthly Government which is properly the power of the beast 3rd The ecclesiastical power, or false prophet. These powers or influences have governed the whole world from the fall unto this day. And their bewitching influence

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Frogs are also a very unclean natured creature living in stagnant waters, and feeding & breeding in their unclean productions, & are extremely debased in their generating. Hence a most proper figure of those unclean spirits in corrupt waters of the world.

governs and excites the ambition and selfish feelings of the kings of the earth, and of all the fallen children of men. Frogs are an amphibious creature tho' they are bred in the water, hence are a proper similitude to represent these powers, for so are these powers bred in the concentrated and largest, or governing stream of the waters of human genius, that is a political association and the power of these three influences extends like the amphibious frogs, thro' land and water, thro' the whole terraqueous globe. * The spirit of these frogs and their miraculous influences were brought to light by the pouring out of the wrath & judgment of God upon the Governments of the beast, by these two vials fifth and sixth: and thus by the sixth, the way for the kings of light to come forth and destroy their power, and establish the true rights and liberties of man both natural and spiritual was prepared.

After the Turks ceased to be a conquering power, and were drawn into the system of the balance of powers, the nations of Christendom no longer feared being swallowed up by their dreaded rival Mahometanism; which for a thousand years had been the main incentives for the people to consent to have these three unclean influences concentrated in one arbitrary head, that is, for the waters of human nature to centre in the great stream of despotic power. And it is evident that this cause had been the main support of arbitrary power during this whole time. When therefore this cause was removed, the reason of man immediately began to work to investigate all arbitrary and tyrannical principles, Hence, "The kings of the east came forth more and more with the elements of light, first in the providential

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It is also worthy of remark that the testimony against was publicly begun about the time of pouring out the fifth vial, by Beasmer, it was followed up by Feenston and the friends, and the friends, after pouring out of the sixth vial it has increased ever since.

order to show and give power to the rights of man, civil and ecclesiastical, and to give dominion to the conscience. And 2nd This opened the way for the Messengers of the gospel to come forth with the true elements of light, to raise souls to their true dignity; These are the real "kings and priests unto God and the Lamb" who shall reign upon the earth" That is, reign over all earthly principles, in the everlasting kingdom of God. This is according to the words of Christ, "For as the bright and shining light commeth in the east, & shineth even unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be" Thus this vial is preparatory to the seventh and last vial, for soon after the beginning of this in 1689, liberty of conscience was first proclaimed in England, which was the first basis of real liberty ever established on earth; soon after, Peter the great of Russia took the same fire, and in a great measure established the same in his vast empire. And these principles have been increasing, and sapping the foundations of all arbitrary power throughout the world more and more to this day. &c.

But 3rd. The river Euphrates with its waters in the spiritual sense signifies, the lust of the flesh with all its ties and connections; These must all be dried up, to prepare the way for the spiritual and real "kings of the east". This could not be until the meridian degree of the operations of this vial, which operates contemporaneously with the seventh vial. This will disturb those frogs in every individual to whom the light of the gospel comes, which reveals the wrath of God against the lust of the flesh, the first source of all their life and pleasures and powers. And here in this great and last gospel day, which is "the great day of God Almighty" the battle will

be fought between the miraculous and bewitching influences of
 these three unclean frogs; and the miraculous & glorious power &
 influences of the gospel. And all such as esteem the miracles of
 salvation, and the glory and honor of God, greater than the miracles
 of these three unclean frogs, and the pleasures of the world, the flesh,
 and the Devil, will overcome and reign with Christ; this is the
 same as getting "the victory over the beast, and over the image, and
 over the number of his name". These will "stand on the sea of glass"
 And sing the song of salvation and victory with the Lamb and his
 faithful followers. It is the influence of those frogs, that will
 finally gather all nations to make war with the Lamb and
 those that are with him. The miracles that they work before the
 kings of the earth and all natural men are evident. What a
 miracle it is, that the military influence should cause men
 to go through all the miseries of war and face death in its most
 frightful forms, to gratify their ambition, and to gain the bubble
 of honor, which can do them no good in the world of spirits, but
 endanger their eternal all, and this they expose themselves too
 continually. Again, how miraculous is that influence, which
 causes man to sacrifice his time, his quiet, and his property too,
 in the politics of the world to obtain place, honor, & distinction
 in the government of the beast. And how miraculous indeed
 is the superstitious influence and fanaticism of the ecclesiastical
 power upon the minds of men, to appreciate this needs no proof
 but the daily history of mankind. And that these powers
 with all their corruptions and evil influences will be brought
 to light, and their power "consumed by the spirit of the second
 appearing of Christ, and destroyed by the brightness of his coming"
 is clearly shown by the vision. For it is pointed out as the Day

