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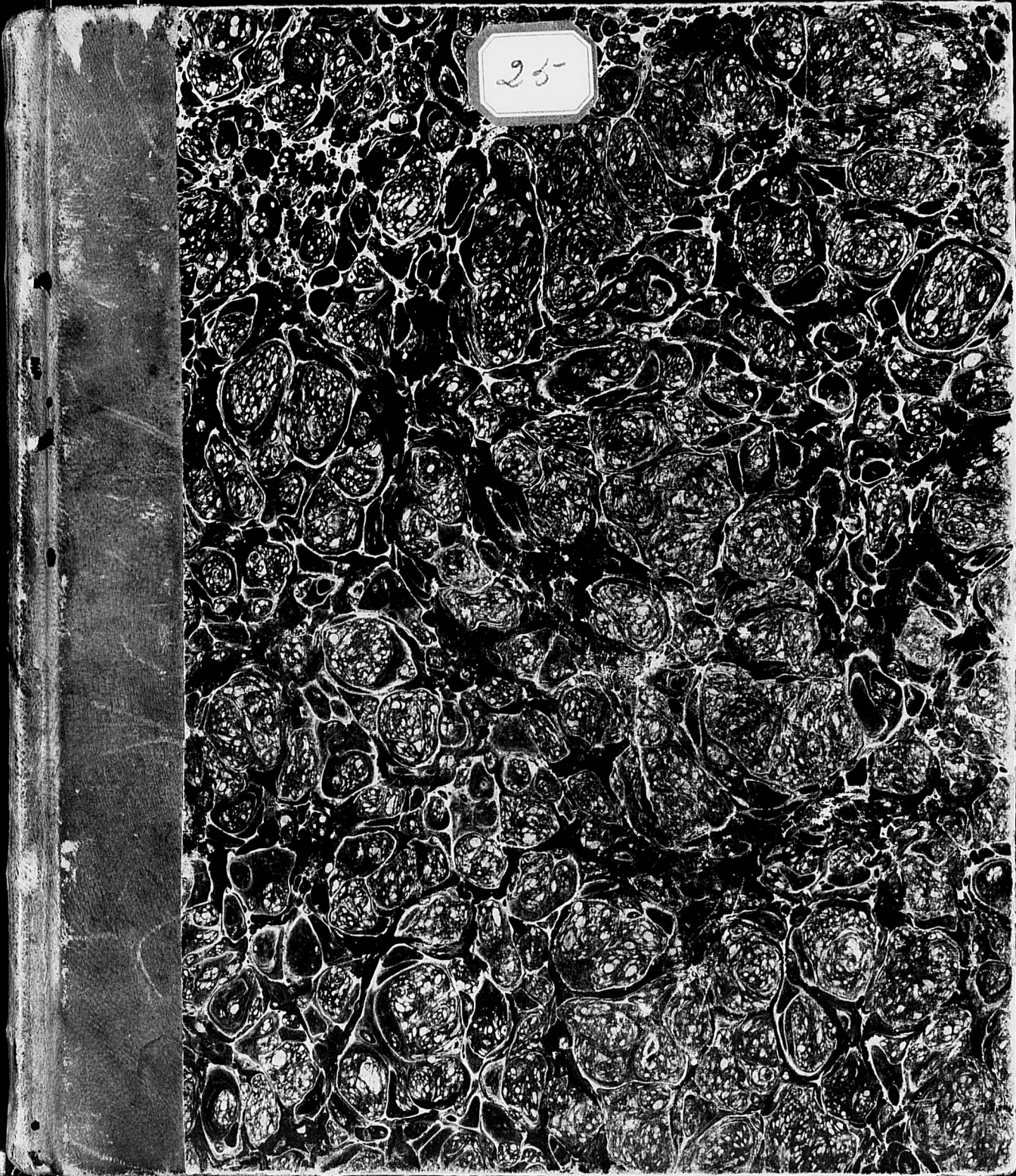
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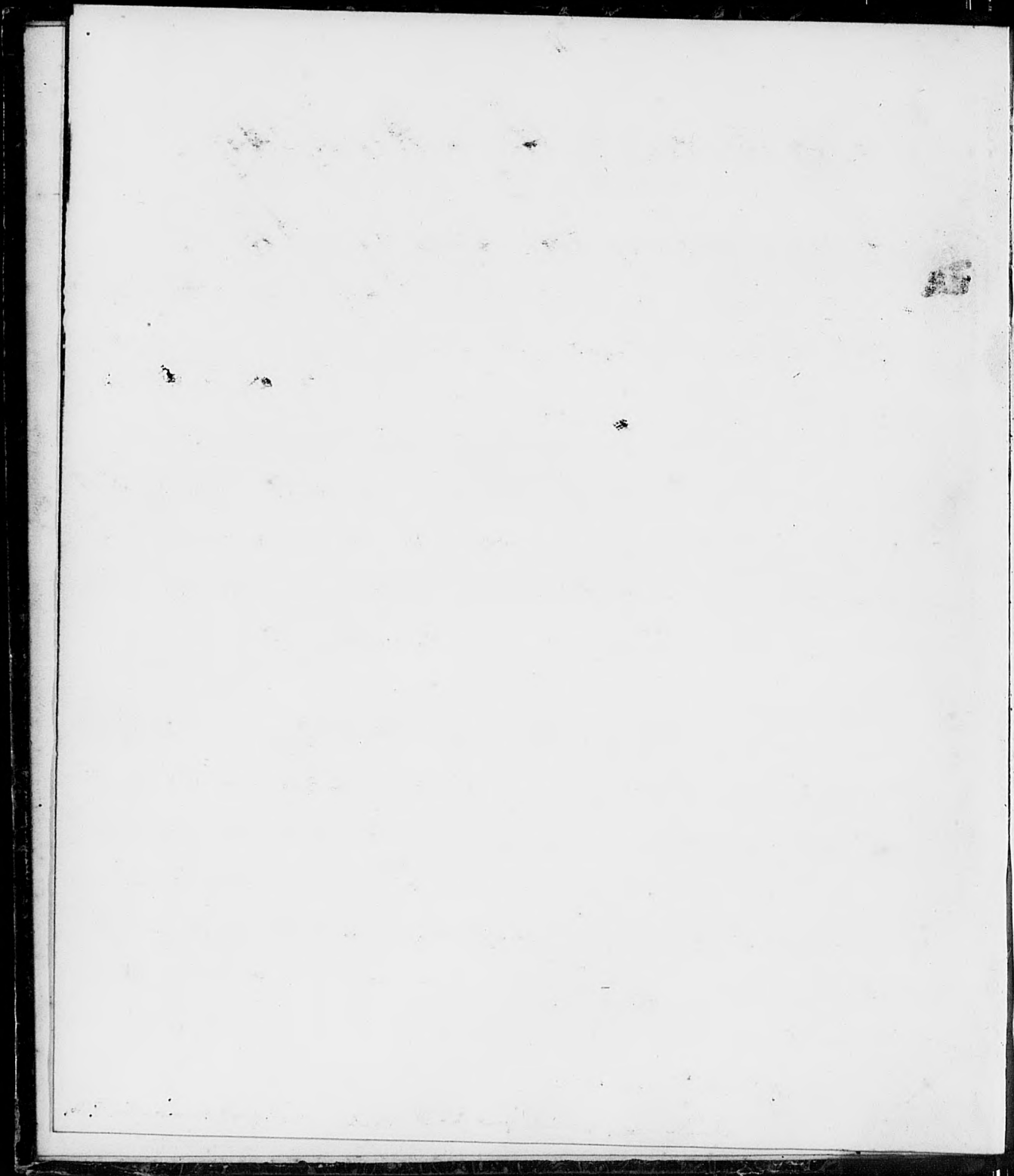
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The decrees of the Almighty

Concerning the Tree of Life.*

written by a mighty Angel before his throne,
as he himself utter^{ed} them. . . Copied June 25th 42

Second Order Wisdom's Valley

O ye frail mortals of the dust what
have you arrived to, that I should cause that
to be revealed to you, which has for so many
ages be^{en} concealed from the knowledge of man?

Have you arrived to that purity of soul in
which man stood, before he disobeyed my
decree, and fell under loss? Nay, you are
not redeemed from ~~that~~ loss; neither is the
earth on which you ^{live}, nor indeed can be, until
it is wholly unpeopled, and ^{the} herbage and foilage
are swept from her surface, and the life of all
creatures upon her is extinct, and she is
scattered as the mist, and gathered again by
my fan of collection.

which was found June 22nd 1842. 5 o'clock 35 minutes P.M.

Therefore walk warily before me, ye children of men, lest I smite you with my judgments and you become as vagabonds upon the earth; for none but the pure in heart shall escape my wrath or be protected from the roaring devil that is seeking to devour them.

Let my decrees be unalterable in relation to this tree for my wisdom is infinite, and the understanding of man is but the twinkling of a taper; and can ye sway the heavens with that light? Your glimmering taper, answers say,
 1. First, then, ye mortal beings, talk not lightly of this tree, nor spue your hearts out of your mouths concerning it, but let all intelligence in relation to it be ^{of given} the proper line of order. This you may remember to be my first decree

2. Be solemn when ever you make mention of it, or even when you suffer thoughts to roll through your minds concerning it, even as you would, if you were to speak of my sacred name,

or suffer yourself to ponder upon my mysteries, for it is a sacred thing to touch the tree of life.

3. Judge not the revelation ^{concerning} of this of this tree, or the means that I, in my wisdom, have seen fit to ~~take~~ to make known to mortals the spot of ground upon which it stands.

4. Cavil not in your minds concerning the spot where it stands, or allow one word to escape from your mouths that would discover unbelief in your hearts in relation to anything that has been made known relating to the Tree; but if any disbelieve the authority thereof, and discredit my decrees, let them own themselves to be unbelievers, and not try to hide their deceitful hearts; for I will cause their hearts to be plucked out, and given to the reptiles that infect the desert of sin.

5. Let a tree produced by nature be placed exactly upon that spot where the tree of life stands, that generations to come may know the

spot, even as well as you now do.

6. This tree is not to be a common forest tree of your plantation, but a peculiar tree must be provided, for it is a peculiar notice to you, that you know where the sacred spot is.