of his second appearing by saying, "Behold, I come as a thief; Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame". The very way that Christ foretold his second appearing would be - In that day will the naked deformity of those spirits be seen, and their shame will appear. And ~~there will be overcome by him that sat on the white horse, and the armies that follow him.~~ ~~And there will be overcome by him that sat on the white horse, and the armies that follow him.~~ ~~And there will be overcome by him that sat on the white horse, and the armies that follow him.~~ And it is evident that this is the work of the gospel day alluded to, for, "He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon, this name signifies, "Mountain of the gospel, or his precious fruits"; In this mountain will the gathering of the saints be in that day. Therefore, let all mankind assuredly know, that no soul can have an inheritance in this mountain, and partake of the precious fruits of the vine of Christ, except they overcome and purge out the influence of these three frogs; but they must perish with the world if they take part with them. The testimony against war and violence. The testimony against slavery and oppression of every kind; And the testimony against tyrannical governments, and all arbitrary control over the conscience, and above all the testimony against the carnal works and ties of the flesh: is the work of those "kings of the east" and manifests the wrath of God, poured out by this vial upon these principles, and which will ultimately effect the consummation of their destruction. x # see p, 48.

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven from the throne, saying it is done". This voice from the heavenly temple, shows that this vial thro' all its operations would finish the spiritual work of God to man. And the vial, being poured out into the air, which represents the breath or spirit of the life of man.

shows that the righteous judgments of God, would in the days of this vial, fall on the whole carnal life of man, and on all the systems and institutions founded in nature; that its whole life must be taken and all the genius, faculties, and talents of man must in this final and spiritual work, be given up to God as a sacrifice to gain the heavenly order; or the judgments of God would meet them according to, and in exact proportion to the talents given to every man. And the voices, and thunders, and lightnings, were the final calls and shakings and displays of the fullness of divine light and power in their progress adapted to the state of all souls, by which in the results their final state will be decided. And the "great earthquake" such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake and so great. Though it doubtless denotes literal earthquakes perhaps exceeding any ever known before - yet its real fulfilment, is that universal shaking, which properly began its preparatory work about the middle of the 18th Century, among all the powers, systems, and institutions of the earth; and which has continually increased to this day. This has proceeded, 1st in the providential order in the great war that took place between the Catholic and Protestant powers, called the seven years war; in which the Protestant powers so far obtained the ascendancy after both had exerted themselves to the utmost, that their independency was fully secured. By means of this war in its issue, the principles of rational liberty and freedom from ecclesiastical tyranny, obtained a decided triumph and were much extended. But this properly belongs to the operations of the sixth vial, as a preparation for the seventh. Hence the operations of this war extended to America and called the youthful energies of the then British colonies into action; and thus awakened genius, and principles which laid the

foundation of the American Revolution. Here began the ^{real} pouring out of the seventh vial; for by the operations of the principles of light upon the rights and privileges of man, according to the order of his creation. The Americans in their struggle for liberty were successful, and guided by geniuses brought into action in the former contest against the Catholic power of France, and evidently assisted by divine providence, they effected their independence. And led by the same principles thus brought forth, they established a government, based upon the principles of civil & religious liberty; the first that ever was established on earth on this foundation.

Here a solid foundation was laid, and a temple of liberty was reared, from whence the doctrines and principles of rational liberty, and opposition to all arbitrary power and tyrannical governments, have continued to spread by increasing degrees through the world to this day; soon after the seven years war above alluded to, the empire of Russia in which is the only branch of the Greek Church independent of the Mahometan power, commenced a series of wars, against the two leading Mahometan powers of the world, namely, Turkey and Persia; the results of which have been, the dispelling the charm of Mahometan enthusiasm, and thus causing its power to be fast crumbling into dust; thus this part of the "great image", as well as the Catholic part, is fast becoming like "dust for the wind to carry away".

2nd Coeval with the preparatory part of this work, the gospel of Christ's second appearing began in England, and followed the providential revolution to America; and there founded the Church of his second appearing, and built the second gospel temple; and from thence the law of life will go forth from Zion, & the word of the Lord from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth; as fast as the

way is prepared by those principles of light and liberty which operate
 in the providential order, and therefore as the way into the temple
 was lost from man, when the seven angels were sent to pour out
 their vials, and no man could enter into it until they were fulfilled,
 so when the last was poured out and took away the very life of
 arbitrary government and ecclesiastical tyranny, in a sufficient
 degree that the second gospel temple could be built by the Church
 of Christ's second appearing being established. Then the temple of
 God was opened in heaven, and the true ark of the testimony of the
 gospel was made manifest. Then the spirit of Elijah was poured
 out in this land, and the testimony of the second opening, inviting
 souls to come to the Church of Christ, where the Temple was open
 p. and the ark of salvation was seen. *) Then the vials of wrath were
 poured forth in a renewed degree upon the life of all the institutions
 of the beast, and produced the great revolution in Europe, and in the
 result also in the whole of America not previously revolutionized,
 and these operations still continue, and will until all arbitrary
 power is overthrown, for by the operation of these principles of
 natural and spiritual light, truth and real natural & evangelical
 will be established
 l.p. liberty. *) The great earthquake is continually spreading through
 the earth with increasing power and will increase, until the
 whole fabric of the ancient order, customs, principles, and
 institutions of Governments, and religious systems among human
 society, are shaken to pieces and carried away until no place is
 found for them. Agreeable to the predictions respecting the image
 seen by Nebuchadnezer, which has been explained in a former
 part of this work. And a new order of human society both in the
 natural and spiritual orders will succeed, for, The great city
 was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell;
 X see Rev- 11-19.

and great Babylon came into remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every Island fled away, and the mountains were not found." This shows the total dissolution of all the former institutions of men on earth; for the cities of the nations that fell, signify the divisions of powers and dominions in the world; and the Islands that fled away, are the institutions of religious systems. And the mountains that were not found, were all the institutions for Government power and strength in the world. In the breaking up of the systems and powers of the earth in the dark ages, as shown in the sixth seal, the mountains and Islands were only "moved out of their place" but they still existed in another order, and a new order of systems and powers arose upon only a reforming of the same principles. But now they fled away and were not found. And great Babylon which in this place means all national religions, is made to drink of the cup of the fierceness of the wrath of God, which will finally destroy her. This is that wrath which in every nation is more and more rising up against all such establishments; & tho' Governments and deluded bigots may try with all their power to support them; first in one form and then in another, yet they will surely fall and come to an end, for the wrath of God is revealed against every vestige of this Great Babylon, and all such institutions may read their fate with hers, as foretold in the 18th Chapter of the Revelations, "which with violence shall be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all." Therefore when all these institutions and systems are dissolved and fled away, where then will be the former order of the societies of men? They cannot be found. Hence a new order must arise among men to continue until the final dissolution of the world of mankind. This was shown by, "The

great city being divided into three parts." The great city frequently signifies the Catholic, or rather ecclesiastical hierarchy, for it comprehends all religious establishments founded in the nature of the beast. But here it is shown to be distinct from that, and therefore comprehends, the whole society of natural men, in contradistinction to the kingdom of Christ. These three parts must be three principles, or elementary systems, into which all natural men will be divided, and into which all other systems will be absorbed. The first is naturalism, this under divers names takes nature as its all, and supposes that all existence & all events originate from the one great system of nature; without deferring anything to a supreme and intelligent creator, or governor, distinct from nature. It denies spiritual revelation, and asserts that the only revelation needful to man to teach him his duties, and promote his happiness, is communicated through the principles of nature. That the idea of revealed religions from a spiritual source is a superstitious fanaticism to be pitied, but not persecuted. That this principle is fast increasing and swallowing up one large portion of mankind, and merging all their system into this one elementary principle, is evident to all who know the history of the times. 2nd The principle that assumes the necessity of Divine revelation for the improvement and happiness of man here and hereafter. This has been assumed as the fundamental basis of all the ancient systems of the world, whether pagan, mahometan or christian; but it has never merged all systems professedly founded upon revelation voluntarily into one. But this event appears fast drawing to that consummation in the world, by the amalgamation of all sects of christian professors in their Bible and Missionary societies; In their Sunday Schools,