7. Let eighty a spot of ground eighty feet square, (taking this tree in the center of it,) be kept sacred.

8. Let this ^{spot} of ground be fenced with a fence six and a half feet high, which is to be made so tight, that no quadruped or even a reptile can crawl through it to enter upon the sacred spot; for all creatures on the earth which possess animal life, even the fish of the sea, are impregnated with that disorderly, lawless, nature, which has reign upon the earth, like a pestilence ever since man fell from his first rectitude.

9. Let there be but one entrance to the tree, and that must be by a gate four feet wide made equally as tight as the fence.

10. Let there be a lock on this gate, and the gate locked, and the key kept by the watchmen of this, the second part of the Church's
common member

11. Let no ~~one~~ enter in upon this ground, at any time, without permission from the watchmen that keep the key of the gate.

12. Let not the ground be worked; but let the soil bring forth its natural grass, without tanning, unless the wisdom of the watchmen teach them that it would be prudent, then it may be permitted to be done once in four years. And then, by no means, take the manure from the hogyard.

13. If it be prudent, at any time, to cut the grass, let one of the watchmen be there to see to it, if they do not feel to do it themselves.

14. It is my decree that a meeting of the two families should be held once a year on this sacred spot, in adoration to me for my peculiar notice to mortals in revealing to them that which has

been concealed from the fallen posterity of Adam
 until this day: and that this meeting be held
 on that day that my mighty Angel made
 this known to the children of men. And as
 many more meetings may be held in this
 place, as my wisdom may direct through the
 Anointed, or watchmen in the first or second
 part of this Church: for surely a portion of my
 wisdom dwelleth in them, and my wisdom is
 not divided against itself: but there is my
 decree that the before mentioned meeting should
 be held once in a year as long as my people
 inhabit the earth; and on the appointed day
 unless bad weather prevents, and if so, my wis-
 dom through the lead is able to direct.

And thus are my decrees finished to mortals
 concerning the tree of life.

Words to the instrument by the Angel of discernment

"Thou little one, comestly hast thou
 "written the decrees of the Almighty concerning
 "the tree of life; and now ^{is} bound into the hands
 "of the Seed to be ^{judged} sanctioned by them; for
 "nothing is to be handed to mortals ^{even}
 "from the throne of God, but in the line of order
 "which is formed by his power."

A Book sealed with seven seals.

Brought by a Prophesying Angel, and spoken
 of in meeting, June 18th 1842 with a promise
 that it should be revealed in this family.

Second Order, Wisdom's Valley,

Copied June 24th 1842

Testimony of the writer

I, being called upon to write this book, felt great tribulation, fearing there would be something lacking on my part; on my part and I stood upon my knees before the Angel who brought the book, bowing and bending & crying to him for help, praying to him that he would enable me to do my duty. He answered me as follows.

"Arise, little one, and take your seat."

"Now take this roll which I have in my hand and copy it: Then I will unseal the book and you may write therefrom. So fear not, for I am a Mighty Angel; and if you do as I bid you, you will be able to write the contents of this book"

A Roll Written by the Holy Prophesying Angel.

Listen, ye ~~that~~ ^{who} dwell on the shores of mortality, to the words of a mighty, and prophesying Angel. I am the Angel that conveyed the word of the Lord unto Moses, and caused him to write that which was then mysterious to man. My heavenly Father and God of all put forth the words to me, and ^I wrote them in a book, after I descended to the earth, and caused Moses to receive, by mortal means, all that that I had written in this book, which was a correct ^{but abridg.} history, from the transgression of Adam to his time & a mere sketch of the creation of all things.

I then return^{ed} to my Heavenly Father, and he again put forth words and I wrote them in another book. He ~~he~~ then bade me to seal the book with seven seals; two on each end, and three on

the side that opens, and give it into the hands of my Mother, Eternal Wisdom. He then told me that it should be reserved until the time came for it to be revealed to mortals, and then I should cause it to be secured by mortal hands. And furthermore he said: "I have designed, that man should not know the contents of that Book, until I have planned a way for his redemption, and he has traveled to that degree of peace, and raised so far from his deathlike state, that I feel to make known to him the tree of peace, and the Tree of Life."

The time has now come for this Book to be unsealed and the contents thereof written by mortal hand.

Thou, O ye children of men, listen to my words; for I well know the frailty of man; his proneness to earthly things, and his blind, skeptical disposition towards the things of the spirit. Therefore do I take it upon me to warn

you.

If man could see the distance that he is from God, and the many obstructions that lie between him & his God, it would look as impossible to him, that he should ever reach the kingdom of Heaven, as it would, that he should travel to the most distant planet without anything to travel on. — The greatest display of God's wisdom, that has ever been known in the Heavens or on earth, was the planning of the way of salvation for the poor fallen posterity of Adam. Far more wisdom did it require to do this thing, than it did to form all the wondrous works of nature, to set the planets in their motion, to guide the comet on its swift course, or to govern the innumerable globes that revolve in their courses throughout the great expanse.

Even now you may consider what you are by the remarks that I shall make.

You are the chosen of the Lord; you have found salu-
tion

from sin and are traveling swiftly towards your redemption: yea, in that way which God in his great wisdom has planned for you: and even now it is not safe to reveal to you the sealed book without some preparatory remarks, And this my Heavenly Father well knew: therefore did he command me to write this roll.

It appears to be necessary to enlighten you some and to move somethings which might be as stumbling blocks to many; but I do not think it would be prudent for me to notice the caviling of natural man; for if he feels to spend his strength in pulling down, and opposing, that which God has bestowed upon him for his own good, I shall not interfere with him, but I shall let him work out his own destruction.

You well know that when any thing of much importance is handed from the spiritual world to you, that it appears requisite that there should be some preparatory remarks come with it.

I would ask; why is ^{It} that God can not ^{always} heard for the
 his word to you, and have it credited by all, without
 making threats and promises? Yea, and even
 sometimes ^{that} apologies have to be made by some ^{one} of
 his hosts? It is because you are of the fallen pos-
 turity of Adam, and you have not traveled fully
 out of that darkness which covers the earth. There-
 fore think not that you are able to judge the word
 of God.

Think not because this book was written nearly
 the same ^{time} that I conveyed the word of the Lord to Moses
 that it must be very much in the same stile.
 That which I conveyed to Moses, was according to
 that day, and the manner of man's securing such
 things in that day was very imperfect & by that
 means he could only secure the substance, which he
 did faithfully; and though it has, since that day,
 pass^{ed} through many revolutions in relation to
 its language, yet, through the interference of God,
 the substance ^{still} ~~is~~ remains.

God has all foreknowledge and he can look forward thousands of years and see all that will happen to his people before the expiration of that time.

Therefore did he cause the words, in the sealed Book, to be adapted to the time in which he designed to make it ~~known~~ known; for which cause it might appear to mortals as though it were just written.

So, ye mortal beings, I have now said enough to prepare your minds for the sealed Book.

Then as I, the instrument, had finished copying the ~~copy~~ foregoing roll, the Angel of document appeared to be in the room conversing with the prophesying Angel, but I could ^{not} understand what they were talking about. The Angel of document quickly came up to me, and placed his hand upon ^{my} head & said: "Little one, bow yourself to the influence of this Holy Prophesying Angel, and write the words which ^{he} shall make known unto you; but if

you can not understand his word and will, and
 'desire my assistance call me with the feelings of
 'your spirit, and you will find me near; for I have
 'promised you that I would be near to you, and
 'when you call upon me you will find my words
 'verified.'—

The prophesying Angel then took the Book from
 my hand, and unsealed ~~the~~ it, and laid it open
 before me. — And here follows the contents of it.

Hidden things revealed

Section II

I am the mighty ^{one} of Heaven; the God and creator of
 all things. The earth is but a speck of my creation
 yet could I, with one word of my vengeance, dissolve
 all created things to a liquid, and turn them ^{to} fire:
 which would cause the heavens to tremble and
 fear. — Nay, the earth is but a great flying through
 the air; neither would the bulk of as many such
 globe ~~to~~ the mind of man can conceive, be any thing

more, than ~~the point of a needle~~, compared with my immense creation, than the point of a needle.

Yet can I, by a look of my fury scatter ^{the dust} as all that I have created, and gather it again by a word of my power: Yet does man scruple my existence, and put to question my word and my power, and set my wisdom at naught, and exalt himself above the blue arch that bounds his vision, soaring in his imaginations above my Throne; ~~and~~ fearing not my power, and keeping not my commands.

Notwithstanding, I have extended my wing of charity over him, and he has ~~yet~~ felt scarcely the weight of a hair of my judgments, to what he will feel, if he does not accept of the means of salvation which I have offered to him.

But, ye little ones of my peculiar care, if you humble yourselves ^{to} the means of salvation which you have received, and humbly implore my protection, I will protect you and not a hair of your heads shall perish; but you shall arrive to that state of happi-

ness, which you can now have no conception of; for I am a God of mercy and of love. Yea my love and my mercy are as great as my power and my wisdom.

Section III

I created the earth and the atmosphere that encompasses it, in the space of six days, and by the word of my power I placed it a proper distance from the sun, and set it in its proper motion around the sun. This I did twenty four thousand four hundred and four years, before my son Jesus appeared upon it.

Thus the earth revolved ten thousand years, in a very imperfect form, with the atmosphere of that consistency, that no light could strike upon the earth. — Then I said to my glory, Eternal Wisdom, I will form the earth round, and clarify the atmosphere, and place a tree upon it, which we will call the tree of peace. I then formed the earth in a beautiful globular form, and perfectly clarified

The atmosphere that the light of the sun might strike upon the earth, and thereby cause heat to warm its surface, and to dissolve the ice that there might be water, for the watery deep was then one solid mass of ice.

I then placed the tree of peace eastward, and called the place Eden, and blessed the place and said this shall be the garden of the earth.

The earth then looked beautiful, and pleased my glory, and she smiled upon it, and I felt well satisfied with the labor of my power.

The earth, then, in obedience to our word revolved around looking very beautiful for it was then the most beautiful brightest planet, that received light from the sun.