and peace associations; by admitting dissenters into priviledges in orthodox seminaries of learning, and in the general feeling to drop the ancient asperity against all who profess to believe in revelation, on account of peculiar tenets, and by admitting all denominations equally into posts of honor, trust, and profit, even Jews and Mahometans are treated with far more lenity than anciently by Christian writings and proceedings. These things show a tendency to unite all parties that believe in revelation, as revealed in ancient times in one general party, to combat their common enemy naturalism. But this great party does not believe in present revelation, but only in the former ones, which they explain and adapt to the practical principles of nature, as much nearly as the naturalists, these may properly be denominated Formalists, and their system or principles Formalism.

3rd The principle that assumes the necessity of present revelation or divine impressions, to show the true meaning of former revelation, to enable man rightly to improve it, and to show man his present duty and qualify him for usefulness here and happiness hereafter, these may be properly denominated Spiritualists, and their principles Spiritualism. This principle is increasing in the world, and forming a general and third party distinct from the other two. All real revivals of religion, however wild and fanatical they may be in their operations, arise from this principle. This is the forerunner of the true gospel, because it is a breaker to all natural systems, and prepares the mind with a hopeful expectation of a day of future and spiritual work of Divine glory. Hence it prepares the ground to sow the seeds of the Kingdom of Christ; although the subjects of this principle

have not power to rise out of nature until they receive the gospel; yet it is from its elements that convictions arise of a superior order, while only natural ideas of a hereafter and of heaven itself in reality arise from the other two. (These things have been alluded to and explained in the progressive increase of Rational & Religious Liberty, but they are here referred to, for the purpose of connectively explaining the operations of the vials. It may be said that these principles anciently existed in the world; this is true, but they have never existed as general principles that swallowed all minor parties, and balanced the world to such a degree as to prevent any one getting the ascendancy, so as to crush or persecute the subjects of the other. And no Government was ever founded on the first principle until after the French Revolution. Therefore by observing the signs of the times we may see that the great city (the whole natural world) is fast forming into these three balancing parts which will cause the great earthquake that will overthrow all the ancient institutions (Cities, Islands, and Mountains of the nations) and resolve all mankind into a new order of society. In this state, [†] all useful arts, knowledge, and sciences will be discovered and the revelation of all natural & spiritual light pertaining to the dignity and happiness of man, will be made manifest, and man will be enabled to have his free choice, so that he will be left without excuse. (Therefore the judgments of God will be manifested righteously according to the light and talents of his creation as the final result of this vial into which all the rest centered. Hence, "There fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent, and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great." That this could not be literally

† as the minds of men will be left free to act, uncontrolled by arbitrary restraint,

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fulfilled must be self evident, for such an hail to fall upon the earth, would destroy every living being upon it as it were in a moment of time, and would leave no men to "blaspheme God" nor to do any thing else. It must therefore mean the just judgment of God (For hail always represents judgements) that should finally fall on all men, ^(For it fell only upon men) exactly in proportion to the genius and talents that had been given them by the order of their creation, and by the light of Christ. For when this takes place upon any man he must first have had a full knowledge of the use that divine light required him to make of every faculty and talent that had been created in him, or had been given him.