One thousand years more passed by and the earth did not diminish her ^{beauty} ~~glory~~ in the least, therefore I said to my glory, let us form another globe smaller than the earth and, but like unto it, and cause it to revolve around the earth,

that it may reflect light thereon and add beauty to its appearance. — We then formed the moon and placed it near the earth and caused it to revolve around the earth. And thus they revolved in perfect harmony two thousand and four hundred years, which pleased us so much that I set another tree in the land of eden near the tree of peace, and called it the tree of life.

We then said let the earth bring forth trees of its own nature, and grass and herbs, and let the land of Eden bring ^{forth} trees bearing pleasant fruit & Eight hundred and four more years passed by, during which time the earth had become very fruitful, and in a special ^{manner} the land of Eden, which I had ~~in~~ particular ^{devel-}oped, I said to my glory, let us form living creatures upon the earth of many different kinds; birds that may fly thro' the air, and fish to swim in the water, and animals that may walk on the earth, and man to rule all things thereon even as we rule the heavens

We then formed all living creatures as I had spoken, and caused the land animals to scatter throughout the land, upon which you now dwell,

We then made man in our own image, male and female, and we placed within his earthly body, a living soul which was not of the earth, but of spirit, as we are spirit. And we placed in him administrative powers between his soul and body, that his body might be influenced by the rationality of his soul, and his soul governed by that power which created it.

We then placed him in Eden; and I said to the man, behold I place you here as sole ruler of the earth; all things that are upon the earth do I place in your care, and you must have dominion over all living creatures ^{that} dwell upon the earth; and see to it that you keep all things in their proper order that you offend ^{not} your God. And remember that the rationality of your soul must govern your body; if otherwise, you will

reverse the order of my creation and cause confusion to spread throughout the earth, and if ~~you~~ you shall ~~you~~ die.

But if you do according to my will, and keep all things in their proper order, to glorify your creator, you shall be happy, as the Angels of heaven and you shall have communion with them, and even with me your God.

And my glory spoke thus to the woman; hearken to the words that have been spoken to the man; for they are for you to regard also. Therefore, remember that the man is first in all things, even as God is before me; and you must also be governed by the rationality of your soul, and be a strength and a help to the man in keeping all things in order, that the earth may be blessed by us and you may be happy on the earth.

I then said to them, remember ye, that you were created to glorify your God by doing his will; therefore go ye forth, multiply, and replenish the

the earth and subdue it & I called his name Adam.
They ~~then~~ then went forth as they were command-
ed. And Adam called the woman's name Eve.

Then I caused the living creatures of the earth to
assemble that Adam might give them names.

Then I left all things in his care, and ^{he} govern-
ed the earth with ~~with~~ absolute sway; for all
creatures trembled at his presence and dared
not disobey his word. And the fruits of the trees & the
^{vegetation} ~~forced~~ ^{forced} him for food.

Section IIII

Then said I if man does well, even ^{we}
have commanded him, he shall remain on
the earth for the space of nine thousand years,
and then his earthly body ^{shall} ~~expire~~ and we will
receive his soul into the heavens and he shall be
even as the Angels, and my glory said, yea, even
this shall be, as thou hast spoken.

And we looked and beheld that man was
doing well. And thus he lived five hundred

years, and they had born unto them a son whose name they called Hazer, which meant, our first born. The child grew strong and they blessed him,

They thus knew no sin, for their desires were pure and we blessed them in their doings.

And when they became five hundred and fifty years of age, another child was born, and it was a daughter whose name they called, Sander, which meant our second born.

And thus did they proceed in the order of generation, the space between Evis conceptions being fifty years.

Their third child was a son whose name ^{they called} Moly. Their fourth was a daughter whose name they called Selah. —

Hazer had now become quite large and strong and the beasts of the field began to fear him as they did his Father, and he helped ^{his} Father to keep things in order, and was a great comfort to him.

And their fifth child was a daughter whose

name they called Tropa.

Their sixth was a son whose name they called Redar, which meant the third son of God.

We then looked upon the earth and beheld that the ways of man were good, and I said to my Angels go ye to the earth, and commune with man, whom we have made and placed thereon, and tell him that he delights his God. yea comfort him, for we are much pleased with his doings; yea we delight to see the order of all things on the earth.

Their seventh child was a daughter and they called her Jabop, which signifies daughter of Wisdom; for, said Eve, she shall be a wise woman.

Their eighth was a son and they named him Housay.

I then sent forth ^{an} Angel to Adam, and told him to say thus; Adam, My God says, send forth thy son Hayer and thy daughter Sander, that they may find a fruitful place whereon they may live ~~wherever~~ ^{the parts of} even as you do in Eden.

Then Adam accordingly sent forth Hidon and the daughter and counseled them how to proceed.

They then went to a distant place and called it Asephilia, which signified a fruitful place.

There they lived ^{there} a hundred and fifty years, and they had a son whom they called Ezeal.

Adam then sent forth Moly and Selah to seek a convenient place for their residence; and when they had found a place they called it Sarupha which signifies a beautiful spot.

And Adam's family lived in perfect love and harmony, and in strict subjection to him in all things. They ate of the fruit of the trees and of the vegetation of the earth which abounded in the whole country of Eder.

Adam's family increased one in fifty years, beside the increase which was beginning to be caused by his sons and daughters. And they went forth according to the example of Adam and Eve in all things.

When Kedar became five hundred years of age, Adam said unto him and Tapha, go ye beyond the borders of Eden and take with you fruits of all kinds ~~and~~ plant the seed thereof and you will see that trees will spring up from them: Even such as are here in Eden. And vegetation you will find where ever you go. And you may come to the land of Eden to get fruit to eat until your own trees grow large enough to bear as do the trees of Eden.

Then Kedar went, and Tapha with him, beyond the borders of Eden, taking fruit with him to plant and to eat. But when he came to the borders of Eden he saw that ^{the} country beyond him was beautiful, only it was dry and parched, and the vegetation was not so good as in Eden. But they traveled on until they came to a beautiful place where they wished to dwell; but did not plant the fruit, lest it being so dry ~~that~~ ^{their fruit} would not grow.

But Kedar said I will cry to my God for rain and he will send it. Then Kedar said, O thou Mighty one, who created my Father and Mother, and placed them in the land of Eden, send I pray thee rain upon this land, for it is dry and parched, and it needeth rain to moisten it; and my Father bade me to come even as far as I now ^{am}, and it is good that I should obey his voice.

And ^I heard the voice of Kedar, and said, behold I hear Kedar's voice crying to me for rain, I will send forth rain and a blessing will I shower down upon his land. And I accordingly sent forth rain upon his land, and he planted his seed and I blessed it, and the vegetation enlivened and his seed brought forth trees like those of Eden. And he called the place Gannis-Dolen which signifies the blessing of my God.

Kedar soon got out of fruit and he went back to Eden to get some more, and ~~to~~ to see his Father, and to tell him what he had experienced

And his Father said, well done my faithful son, thou art my perfect likeness; so now take as much fruit as you wish, and carry with you to your own land, and the blessing of God be with you.

Kedar then made a large basket, ^{out} of limber twigs and took as much fruit as he could carry, and went to his own land and when ^{he} arrived, he saw that his trees were growing very thickly, and he had a son whose name he called Caleb. — And by the time Kedar's fruit was consumed his own trees began to bear, so that he stayed on his own land and tilled it, and governed all things near his residence.

And I looked upon the earth and beheld that peace and quietness reigned upon it.

And Adam's children all subjected themselves to him, and with him governed all the brutal creation. And my Angels communed much with man.

Section IV

Then, when Hensley arrived to the age of four hundred and fifty Adam said unto him, and Jalopi, go ye even beyond your brother Kedar whom you will find westward of the border of Eden. You may ask your brother Kedar for fruit to plant beyond his land; and he may supply you until your own trees grow large enough to bear plentifully.

Hensley and Jalopi then went till they came to Caris-Dolen, which was the land of Kedar, and there they saw Kedar's land and the productions thereof were beautiful.

They then made them baskets out of twigs and Kedar gave them as much fruit as they could carry.

They then started westward; but they had not traveled far before they came to a river, & Hensley said how can we obey the voice of our Father? Jalopi then answered, be not hasty Hensley

for we may obey our Father. How so said Hearsy when we have nothing to walk on? Jalop then answered is there not some large sticks that we may get to the river? Perhaps there is said Hearsy. Then, said Jalop, we will take two large sticks and bind them together by tying and place our baskets on and get ourselves and pots over.

They accordingly did so and passed over safely. They then traveled on westward until they found a place, that pleased their feelings, but it was dry and parched, as that of Herdar's was. They then prayed as did Herdar for rain, but no rain descended. Then said Hearsy, what shall we do? God does not seem pleased to answer us. Then answered Jalop, let us go back to our Father's land, and the lands of all our brethren, that they may pray with us; then will God hear and answer our prayers. So they returned as they went, and told Herdar

and all their brethren and sisters, and their Father and Mother and they unitedly prayed that the Lord would send rain upon that land; and an Angel appeared unto them, and said, go, Hensry and Jalop, quickly to your land for the Lord shall be watered and appear fruitful before you reach it, for thus saith your Heavenly Father; because Hensry hearkened to the voice of Jalop, and because Jalop so used her wisdom, will I send rain upon that land, and it shall be as fruitful as is banis-Dolen.

They then thanked God and returned to their own land, and behold, it was fruitful; And they planted their fruit and the trees quickly appeared and grew very thriftily; inasmuch that they only had to go to banis-Dolen ^{for} fruit once, before their own trees were large enough to bear.

And they called the place Monis-Dolen which signifies the notice of my God.

And they had a daughter whom they called Danno

Section V

And thus did Adam continue to send forth his children to replenish and to subdue the earth.

And thus he said; "my God created me and placed me here to honor and glorify him, and this I will do, that, when he feels to place ^{me} in the land where Angels dwell, I may be even like them."

Peace and harmony reigned throughout the land, and all things were governed by the word of Adam. And Adam pleased me, his Creator, by his faithfulness, and he knew no trouble because he had never disobeyed my word.

And all the children of Adam were wholly unacquainted with trouble, for they were all prospered in their doings in all things, as wrought had found place upon the earth, but that which was ordi^{ed} by me, their only God, for they knew no other as their hearts were wholly given up to me in that ^{which} they performed.

And thus did Adam and all his family continue to do my will and nothing happened much different from that which I have spoken of until Adam arrived at the age of five thousand three hundred and ninety six years when a sad reverse happened.

The rationality of the spirit ^{of} Eve gave back to the influence of her bodily passions, and she tempted Adam, and they were then both captivated by that deceitful serpent which they formed in their own breasts, and which has continued in the breast of the fallen posterity of Adam until the present day.

Then said I to my glory, did not we create man at the first, upright even as the Angels of Heaven? My glory then answered it is even so. Then I said, behold he has rebelled and is no more governed by us; he has created a serpent in his own breast and is governed by that, and even rails against us.

But he shall not inhabit the land of Eden; for I will drive him out and he shall no more defile that ~~that~~ land. And now his days shall be shortened, and a hundred years shall be to him as a thousand; and not one of his children hereafter shall live to see a thousand years neither shall he live to see a thousand years more, ^{from this time his age shall be reckoned from he is another being & is governed by another God} weakness of body shall his seed hereafter be feared with and the beasts of the field shall be stronger than they ~~are~~, and raise up against them and eat them up as they would the green herbs of the field.

But his seed that are now upon the earth, if they follow not after their Parents in evil doing but continue to serve us I will no more count them his seed but I will call them the sons and daughters of God. And I will favour them; even as I have done to them heretofore so will I hereafter do to them.

I then said, to one of my holy Angels go forth to the earth, and say to the sons and

daughters of Adarr, that are yet clean in my sight, follow not after your Parents in their evil doing, but keep yourselves pure and clean, and you shall no more be counted their children, but you shall be called the sons and daughters of God; therefore see that you intermix not with them, lest ye be polluted and have to suffer with them. And thus the Angel did do.

"Then said they to the Angel, "what have our Father and Mother done? Have they not done the will of God? for surely we know not that they have done wrong."

Then answered the Angel, they have offended your God, (I say your God because he is no more their God,) they have ~~have~~ broken the command which God gave them at the first and they have polluted the land of Eden and God has driven them out of that land; never more to see the place ^{they live} ~~where~~ and neither must you any more go into that land.

Adam and Eve were ashamed therefore they went ^{not} to their children but hid themselves from them; and even strove to hide from my presence, for shame had fallen upon them.

They strove to hide from me the actors and the act which they had committed; but I drove them out of the land, and pronounced a curse against that deceitful serpent which they had created, and declared a war ^{between} it and the womans seed.

The sons and daughters of God said one to another, ^{we} will not follow after Adam and Eve, and we will keep ourselves separate from their seed lest we lose the favor of God, and he should also punish us.

Many of the sons and daughters of God were much larger and stronger, than Adam and Eve, who were by nature their Parents, and the fallen posterity of Adam and Eve called many of the sons of ^{God} whom they would sometimes see

giants, because they were so large and strong.

But, ^{most of} the children of God remained upright until after Adam and Eves death, when their children of Adam began to increase fast upon the earth, and began to intrude upon the sons of God, by often coming to make war with them; ^{then} would the sons of God arise & drive the children of men away as ^{they} would a herd of swine, or sheep they being so much stronger.

But at last when the children of Adam began to increase so fast, that the sons of God were tempted by the beauty of the daughters of men, they fell, even as did Adam and Eve, and they became men of blood and carnage,

Section VII

Now the earth became filled with wickedness, and confusion was spread throughout the land; and I said to my glory, behold the state of the earth; nought but confusion dwelleth thereon.

Those whom we have called our sons and daughters have also sined, even as do the children of men, and they have drunked from the same cup of abomination, until they are wholly swallowed up in sin and iniquity; therefore shall they die with them.

Noah is the most just man now upon the earth; therefore I will send rain upon the earth to destroy all living creatures thereon except Noah and his family and few of the different sorts of animals that I will cause to be saved with him. And my glory said, even so let it be.

I then caused it to be ever as it is stated by my servant Moses.

And Noah sent warning to the sons of God and they laughed, and said, is not God with us more than with the children of men? do ye not know that he calls us his sons? And would God commune with the children of men, and not with his own sons?

So Noah sent to them no more.

And when Noah had entered the ark with all that I commanded him to take with him, and the waters raised so as to raise his ark from the earth I caused a wind to blow so as to drive his ark to a distant shore that the land which he before lived on might not be inhabited until such times as my wisdom would see proper to have it.

And Noah knew not that he was sailing so swiftly from his native land.

And he landed on Mount Ararat as was stated by my servant Moses. And when ^{he} came forth out of the ark he knew not that he was on another land so far from his native country; nor even did he so much as think of such a thing.

And this land was never peopled again until ^{after} Christ appeared upon the earth.

The first people that inhabited this place ^{after} were

The flood, were some of the scattered children of Israel who after many years wandering happened to cross the Bering straits; and from these sprang all that inhabited this country before the discovery of Columbus

Part III

Section II.

Things revealed concerning Eden

When man first transgressed upon this sacred spot I purposed that the ground thereof should not be tilled again, until the time had come for ~~the~~ sanctification and it should again be a devoted spot, and the nations through ~~the~~ it should be blessed.

About the time of Adams death I said, I will hide the land of Eden, and a much larger tract of land with ~~it~~, from the sight of all living creatures.

Therefore I covered ~~it~~ with water and said thus it shall remain one thousand four ^{hundred} and forty four years. And the expiration of this time was at the time of the flood; then was the face of this country greatly altered by the violent eruptions of nature which ~~took~~ took place when the waters assuaged.

The water was then let out and the land of Eden once more might be seen by man if there had been a man in the country to behold it. But there was not then a living creature upon the face of the whole country; for Noah was in a very distant land.

And thus did I then say; As Eden was the first place upon the earth that was polluted with sin so it shall be the first place that shall be sanctified ~~first~~ when my son shall appear the second time upon the earth; And even as woman first introduced a way for this land to be polluted so shall the woman

first introduce a way for this ground to be again sanctified, and the very spot that ^{first polluted} was shall be first sanctified, ^{through mercy} let it cost a price to do it. ^{And} the outward appearance of that spot shall be greatly altered to represent her purification, ^{which shall be done} by offering praises to me and by a devoted life of celibacy which shall be the only way for man to travel from that loss which he has fallen under.

And even as Eve was the mother of all who have been and shall be born into the world of wickedness, so shall the woman who introduces the sanctification of this spot, be the mother of all who are born into the world of righteousness and truth.

Thus did I decree concerning Eden, and thus it hath been.

When this country began to be inhabited again, I sent forth Angels to guard the spot

whereon man first committed his first act of transgression, that it should not be inhabited nor tilled, until the time of her purification should come, and her purifiers should pitch their tents upon her; and build an altar on the very spot.

And now do you know concerning the garden ^{of Eden}, and the Angel of Discouragement has caused you to measure the whole land of Eden, though you knew not then that it was the land of Eden which you were measuring.

Section III

Things made known concerning America. When the waters of the deluge carried ~~the~~ Noah's ark from this land, I purposed that man should not see the face of this country again, until Christ should appear upon the earth, and sound forth his mission to fallen

man, and thereby make a mortal wound up-
on the head of that deceitful ^{en.} serpentine nature of
man kind, which came by the fall.

All things that have happened to this northern
division of America I ordained so to be.
I caused it so to be, that the scattered children
of Israel, who entered upon this land, should
prove to be a wild and uncivilized race of
beings; I ordained the discovery of this country
by the civilized ^{nations} world, expressly for the purpose
of the planting of the gospel, that all nations
should yet bow to her, and own her to be the
favored nation of the Almighty God.

And thus did I say to one of my Holy Angels;
Go forth to the earth, to a man who is called
by name Christopher Columbus, and in-
spire him with a feeling to seek for a country
in the west which is yet unknown to the
civilized nations of the earth; yea, even the land
wherever I first placed man when I created

him out of the dust of the earth; for behold the second coming of my son upon the earth is near at hand; and his voice shall be heard in the wilderness of that land, and from thence it shall spread throughout the earth. And thus did my Holy Angel; and the man whom my Angel was to inspire, was directed by his influence, not knowing the cause of the impulse which daily pressed upon his mind, ^{which continued so to do} until he opened a way for further discoveries of this country than he was able to make. — But in the latter part of his life he had a clear sense that it was through divine agency that he discovered what he did.

And I decreed, that when this country was discovered and populated by the wicked children of men, and the yoke of baneful oppression should sorely scourge them, that they should arise, and, by means of their own warlike preparation, should snap the yoke

that scourged them, and greatly weaken
the hand that used it.

And thus I said, to my Mighty Angels,
Go to my favored land, and cause ^{its inhabitants} ~~them~~ to
arise and shake off the chairs of tyranny;
for lo! my only begotten daughter has ap-
peared on the earth, and this country must
be prepared to hear ~~the sound~~ of her testi-
mony; for through her must the nations
of the earth be blessed; through her the nations
must be healed. — And thus did my Mighty
Angels do, ~~even~~ as I had commanded them.
And then did I call my daughter from
the land ^{of} oppression. —

And now, O ye children of the new creation,
know ye, that the foregoing words were correctly
written by my Holy Angel; ~~and~~ as I sounded
them forth to him. And my last words to him
were thus; This book shall not be revealed to mortals

until the purification of the garden of Eden, and ^{until} her inhabitants shall know where stands the tree of life, and also the tree of peace.

And then it shall be correctly transcribed by a hand of clay, about the space of six hundred cubits from the spot, whereon stands the tree of life. —

Then, ^{as} I, the Instrument, had finished this transcript from the sealed Book, I fell upon my knees, with my face to the floor, before the Holy prophesying Angel, and said; Have I done my duty to your acceptance? Have I correctly copied all the words from the sealed Book? Then the Angel said; 'Well hast thou done, and correctly hast thou written all the contents of the little sealed Book and now thou mayest rest perfectly satisfied concerning it.' "

Then the Angel of discernment appeared

standing before me, and spoke to me as follows.

"Though you have not seen me or often known me to be near you since you have been writing from the little sealed Book, yet I have been near enough to you, to see every word you have written and I have closely watch^{ed} you, and I have compared your transcript with the sealed Book, and with the prophesying Angel I pronounce it correctly written. Therefore write the few words that I shall now sound in your ears."