These vials are the final gathering and application of the fruits of the seeds, sown, and principles that operated in the seven ages, and by the last the final consummation will be effected; and the establishment of the everlasting kingdom of Christ, when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ" as declared by the 7th trumpet, and the Kingdom of God wherein Christ shall reign for ever & ever, shall be completed. For let it be remembered, that the same judgements that punish the wicked, and cause them to eat "the fruits of their own doings" will also give to the righteous the reward of his works. "Say ye to the righteous, it shall be well with him; for the reward of his hands shall be upon him; woe to the wicked, it shall be ill with him;

for he shall eat the fruits of his own doings." This will be finally accomplished by the principles of this vial. Then can be sung the triumphant song of those that stand upon the sea of glass, ^{great} and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

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Who shall not fear thee O Lord and glorify thy name, for thou only art holy, for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest." By the consummation of the plagues of these vials, all nations will yet be brought to acknowledge the omnipotence of God, whether they obey the truth or not. Let us now apply these vials to every individual man; for this is the most important to be understood; but their true application could never be known without the light of the gospel of the second appearing of Christ, since the world were all in gross darkness, and had lost the light of Christ, which can only reveal these things by opening the seals. But by the light of Christ it will be found that man has seven natural elementary principles that influence and attract his whole nature and all its propensities. 1st Love of the ^{is not merely earthly existence but earthly interests & pleasures} world; this attracts him to earthly things, makes him love natural life; but in his fallen state not to do the will of God, the only purpose for which his earthly life was given, but for his own selfish ends, pleasures, and honors. Therefore the judgments of God meets him by pouring out the first vial of his wrath upon this perverted earthly principle, and causes the soreness of dissatisfaction, disappointment, and vexation in all his earthly pursuits, which is increasing amongst all ranks and orders of men, and causes the soreness of guilt and conviction, for the purpose of opening the way to escape these plagues. 2nd Social ^{or natural} affection, the principle of attachment to mankind. This is what St. Paul calls natural affections*, and is good in its order, but in its fallen state attracts from duty to God, and is appropriated to selfish purposes, and when the call of the gospel comes to the soul is a powerful barrier to obedience, by attracting to the world the corrupt sea of human nature. Therefore the second vial

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* The original implies unsocial rather than natural affections" 2 Tim, 3, 3.

of divine wrath is poured out upon it, and turns it into blood, or strikes a death to its life, and requires it to be sacrificed to God, and ^{of disloyalty finally} makes this attraction or torment instead of pleasure ^{Love of} _{3rd} The natural genius and faculties ^{inherent in} of man, which in their fallen state, attract to a corrupt world; which become the streams & fountains of corrupt nature. Hence the third vial is poured out upon them and turns them into blood, that is, takes their life either as being given up to God, or else by disappointing all their pleasures and honors. ^{4th} The ^{love of} wisdom and knowledge of nature the sun of natural man. This in its natural state becomes a rival against the spiritual knowledge of God; & especially becomes an attractive principle to draw away from the simple wisdom and knowledge of the gospel. "For since the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" Again, the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit, for they are foolishness unto him" Therefore the fourth vial is poured out in judgments upon this sun - which when it is set in opposition to the sun of righteousness scorcheth man with the heat of anger, malice and opposition, & by persecuting madness withers and blasts all his pleasures, and this will increase so long as he continues in this opposition.

5th The principle of emulation or love of distinction; which in his natural state causes him to seek the honors of the world and the power of office in the kingdom of the beast, or of nature. Thus the honor of man becomes paramount to the honor of God and thus draws the soul from the kingdom of Christ; saith Jesus Christ, "How can ye believe who seek honor one of another, and not that honor that cometh from God only". Therefore the fifth vial is poured out upon this principle; and fills it with spiritual

darkness, and darkness all their plans, so that they are confounded, and find vexation and torments in all their pursuits, instead of happiness or even pleasure, and this must have an endless increase in such as continue in it. ^{p⁶} th Principle of procreation and natural ties of flesh and blood, which makes a man selfish in all his pursuits, instead of doing any thing for the honor & glory of the Creator. This is the most powerful rival to the claims of the gospel upon all the faculties and talents of man. Hence the sixth vial is poured out upon this principle, and dries up all the sources of its pleasures and turns them into vexations and torments, and which will for ever increase so long as man continues to be led by this principle in its corrupt state. ^{†1} ^{7th} The love of natural life and temporal existence, to this natural man clings above all things else, for the maintenance of this he will sacrifice his conscience, his religion and his God, in a general sense, this therefore is the most powerful means of Satan's temptations. Hence he saith, "Skin for skin; all that a man hath will he give for his life." * This in his fallen state, causes the whole nature of man to become a rebel against God. Therefore the last vial of the wrath of God is poured out upon his whole life; here is the consummation of all the rest of the vials. ^{p⁷} The final call of the gospel requires man to give up, all the principles of his nature, all his genius, faculties, and talents to God; as a living sacrifice to devote his all to the gospel, to build up the kingdom of God and that alone. To forsake the world and have its life entirely cut off in them so as to leave behind them no earthly posterity; but against this requirement of the final work of the great day of God Almighty. The selfish nature of man girds on all its armour