And thus did he sound his words in my ears.

"Harken all ye, that think you have wisdom, to the voice of discernment. Know ye that the wisdom of man outreacheth itself and knoweth not what it graspeth.

Therefore be careful lest you limit the know^{ledge} edge of God, whose wisdom you own to be infinite. This little transcript is not to be judged

by that which was written by the hand of Moses, for that is handed to you in quite an imperfect state, though I do not in the least condemn ^{it}, but on the contrary pronounce it good; but on account of the imperfection of the translations, partly on account of the imperfections ^{failures} of the translators, and partly on account of the languages being imperfect; and partly on account of the imperfections of the original means of receiving such things, some errors have occasionally occurred in relation to some things, but they are mostly small; but however I will notice one which appears the greatest.

The learned of this world have attempted to date the time of man's fall and even all things from that day to this. But the fall of man they have not dated far enough back by 800 years, and the deluge likewise by about 100 years.

It may appear strange to some how it could be, that this book was sealed so many years ago and contain so many things that have happened since, even to the present day; but this was a display of God's foreknowledge, even much greater than was displayed through the ancient prophets of Israel.

God is all wisdom all power and all strength, and he can look forward thousands of years and see what will happen in course of that time, just as well as though they had really come to pass. And thus did he do when he caused these words to be sealed in a book.

And remember ye, that you cannot sound a sea that has no bottom.

And now, little one, my words are finished and you have earnestly written them.

And to the beloved Anointed I say, Do with this Book as your wisdom directs.

*A Book
of information concerning
The Tree of Life*

Second Order

Wisdom's Valley

1842

Preface

Written by Father James' own hand. June 25th 1842

Inscribed on paper by a hand of clay. June 29th 1842

Dearly beloved children, with a heart overflowing with gratitude and thanks to my God, have I taken my pen in hand to write my word unto you which may be called a preface to the book entitled, "The true record of the tree of Life."

By my humble cries, and the fervent supplications of all your heavenly Parents, have I obtained liberty from my God, to tarry a little longer with my children in this place, to witness one of the most remarkable scenes that ever was shown to mortals since man fell. — Yea, dear children I have waded thro' many scenes of sorrow and tribulation for you, that all things might be made known to you, that was for you to know both for your present and future happiness. And O the bitter scenes

What I have passed through at this time that this tree might be made known to our children; language cannot describe; pen cannot paint, nor the mind of mortals conceive one half the tribulation I have felt.

But you are welcome to all I have done; for it is my meat & my drink to do all that is in my power to help our poor children on earth.

But I would that these things be often called to mind, that this tree may not be used as a common by word. May! O may! Remember it is a sacred thing, and if you use it slightly God will use you the same.

Never use the name of this tree in a light unguarded jesting manner; never use any of the phrases pertaining to the tree in your common conversation, but when you speak of it, let it be in a solemn Godly manner; use it as one of the most sacred things that God has yet made known to you. And O may our children never stumble them-

selves under this tree with the least jot of uncleanness among;— Remember when you are under this tree, you are in the immediate sight of that God, who can read the hearts of all souls.

It will be an awful thing for any ~~soul~~ to present themselves under this tree of Life with the least defilement whatever concealed within their breasts. O may all things be set before you as a temple under this sacred tree of life! May every ^{soul} heart be pure, & every heart clean!

If you will prepare yourselves in low humility of soul and true fear of God with all things set right within & without you will feel more of a blessing in assembling under this tree than you will in any other place. Remember these are my words and they are true as the heavens.

For this tree might well be called a habitation for Angels and purified spirits; and when you assemble here, you will be surrounded by an ~~and~~ innumerable company of Holy Angels & puri-

fiend spirits. And if any dare present themselves here with a guilty conscience it will be like a burning hell to them. But the pure in heart shall feel the blessings of God flowing upon them like the gentle showers of heaven, which distill upon the tender plants and give vigor thereunto.

Remember this is a treasure that has long been hid from the learned and wise of this world, and is now revealed unto you.

Although the true way of the tree of Life was revealed to your blessed Mother Ann and every faithful believer has been feasting upon its fruits, yet the permanent spot whereon the tree stands was never before shown to mortals since man fell.

Some may think strange that the tree of life should be found on the second Church on earth, and say, why was it not ordained by the Almighty to plant the first Church on this ground?

But let me tell you, dear children, God's ways are not as man's ways, but he worketh by means of

his own choosing. Therefore let not a caviling spirit shut from your souls the blessings that are for you to receive.

Meddle not with things which you do not understand, for the time will come, if you are faithful, when you will understand what it all means. But let them alone till the time comes, lest by meddling them over you judge them, and thereby bring guilt and condemnation upon yourselves.

The things of God are too precious & sacred to be judged by every one; if every one were to judge, and put such meanings to the gifts of God as they in their own natural wisdom could devise, there would be almost as many meanings as there are individuals. — Therefore my word is unto you, let them alone; let them be judged upon that altar where there is no cheat.

I did not intend to write lengthy but I thought a few words might not come amiss.

For I have passed through great tribulation & I have caused my instruments, who have been in search of this tree to feel great tribulation; for it was ordained that the finding of this sacred tree should be a figure that whoso ever would have eternal life should trace and retrace their steps; search & research from place to place, till the prize should be found.

This Book shall contain first the decrees of the Almighty concerning the tree, Secondly, the size & beauty of the tree, Thirdly the testimonies of the instruments who were appointed to search for the tree, Fourthly it is the desire of your heavenly Parents to have this Book sanctioned by the Holy Anointed Lead on earth, if they in their wisdom deem proper; & then have it kept sacred and safe in the hands of the Anointed & not as a common book & when any have the perusal or hearing of it let it excite them to keep it sacred & not use it as a common everyday

conversation.

When ever this is read ye may receive my
love & blessing as long as it is kept sacred.

This is my word finished concerning the
rules of this Book.

Farewell.

Father James Whittaker.

A Book of information concerning the Tree of Life

Part II

A correct statement of the proceedings relating to the Discovery of the Tree of Life

Section II

June 19th. Father James informed us that a tree was on our form, which the Lord planted before the creation of man. And when man fell the Lord placed a Seraphim upon it with a flaming sword to protect it, and that it was the will of our Eternal Parents that he should search with instruments, for this tree, in union with the elders.

He said, he knew not where it was, but if those who were called to search with him, would go forth in Godly fear, he would find it, and

guide their footsteps to the place whereon it ~~stood~~
 And further more he said: "Beloved Elders, it
 is my will that this tree be found; & that ye
 appoint two instruments to go in search of this
 tree; and I will guide their footsteps; and I
 would that it be found as soon as possible.

And it is my desire that these two instruments
 have fifteen minutes to retire, before they go
 in pursuit, that the fear of God may attend
 them, or I can not direct their footsteps aright.
 And it will be pleasing to me if the Elders (breth-
 ren) will go with them."

Beloved you will enjoy many seasons of com-
 fort beneath the branches of this tree (Kellen Smiths
 June 20th) This afternoon two instruments were
 appointed to search for the tree (Samuel & Joseph)

After retiring ^{minutes} fifteen it was made known
 that four hundred Angels were going with
 them; also the Angel of discernment &
 Father James. — After about three hours

search we found a tree which Father James made known to us was the Tree of Peace.

June 21st This morning by request of Father James a number of the instruments assembled to hear his word concerning the tree of life.

When assembled the Elders addressed the instruments, expressing their desire, that they would labor to be prepared to do that which was for them to do, as they considered a gift of great importance.

And they felt a gift to have all kneel & pray that all might be rightly prepared to proceed in this gift, with that fear of God which was requisite for them to feel in order to find this tree. Father thanked the Elders for the gift they had felt, & said, he would be with the company, and that they should find the tree.

He then wished to have two more instruments to assist in finding it (George & Thomas)

And he said we need not expect to find

it the first thing, & that we need not think strange, if we should have to go from one end of our farm to the other a dozen times before finding it; for we must feel great tribulation before we could find it.

And he said this will be a type that no soul shall find Eternal life without searching & researching, tracing, & retracing their steps.

He then said that he had brought a band of Angels to place over the heads of the instruments before they went in search of the tree; & that little James Wardley was going with us as he was his faithful little instruments through the heavens.

Then a holy Angel appeared in the room & his brightness far exceeded the ^{brightness of the} sun. And he spoke as follows. —

"Beloved watchmen in this place,
I am a mighty Angel of the Almighty God, &
I have come ^{to you} at this time. For surely I witness

'ed the planting of this tree (which you are in
 'search of) long before dust was fashioned into
 'man; & surely it was planted by your heaven-
 'ly Father, & you shall find ^{it} when you have
 'searched diligently for it.

'Arise O ye sons of God, & turn your faces
 'to the east! For lo! a bright star of the mighty
 'power of God has arisen, & the light thereof shall
 'shine upon your countenances! We immediately
 'attended, & he exhorted the instruments to be
 'united together in their feelings in this gift
 (Hellen)

Then said Father, 'Beloved Elders, I should
 'be glad to have the instrument, while they
 'are in this labor, shut their senses against
 'temporal things and keep their senses intense-
 'ly upon that which they are in search of; for
 'if they felt the tribulation that I feel concerning
 'the finding of this tree, they would not have
 'their minds caught by the transactions of the

'day; but they would keep their minds continually upon that in which they were in pursuit of: (George)

Section III

A Roll given by Father James for the searchers

Beloved anointed, in haste I now give my word unto you, written by my faithful instrument, James Wardley.

Though I have spoken to you concerning this holy tree, yet I do not feel satisfied. Therefore I speak again with the language of parental love, and in the power of wisdom in presence of him who sent me

This holy tree standeth within this strong hold; even within the walls of this city of Love; and you shall by the power of God in your own souls, O ye instruments of clay. I, your Father, could lead you to the very spot, but this is not the will of the Eternal one, who planted this tree.

In tribulation ye shall march through this city of love, until you obtain sight of this holy tree. I do require my instruments to bow twelve times before they set out on their march.

The bright star, that arose in the east, shall go before you, and its light shall be concealed from its your sight until you come near to the tree of life; then shall the star be seen, and, whose ever seeth it, must bow low, and proclaim the glad tidings aloud in the hearing of all the faithful searchers after the Tree of Life; then upon your march, ye faithful instruments; but look not for a large star soaring in the firmament, for this star will appear small as a light from the Angels' wings. Look ye often to the right for this star of revelation, & when you behold it, know ye, that the tree of life is near, even within four rods.

Go on in the fear of God, my faithful band, for I will crown you with wisdom, and cement you together in pure love.

The mighty Angel of God will be with you, & will often wing his way to the holy tree, while you are in search of it.

If you, my faithful instruments, feel the power of God run through your mortal frames, while on your way, then, know ye, that you are going the direct road way to the tree of life. When any one feels the power of God, let him bow low, & when these my four instruments feel the same, it will be a sign that they are swiftly approaching the tree of life. This gift will show that they are united together as the ocean waves of the ocean of love.

Receive this, my word, with my blessing & love, and let my instruments hear it if you feel so to do
Beloved Anointed, (Thee and)

Wednesday 22nd. This morning we assembled, and heard the foregoing roll, & also the words of Father James which were as follows.

" O beloved instruments, it is my desire that you

go in search of this tree in love one to another; and ~~do~~ let no one feel a high minded zeal, but let all keep a spirit of true humility; for you are going to seek for that, which has long been concealed from the sight of mortals; & you need not think strange if you should have to search a week for it; but I do not think you will have to search so long as this for it. But the day & the hour when this tree shall be made known to mortals is known to ^{my} Heavenly Father only. But I will search with you till three o'clock, & then I will return to my heavenly Father, and it will be made known the day & the very hour when this tree shall be made known to mortals; & it shall then be revealed. (Thomas)

Then he again said thus;

"I do not wish you to think, because this spiritual tree has been hid from man since his fall, that none have tasted of the tree of life; for every true believer is considered to be partaking

of the tree of daily; but this tree was placed on
 earth for the use of man in his rectitude; & if he
 had never fallen, he would have partaken of this
 tree as well as any other, & would have seen it as
 well as any natural tree." (Joseph)

Father also told us, that the instruments
 might often see the tree while in pursuit of it,
 but it would move from them, when they appro-
 ached the spot where it seemed to be; & if not,
 they must not affirm that they had found it,
 unless he told them so; or otherwise unless they
 were told by some mighty Angel.

We now prepared to advance in pursuit of
 the tree; the Elders placed the band of Angels over
 the heads of the instruments; we bowed twelve
 times, and went forth in our march, first to the
 center of the city of love, then to the north line, &
 knelt; & Father desired to know if some of the in-
 struments did not see the tree, & which way it
 appeared to them to be; some saw it but did not

which direction it was in. We then went near
the south line, then ^{to the} east line, then to the west line
& knecled and sung a song.

Then we returned to the center, & Father
said we might repair to the ~~city~~ tree of Peace, &
he ~~we~~ would meet with us again there, but he now
had a short errand to do to our heavenly Parents

When we arrived we sung the healing balm,
& Father then came & said what a pretty tree
you are under, & ^{as} you have found this tree so shall
you find the Tree of Life.

Words of little James beneath this tree.

'My words are the words of Father James, which
he gave me to speak before he left you, & said that
I might speak while he was gone, if I had time,
but seeing I did not have time he says I may
speak them now.

'Mysteries! mysteries! marvelous works and
wonders! The things of God are beyond the com-

'prehension of man! So do not think strange if
 'you meet with mysteries, even if with those
 'that you cannot comprehend; for many mys-
 'teries will you yet behold; so stumble not at
 'mysteries. — If any have a feeling to
 'study & ponder upon things, they may study
 'upon such things; only, they must be careful to
 'keep their senses within bounds, that they may
 'understand them aright, for some were created
 'for such-like studies.

'You are all different; you have different feelings
 'and different faculties; some a faculty for one thing
 'and some for another; some more in the spiritual
 'line & others more in the temporal line: but all,
 'what is done in a spirit of sincerity, is equally
 'acceptable to God.

'It is necessary that you should be different;
 'for, if you were all alike, you would all wish to
 'do one thing; for you would all have a taste &
 'faculty for one thing, & but little would be done.

' So be wise, little ones, and do your duty in all
 things and in the performance thereof, give the
 honor and glory to God; remembering that God
 created all things; the things of the spirit, & things
 of nature. The things of the spirit are far greater
 than the things of nature, & much more to compre-
 hend, especially for natural man; & you can not
 understand them ^{any} faster than you travel to them
 and if you can as fast, it is fast enough; so
 remember my last words; be wise." (George)

Then Father spoke thus; "I do not
 wish my instruments to feel cast down on ac-
 count of the tribulation that ^{they} have to feel concern-
 ing this tree, but keep your senses in the spirit;
 and be refreshed by the things of the spirit, so as
 to be able to bear the weight that is necessary
 for you to feel at a while in this labor."

I know you are mortals, though you are chosen
 to be instruments, through whom the things of
 the spirit must be declared. I know that a

weight which is so heavy as to require your whole strength to sustain ⁱⁿ for the space of half an hour, would cause you to sink beneath it if you were required to support ^{it} for the space of a day or two. Therefore I do not require more of you than you are able to bear.

So keep your minds in the spirit, & labor to feel that degree of tribulation which is requisite that you should feel in order to do your duty to the acceptance of God." (George)

We then returned home, & stopped in the first hall, & some of the sisters united with us in singing to the guardian Angel. The Angel then thanked the searchers for their faithfulness, & gave them his love & blessing.

Section IIII

We started again at half past ten, & went to the north line, & on our return we meet Ezekiel & Theodore at the onion garden gate.

Ezekiel told Elder Brother that he had had a peculiar sensation concerning a particular spot in the garden, & he desired that the Elders & instruments would go to a stick which had placed in the spot, & see what they could find there.

We accordingly went there, & Father said that Ezekiel had had a gift of God, & that this was a spring that nourished the tree of life, & one of the main roots of ^{the} tree of life run through this spring; & that there were three more springs like this nourishing the tree of life.

We then, after some further search, returned home.

We started again at half past one, & were directed, by Father James, to the northwest corner of the city of love; & when arrived, Father spoke as follows.

"Beloved ones, be of good cheer, for you shall yet find the tree, & I will search with you until

Three o'clock, & then I must return to my
 Heavenly Father. But I shall not be long
 gone. — If you feel to retire ^{then} you may or
 otherwise you may search.

We then went to each corner & returned
 home: And it being three o'clock, Father gave
 James liberty to go with the instruments near
 enough to the tree for them to see the stars, if
 they chose to go in search while he was absent.

We felt to go, & James directed us to the
 spring we had found, & from thence to the north
 side of the garden; then westward until the
 star appeared. We did accordingly, & the star
 was soon seen; but, as we passed about three
 rods south of the tree, it quickly disappeared. —

Father came before we were out of the garden,
 And he said that we might go home, & sing
 some to the Angels, & at five o'clock come out
 again, & go in the lot north of us. — And we
 went according to his direction.

While were in the house, Father said, "Beloved, perhaps you are tired, and think you have passed through much tribulation, while in pursuit of this tree: but you have not felt the tribulation that I have, neither could you. The time is now made known to me, when this tree shall be found by mortals; even to a minute:— And you may have it made known by some signal as soon as you have found the tree that the time may be correctly recorded." (J R.)

At the time appointed, we started & entered the before mentioned lot.

Father then spoke thus. "The direction I have now given you is correct, and you must be united as one; for this is of the greatest importance in finding this tree. (J R.)

We then moved a few steps eastward & the instruments all began to feel an uncommon flowing of the power of God.

Then an Angel came and spoke as follows.

Lo I am a mighty Angel from the Throne of the Almighty God. "O ye sons of men, what are you in search of? What do you expect to find? Do you expect to find a tree that has been so long concealed from the sight of mortals? A tree that has not been seen by mortals since man fell from his first rectitude? Shall it be revealed to you ye poor worms of the dust? Yea, for truly I am sent from the Almighty God of heaven & earth to reveal it to mortals. Therefore, O ye instruments, be ye united together as the heart of one man; for if you are not united you shall in no wise find the Tree of Life (3 Rs)

We then went a few steps farther and the star was seen, & the tree itself; but as we approached it, it move from us, & thus we followed around after it for the space of fifteen minutes, within the compass of four rods.

Then the Angel spoke thus: "O ye instruments be united together as the heart of

'one man. Open your ears, & hear my words; open
'your eyes and see what is for you to see.

'What do you see now little ones?' answer the tree
'Is it in its abiding place?

Ans. We do not know.

Well then, move towards it and see if it stands
still. — We moved & the tree moved also.

Speak what which is given you speak & tell
what you see. They said that the tree appeared
to stand still, (it having moved about ten feet
since the Angel began to speak.)

Then said the Angel, "Touch not the tree
'little ones, but let the beloved Watchmen touch
it first." The instruments said they were as
close to it as they durst go and it did not move.

The Angel then wanted all to gather closely to the
tree. — Now (said the Angel) tell the size of the tree
that I may know you see it aright.

Then said one, About a foot through; the next,
full as much as a foot; the next, a little more than a
foot

'Yea, said the Angel, it will appear brighter
'and larger according to your faith; to some
'it will appear larger than it will to others.
'Now speak that which is given you to speak,
'ye instruments:' (Samuel)

Then said Father, "Beloved Elders, you may
'put forth your hands, & touch the tree & if it
'does not move, & if it does not move you
'may know that it is in its abiding place.
'And the mighty Angel will bear witness to it,
'and the instruments must look and bear wit-
'ness to it also." (Joseph)

Then, at the command of the Angel, the
Elders touched the tree and it did not move.

Then the Angel aver^{ed} that we had found the tree,
and the signal was given, which was at five
o'clock and thirty five minutes.

"And the Angel said, "Blessed are ye & blessed
'you shall be for doing the will of God this day,
'My heavenly Father will pour his blessing &

'love freely upon you, for you have well done.' (Samuel)

Further words of the Angel. —

"The decrees of the Almighty shall yet be fully made known concerning this tree. — But I will now make known a part.

"This is his decree, that this spot should be kept sacred, & that the Anointed of this place have the oversight of it; & that a tree be placed in this spot: and this by no means is to be a common forest tree, but as uncommon a tree as will grow in this climate without much care."