* Not the clinging to earthly interests in preference to spiritual things, but the clinging to the life of earthy existence above any thing else; this grows as the eat. ^{†1} And no soul can ever come into the river of life, if he be healed from their natural infirmities, nor be saved from death, until this greatest vice of nature is shed up on them. ^{p⁷} For if ye love after the flesh ye shall die."

and brings forth all its weapons; indeed nothing can be so unreasonable to the sense of nature as this requirement; his selfish nature declares that this will put a period to the world: all the genius and all the faculties of man must cease from the earth, and the world must run out, and the human race become extinct, if this system prevails. Will God destroy his own works? shall all the vast improvements of man, which his awakened genius in the latter ages have brought to such perfection, now be destroyed or become useless for the want of men to be benefitted by them? It cannot be? it is wildfire, enthusiasm, fanaticism; an attempt to become spiritual beings before the time! But let it be considered that, when Christ cast the legion of Devils out of him that was possessed, they cried out in the same plea, "What have we to do with thee Jesus, thou son of the Most High God, art thou come hither to torment us before the time". But when the Devils were cast out of the man, "he sat at Jesus's feet clothed and in his right mind," while the swine into whom they were permitted to enter were precipitated to destruction in the deep, and their owners lost all their labors. So it is with the world, it is possessed with legions of Devils, which have corrupted and deranged all the powers and faculties of man, and degraded him into an incarnate Devil, full of fire, madness, and folly. The world has become as it were but the tombs of the dead; "For in the first Adam all die." from these tombs or selfish dwellings, men issue forth like these possessed men with fierceness and madness, to prevent any from crossing the way of their self ends. Therefore the final call of the seventh and last trumpet, is to all souls to "come out of the world, and leave all its works, and cease from propagating

its offspring; and those who hear and obey, will have the Devils
 cast out of them, they will receive power over all the corrupt
 propensities of nature, and will set at the feet of the Saviour,
 as the man did after the Devils were cast out, ready to follow
 him whithersoever he goeth: they will be clothed in raiment
 clean and white, righteousness, purity, humility, & dependence
 upon God, and will be in the right mind for which God created
 man, that is, to do his will, to serve him with all their talents
 and powers; to give up their lives both of their natural genius
 and their temporal existence in obedience to his will. (Such souls
 will be the subjects of his everlasting kingdom, they will gather
 to the mountain of the gospel and will for ever feed on the precious
 fruits of the vine of Christ, they will not be concerned about the
 world and its works coming to an end, for they will learn that
 it is the will of God that "the world should pass away and the
 lusts thereof, but he that hath the word of God (that is, the life
 of the gospel) shall abide for ever." Having obtained this
 inheritance, they will not be concerned about what becomes
 of a corrupt world: whilst those who cleave to the world will
 find the vials of wrath in which "are filled up, the final measure
 of the wrath of God, poured out upon all their principles, & like
 these swine will be precipitated into the deep of perdition, &
 like their owners lose all their worldly labors.) No doubt the
 same pleas were made against the preaching of Noah & his
 warnings that the flood was coming to destroy them all; yet
 that did not hinder the event taking place; no more can they
 prevent with all their cavils and labors of nature, the destruc-
 tion of the world, "In the days of the voice of the angel of the
 seventh trumpet" but there will "Be time no longer, but

All these things accord with the signs & work, that Christ foretold of his 2d appearing - (and of the last days frequently predicted in the scriptures.)

the mystery of God shall be finished." Therefore when the seventh vial was poured out upon the air, the life of nature, "there came a great voice out of the temple from the throne, saying it is done"