The Elders then asked the Angel what kind of a tree he thought would be suitable. He answered; "I have no decree from the Almighty, but I should think that a black walnut would be suitable." (J. R.)

Father then said that he should be glad to have the Elders assemble all their instruments, that had ever seen any spiritual thing to witness to witness to the tree on the next day: at nine

o'clock if it could be so.

And said Father, "How thankful I am that the instruments have been so united together in their feelings while in this gift."

Section IV

June 24th * This morning at nine o'clock sixteen instruments & the Elders assembled for the purpose of witnessing to the tree.

We assembled in the first hall, and the Angel of comfort (who came from Mother Ann to our meeting last night) said that he would fly between the brethren & sisters, & wave his branch over their heads. (This was a branch that he had picked from the tree of life.)

Father spoke thus, "There is a hundred holy witnesses sent from Mother Ann to bear witness. (PS)"

We then went to the tree, & the Angel of Discernment spoke thus.

* The 23rd being rainy the instruments did assemble to witness to the tree till the 24th

'Alas!' let every heart be silent, & every mouth
 'closed, & every ear attentive ~~and listen~~ to my word;
 'for I am a discerning Angel & I can discern the
 'heart of every one of you.

'O ye instruments, meddle not with that, which
 'you do not understand, nor judge that which
 'you can not comprehend, lest you judge that
 'God by whom you are judged, & set his wisdom
 'at naught; but be free & speak that which is given
 'you to speak in relation to this tree.

'If there are mysteries which you ^{can} ~~do~~ not unnable
 'or understand let alone until you can' (G.M.)

An Angel from Mother Ann. then spoke as fol-
 'lows. " Beloved ones, in union with you I will
 'speak. I have descended from the heavens to
 'witness to this tree.

'Here is the tree of Life; and I witness that this
 'is the spot on where it stands. And I have bought
 'the love of God for you at this time, & I will throw
 'it all over you.

Then an Angel from Eternal Wisdom, said; "I saw
 this tree planted and when it was planted, Wisdom
 pronounced it good and she hath sent her love
 to you at this time.

"Now I have one thing more to make known to
 you at this time. - I have brought four branches
 of holy wisdom to be planted beneath the Tree of
 Life, two feet from the center forming a perfect
 square; & it is the will of Eternal Wisdom, that
 the beloved Elders plant them at this time.

"The armies of heaven are now beholding you, O
 ye beloved ones, who have assembled to witness
 to this tree of Life. Ye are known & blessed by them
 at this hour!" (Reuben Smith)

Father James then said; "The reason I have re-
 quired so much witnessing to this tree, is, that
 generation after, may know, that this is the
 spot whereon standeth the tree of Life, & that
 it was made known to mortals by the power of
 the Almighty." (38.)

The Angel Ukalen. Then spoke thus: "So I am
 a Mighty Angel, I have come to make known the
 number of the company that have assembled
 with you, & to witness to the tree of Life, that
 it standeth here.

The number of the company is 8000. (Samuel)
 Then another Angel spoke thus.

I am the Angel of the Lord that crossed the ocean
 with your blessed Mother Ann. I have come to bear
 witness that this is the spot where your first Pa-
 rents Adam & Eve (as they are called) were placed.
 And this is the tree of life beneath which they
 often reposed. And this is the garden of Eden.

I was with my Heavenly Father when he plant-
 ed this tree. Before Adam & Eve became darken-
 ed with sin, they could see this tree & other spirit-
 ual things: & they also had communion with
 Angels. And I will make known one thing more.
 Beneath this tree is a well of living waters. (H.S.)

Then, at the request of Father, the brethren &

sisters gathered love for the writers. (The brethren who were noting what was spoken.)

A little Angel then asked if he might pick a branch from the tree to carry to his Mother. The Elders replied, they should be glad to have the little Angel take a branch & also our love to our blessed Mother. Then a mighty Angel spoke thus "I am a mighty Angel, & am sent forth at this time to administer to you.

Your Father James felt to have you assembled here yesterday; but as all things were not ready in heaven, the Lord sent forth rain to prevent.

But now all things are ready; the Angels are marching to & fro through the Heavens.

Yea, the armies of heaven are all in array, playing upon instruments of music, such as were never before heard.

Such a day was never before known. 4,404 is the number of one company that is marching through from east to west from north to

south, playing on instruments of music, such as were never before heard in the heavens.

"I am a mighty Angel; I know many of the transactions that have been upon the earth & in heaven. I was with my heavenly Father, in heaven, when he planted this tree, & I have flown through the heavens these thousands of years." (Thomas)

Another Angel then spoke thus: "I am a holy Angel from Wisdom. She sent me here to describe the form & size of this tree.

1 The trunk is two feet in diameter; sixty feet to the first branches: the longest branches reach a hundred yards, & some of them have balls of light on the ends. The ends of the lowest branches lop so as to come within fifty feet of the ground; Each row of limbs shortening one above another to the top which makes the upper part look round; & the under part is hollowing like the under side of an open

umbrella. And on the top is the seat of the Holy seraph that guards the tree; & there are also many beautiful birds resting upon its branches." "Now, beloved ones, I have one thing more to make known to you.

"Holy Wisdom has sent Angels with two tables to be placed four feet from the tree, east & west. They are five feet in length & three in breadth, and the vessels thereon are filled with Angels food, & generations after will also eat from these tables." (R. S.)

And the Angel ^{al} so said the tree was growing and would continue to grow.

Another Angel spoke thus; "I have come to make known some more concerning this tree. There are four posts, four feet high standing in a square four feet from the body of the tree, & little doves sitting thereon, & four chains pass around the posts and through the body of the tree.

Upon these chairs is writing which was written by the Angel of Eternal truth; & when the beloved Elders think proper I should like to have the writers come and copy it; for it is something concerning the tree." (A. L.)

Father then said there were four little birds with baskets gathering fruit for the writers; & he wished to know if we did not want some water from this well, which was the well of salvation; for, said Father there is a little silver cup hanging on the tree.

An Angel from the Savior said thus: "I have come to bear witness to this holy gift; & I have brought the love and blessing of your blessed Lord & Savior. And remember ye that none can partake of this fruit with unclean hands, so now receive the love & blessing of your blessed Savior." (S. G.)

We then knelt & sung a song of thankfulness.

Elder Brother John Men said that O Leviathan had often sought to destroy this tree; but God has forbidden that he should harm it, & has prevented his noxious breath from blasting its fruits. And (said Elder Brother John) he has striven to blind the eyes of the instruments, & mislead their steps, while you have been in search of this tree: But he could not come near them, as they were clothed in tribulation." (G. S.)

Father James said he desired a record of this tree to be kept by the Anointed.

For (said he) "I, with the rest of your heavenly, have waded through tribulation, that this Tree might be found, & I will write a preface to the Book."

Names of the instruments who affirmed
that they saw the tree.

Ezekiel Copley.	Hester Gustin
Samuel Rose	Phoebe Ann Smith
George Worsley	Surelia White
Joseph Leffamy	Hellen M Smith
Norman Humphrey	Ruby Smith
Thomas Rose.	Angelina Leffamy

Names of instruments who had a peculiar
sensation of the tree; but saw it not

Smith Taylor	Deire Harwood
Edwin Peblary	Cynthia Sherman.

Part III

Testimony and Revelations concerning the
Tree of Life

Section II

A Testimony and revelation (Ezekiel Copley)

June 22nd Solemn feelings. On the morning of this day the family was call upon to keep the fear of God through the day. We were also requestēd to pray for those, who were callēd to search for the Tree of Life, which ^{we} were told should be found if we would keep humble and low; for in tribulation their footsteps should be guided aright.

After breakfast the Elders and instruments went in pursuit of the tree; & the rest to their sever al callings, with prayerful hearts and solemn feelings, & I to my hoeing in the garden.

I began to reflect upon the greatness of Gods mercy in stooping so low as to send his Angels to

to direct the footsteps of poor mortals to the Tree of Life, which had been concealed from man so many thousand years.

These sensations ran swiftly through my mind while I was at work. And the more I pondered upon these things the deeper my impressions were, until I felt as though I was not far from the tree.

I was hoeing north & south, & every time I passed a certain spot, I felt the power of God exceedingly; there appeared to be light & strength in it which caused me to feel as though I could not contain myself. I started to find the Elders & their little band of pursuers, & to request them to come & see what was in this spot. — But quickly I felt as though I was out of my place, as I was not called to go in search of the tree but to pray for those who were. So I returned to my hiving again, & as soon as I had hoed by that spot, I was caused to greatly tremble with the power of God

I felt a great impression to go and cut a green stick, & set up in this spot, & at some suitable time in the day, I would ask the Elders to go with me into the garden and see what was there. So I went after the stick shaking and trembling with the power of God. And when I got where they grew, I thought to cut an elm, but the impression was, to cut a willow about one inch through; I looked, & found it quickly. I thought to cut about three feet long & I did; but I had an impression that it should be cut off, and, with a trembling hand, I cut it off, & sharpened it. I then had to peel it & carry it to the spot; & when I came against the spot, I had to turn to the right, & to carry it right before me in my right hand, trembling as I went.

As I approached the spot my trembling increased until it seemed as though the stick would fall from my hand; there I set it & returned to my hoing again. And, I hoed ^{columns}

by that spot, I felt no different from what I did in other places; for I felt some released from that trembling. - So I kept to my work with a comfortable feeling.

But shortly I felt as though I had meddled with that, with which I had no business, & felt extreme tribulation for it. I went & knelt down on the spot desiring forgiveness if I had done wrong, at the same time bowing my head face to the ground. I quickly saw a beautiful tree, which so took my attention that I lost my little stick, but not knowing where the tree was I went to my work again.

Soon the Elders and their little band, came by the garden, & I told them in short broken feelings, what I had felt, & desired they would go, & see what was there.

They accordingly went, & found a spring, that yielded nourishment to the tree of life. In the afternoon, as I was at my work, my

mind would be continually looking to see which way from the spring the tree was.

I could often see the form of the tree. It was different from any other that I ever before saw; and though I could see it very plainly, I could not see which direction it was in.

After supper I described the form of the tree to the Elders & they told me that it was found, which greatly released my feelings.