The movements of all the elements and principles in the world manifest the operations of these vials, that universal restlessness and burning anxiety; that fiery political animosity, and fierce opposition; that wild and furious zeal of religious schismatics; the convulsion of the natural elements in many wonderful and destructive operations; those terrible pestilential scourges, such as the Cholera; which is said to have destroyed more than fifty Millions of the human race in less than twenty years, and which still continues without the least appearance of ceasing,

These fearful forebodings of terrible events so prevalent, & the general and increasing expectation of the setting up of the Kingdom of God. And even among those who do not profess to believe in divine Revelation, they are looking and striving for the same thing according to their sense of good; that is, for an order adapted to the rights and best good of man. And also the general feeling among all ranks and orders of people, of the need of a thorough reformation in all the systems and customs of the world. ^{and that universal shaking among all institutions systems & governments of men} Thus nations are striving to reform their Institutions and Governments. Naturalists are striving to reform and remodde all human society

The believers in ancient Revelations are striving to reform their Churches and systems; and spiritualists, or believers in present Revelation, are contending and striving for the dissolution of all established creeds and Theological systems, and for a new order of thing. ^{found} upon the Revelation of ^{Gods} his spirit, and upon the perfect principles of his nature. # This vial through its seven degrees,

will finish the work of God to the whole world, and to every individual man; For the plagues of these vials will fall upon him for ever & ever, unless he cease to worship the beast and his image, & receive his mark and the number of his name." For the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and these plagues will increase until they have no rest day nor night. (This is the testimony of the everlasting gospel Rev. Chap. 14. Hence saith John, ^{the apostle} when bearing testimony of Christ, "The Father loveth the son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the son (that believeth to effect) hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." And hence Christ said, "He that saveth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake & the gospel's, shall find it unto life eternal." In the final consummation of the work of these vials, these testimonies will be effectually fulfilled, when the son of God shall come to claim all things as his right given him of his Father, the Almighty Creator.

Therefore in the pouring out of this vial, the real day and work of judgment takes place, according to what was declared by the heavenly choir at the sounding of the 7th trumpet by which the kingdom of God is established. For the 24 Elders the primary ministers of the everlasting gospel, "fell down upon their faces & worshipped God saying, we give thee thanks O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power & hast reigned. And the nations were angry and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead that they should be judged, & that thou shouldest give reward to thy servants the prophets and to the saints, and them that bear thy name both small and great; & shouldest destroy

p. them that destroy the earth." (All these seven principles in man are sealed with the veil of nature, and will be unsealed by the final operations of the spirit of Christ, and called by the trumpets to be devoted to the work of his kingdom, and judgments will be executed upon man according to his obedience or disobedience to this great and final voice from the temple & throne of God. Then the mediatorial work of Christ will end - "He shall give up the kingdom to the Father, that God may be all in all".

How blessed! How glorious - How happy, yea thrice happy will those souls be, who when they hear the final call of the son of God claiming them as his own, will give up all, soul & body to him, and are thus presented by him to his Father as his, "Brethren and spiritual relations"; for they shall "shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" while "the wrath of God will abide" on those who continue to rebel, as revealed in these vials for ever and ever. And here will be finally fulfilled the last revelation of Christ in the scriptures "Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man as his work shall be".

Let us now take a retrospective review of the things set forth in the foregoing essay, and we shall see that they are not vain speculations of no importance to us in this day; but that they are of infinite importance to every rational being. We shall find the testimony of ^{Jesus} Christ that "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the Churches" & these things therefore belong to the Churches of God; and it is only from them that the true knowledge of these things can be made manifest, but they concern every soul of man, inasmuch as they are an everlasting witness, of the omnipotence, wisdom

+ Rev. 22. 16.

knowledge, goodness and justice of the great first cause. We may see that by prophetic figures, signs, and representations; divine wisdom was revealed; the principles and elements both natural & spiritual that have operated in the world from the beginning. And also foretold by the same revelation, all events that have taken place in the world, both by the works of man and the works of God, to the end of time. And lastly by the same prophetic spirit showed the principles of the whole nature of man, and the work that must take place for his redemption and salvation; and the final destruction of the disobedient.

It must to the view of the rational mind, show a far greater degree of incredulity that suppose this book a forgery, than to suppose it to be dictated by divine wisdom; for the figures represented, are such that no man could have invented them previous to the events taking place, which they represented; and that the same book was extant near the time ascribed to it, is attested by all ecclesiastical history.

But tho' it requires the light of the final appearance of Christ, when the mysteries of God are to be opened and finished, by the operations of the Divine spirit of the Lamb to take off all the seals of nature. yet when the events are declared and the figures and prophetic declarations are referred to, they are so appropriate that they cannot be construed consistently to any thing else, they were so plain that some natural men of deep research by observing the events and applying them, have discovered the historical & outward part in many cases, and stated them so clear that they cannot be disputed in substance, tho' the spirit & principles could not be by them discovered without the superior light of the gospel. But when these are set forth they are so clearly marked by the

prophetic representations, that it seems they cannot be disputed
 by reasonable man. Surely then these things could never be
 revealed by the wisdom of man, but must proceed from that
 all wise being that knoweth all things, and that upholds,
 governs, and overrules all things. Let any candid enquirer
 after truth view these prophecies and the events thus explained
 which have taken place in the world from the date of the
 revelations, with the eye of reason; and it appears that he cannot
 possible be an infidel. How can he help tracing the hand of
 omnipotent power and unerring wisdom, who tho' he has suffered
 man to exercise his free agency, and to prove his own works
 in his use of all the principles of creation; yet foresaw the
 final event of all, ^{results} and so overruled all things by his power
 and wisdom; that he caused the very wrath of man in his
 madness and fury to praise him, by so shocking reason and
 oppressing the life of man, as thereby to pave the way for the
 final triumph of reason and truth, and for the final establish-
 ment of their empire.

He must see that the Divine spirit has amidst the
 greatest darkness and confusion; preserved in the earth, the
 seeds and principles of goodness, righteousness, justice & truth,
 which he has and will thro' regular gradations & increasing
 degrees of light and improvement, finally cause to spring up
 and grow, and establish that everlasting empire of peace,
 reason and truth, in which will eternally spring up & flow
 all those principles and elements of goodness, charity, & every
 virtue, where love is the only incentive to action, where all
 fear and compulsion is banished from all intelligent beings,
 who truly are in his works;
 where all are united, where there is no jar nor schism, no sorrow

nor pain, but all things tend to the glory and honor of the creator, and the best good and happiness of all creatures. where there shall be no night but one eternal day, as promised in this holy city. where nothing "shall hurt nor harm in all this holy mountain". And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. These are the promises of God in the final result of those revelations here explained, & the evident fulfilment of a great part of them shows that they were dictated by that unerring spirit that cannot lie. And therefore gives a full assurance that these promises will be fulfilled to all who will do the works required to obtain them. Who can view these things and not be swallowed up in reverential wonder? Who can but desire a part in these final blessings promised in this book.

1.9. Who can be unwilling to sacrifice all for them? Shall a love for the transitory principles and pleasures of this world, which their greatest admirers say, and all must admit, are but momentary, hinder the soul from these eternal blessings and entail on them the plagues written in this book; It cannot be unless by their own choice, "their hearts are filled with madness and folly", and thus by disobedience the seeds of their final destruction are sown.

1.10. How can any reasonable soul in view of these things, help falling down before God, and with pious adoration worship and praise him, and with devout fervour join the heavenly multitude; in ascribing "salvation and glory and honor and power unto the Lord our God, for true and righteous are his judgments, for he hath judged the great whore (that is, all false religions and principles) which

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Did corrupt the earth with her fornications, (that is, her lewd
attachments to the spirit of the world, by which the soul is wedded
to the world instead of God, to whom only it ought to be joined.)
and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand". Rev.
Chap. 12. Thus Righteousness and truth have taken place,
and in this song all redeemed souls will for ever praise
eternal goodness and justice Amen.

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Thus it may ^{be} plainly seen that the pouring out of this sixth vial effects the consummation of the woe declared by the sixth trumpet, which brot forth the conquering power of the Tribes; and which in its operations has been and will be effective in the destiny of the world, in many degrees to the end of time.