On the morning of the 24th. I was called upon to go with the Elders and instruments to bear witness to the tree.

After several had spoken by inspiration, one spoke for an Angel, and described the tree just as I had seen it. And while it was thus described I saw it more distinctly than ever.

The limbs of the tree grew in rows.

The first row is about sixty feet from the ground: the branches are very close together against the body of the tree, & form a perfect cir

le around the trunk.

The second row is about four feet above the first; the third about the same distance above the second; and thus they continue to the top of the Tree, there being twelve rows.—

Each row of limbs bears different fruit. That of the lowest row, is no larger than a whortleberry; that of the second a large size larger; and thus the fruit continues to grow larger, as it grows higher on the tree, the uppermost being as large as a very large apple, one on each limb which gently bows them over. These uppermost limbs point north-west, south-west, south-east & north-east.

The fruits are all of one flavor; but as they grow higher on the tree they grow stringer and richer; the uppermost being sweet as sweetnefs.

The leaves differ in length as the fruit does in size.

On the lower row, they are about one foot long

and four inches broad.

On the next row above, ~~on the next row above~~ they are some longer and three inches broad; the next row a little longer but of the same width; & thus they continue growing longer, but of the same width to the top of the Tree.

These leaves are not for food, but for medicine, possessing a very healing property.

The leaves of the lower row are for those who feed on upon the fruits of that row, and will heal all their complaints, if rightly applied. — And so with the other rows above.

These leaves grow out of the side of the limbs, like those of the hemlock, & hang down in such a manner as to make a beautiful appearance.

The leaves on the lower row are the testimony, and all, who hear and obey it, will be healed: Those on the rows above are orders of God; some are longer than others, so are some orders greater than others; and if these orders be kept, it may

be consider binding on the leaves one to every order.

The upper row but one bears leaves, which are the holy Orders, given in writing to be kept sacred and holy: The leaves on the top row are the Holy Laws, and must be kept as sacred things, and those who bind on these leaves will be protected, and walk in peace and harmony under the shade of this great and holy Tree of Life, whose four pointers point to the four quarters of the earth.

This is the order of the tree, that the youngest child, who is old enough to know right from wrong, can pick fruit from the lowest branches, by reaching as high as it can: and it can see the fruit on the row of above, but cannot reach it, until it grows large enough, by living on the fruit it can reach.

No one can hand fruit from an upper row to those, who live on the fruits of the row below, to do them any good, but may do hurt; for

The order of the tree, is, they must grow by the fruit they can reach, until they grow large enough to reach the next row above, before that fruit will be good for them, let it take them over so long.

But if ^{they} are satisfied with that, which they can reach, they will grow thereby, and soon reach the next above. —

The form and appearance of this tree is beautiful, and complete to ward off all storms from those, who are under its shady bower; the little dove and all other little harmless birds, that are singing their beautiful little songs; the little flock of sheep and lambs, that contentedly lay down and chew their cuds, that is (says a holy Angel) when they are resting their bodies, and talking solemnly about the things of the spirit, in the fear of God.

Note. — When I was going to describe

this tree, a holy Angel took me, in spirit, to the tree, and showed me all that I have described, and he directed me to write as I have; & when I had written thus far, he said, enough is written, present it to ^{the} Elders for inspection.

And thus are my last words; Is this all so, or have I dreamed a dream and thought it was so?—

Section III

Sabbath, June 26th, — While sitting in silence, Father James came in the room with a pleasing smile on his countenance, & a little lamb skipping at his feet.

Listen, little one, (said Father) receive my word & convey the same to the Anointed.

None in the heavens nor on the earth. (said Father) except the redeemed & ^{the Angels of} the most high God, did ever since the fall of man, behold the tree of life, which was planted here, in the

garden of Eden by the hand of Almighty God, until it was found by his almighty power through instruments of clay.

And now this tree is revealed to the mortal and the immortal children of God; and the same together, shall, ever more, find free access to its eternal beauty, and its delightful shades.

The day in which this was fully made known, was a day of rejoicing in the heavens, such as none before have exceeded, since the creation of the world. For the Zion ^{of God} on earth has now arisen to her full brightness and order of salvation; & no one can err from her straight paths, for lack of knowledge of their duty, and the requirements so firmly enjoined upon them.

The least lamb of my fold hath a full understanding of its duty, & hath strength given it to do the same, ^{acceptable to God} And thus is my word stored with my love & blessing to all the faithful. (Thebe am)

Section III

A Word of Truth.

Written, by the Angel of Eternal Truth, upon the chains that pass through the Tree of Life, & around the four stakes.

Those, who wish to be benefitted by the virtues of the Tree of Life, may listen to this short word of truth and receive instruction thereby.

Here is the identical spot whereon the Tree of Life was placed, by the hand of the Almighty God, before man was fashioned out of dust.

Observe, four posts stand near this tree, in a perfect square; and chains pass around these posts and through the tree of life, & none can touch the tree without stepping betwixt two of these posts, and leaning upon the chains that pass round them; and then by a gentle bow forward the tree of Life may be touched: & whosoever

toucheth the Tree of Life may live forever, & by no other means is eternal life obtained

The Tree of Life hath been placed, by the hand of Almighty God, between every lot of bishops in his Zion. They stand in a perfect square around this tree and are united to it by a chain of order, which was placed there by the Saviour of mankind, but was made by the hand of the Almighty with the help of his glory, Eternal Wisdom.

Next, this tree was placed, and continues to stand, between every lot of Elders, throughout Zion. And they are united to the Tree of Life by a chain of order, which binde them to the tree of Life. And those who wish to touch the Tree of Life, and live forever, must come up to the requirements of that chain of order that encircles their respective Elders, and by that humble bow that is required of them to make in their presence they may touch the Tree of Life, and live

for ever: dwelling beneath its lovely shades; partaking of its delicious fruits, & drinking of the waters of salvation

Let him that heareth understand for these are the words of Eternal Truth, and he that profits by them shall be prospered.

And now is my word ended. —

Written by Inspiration. July 11th
1882

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A Roll Containine the Word of the Heavenly
 Father; Written by^d Father William, and
 bro't by him, when we were assembled on the
 Holy Mount. April 30th 1848. Copied at Holy Mount August, ¹⁸⁴⁸

Thus saith the Lord, I have again stretch'd
 forth my hand over my chosen, and do speak
 aloud in the hearing of Father William, that
 he may write the same, and convey it to the
 Holy Anointed, and Shepherds in Israel.

O Holy Anointed, will ye again listen unto
 your God, for I have many things to say
 concerning your little ones. I have many
 times sent forth my Law and Decree, concerning
 my People's eating Swines flesh and the fat thereof,
 drinking bought Tea and Coffee, the use of Tobacco,
 and spirituous liquors of all sorts. And it
 seems there are yet some, who do not understand
 my meaning, and are ready to plead and argue
 with their head, for those things which I have said
 my People were not to make use of, only in case of
 sickness.

And why is it these things are kept in the
outer Courts of Zion? and why will you, my Children,
give that unto the children of this world, to eat or
to drink that your God forbids, you should make
use of? I say, are you ashamed of your profession,
and ashamed to obey the Law's of God to you?

If you are, your God is ashamed of you.

And thus began do I speak. as
long as there is any use made of that nasty filthy
animal, or of bought tea Coffee or tobacco, only
for those who were over sixty, when my word was sent
forth, I say my hand of blessing shall be withdrawn²²
from that place, whether it be at Holy Mount, or
at Wisdoms Valley, the outer Courts, or the inner Courts.
But I am a just God, and the time has come
that my line of justice must be drawn. Yea
further more, I will cause it to be a stink in your
nostrils, and to taint and rot in your Casks.

And according as I have cursed, so will I
bless, when all these things are done away,

and there is subject obedience to the will of God thro' your visible Seed, without murmuring or complaining against your God, you shall receive a double blessing in all things, both spiritual and temporal, in your outgoings and incomings.

Yea all who are faithful to live up to the requirements of God to them, shall never come to want, for the time has come that I call for a great increase. For as things are now here in my first Temple on Earth, they are a stumbling block to those who are back of you.

And I fear, saith the Lord, instead of its being my first Temple, it will become the last, unless there can be a greater increase found in some things, than there has ever been before.

But be not discouraged or cast down, for my Temple shines with glory, and her inhabitants give light to all around; and the inmates thereof are objects of my peculiar love and delight. Know ye that I have chosen those whom

I love, and your God would that you were as a
bright star without spot or blemish, and your
walls so firm and strong that no evil could overthrow
them. But press ahead, you are in the right path,
and you will gain it. O Holy Anointed,
there is yet another burden that rests upon me,
for my trumpet sounding Angels are gone forth
to call souls to Zion, but, I say there is no room
for them; my people are not prepared.

And those who have this privilege, and
do not make a wise use of it, but stand in
the way of other's, their sins will rest upon them,
and they will have to be accountable for them.

I have held my peace long enough,
saith the Lord, without roaring out with
indignation against such, lukewarmness, such
indifference, and such readiness to plead for
indulgence, and wish to put the day afar off
that I do now require of them; for the time
has fully come, for the opening of the gosp^{el}.

if my people were only ready. But know ye there will not many come who will abide, until all things are set right; and when this is done they will come faster than you will have room in your hearts or house to receive them.

O holy Anointed, I do not wish to trouble your weary spirits, or bear down your feeble bodies. But, ^{it} is my desire that all things be set right, before any of my Chosen be called home, or to feeble to accomplish my work; for the time is short, that you will all remain as you now are. And it is furthermore my desire that those who succeed you should be those who have yielded perfect obedience and true subjection to their Lord in all things, both spiritual, and temporal, and have made a sacrifice of all things that their God has required of them, Pork, Tea, Coffee, and spirituous liquors of all sorts, and are ready to unite with every gift that is thought best-

for them, and follow that holy example, and
walk in that straight path of purity that you
have paved for them; for ~~you~~^{He} have kept my
holy commandments, and done my will in all
things, and your God is well pleased with you.
So beloved, receive the love, blessing and strength
of your God, for ye are worthy. Also this word
of truth, for it is ~~unalterable~~ decree. Do with
it as you in your wisdom see proper. This is
only the beginning of my word, and that of
Holy Wisdom's; but I have sent my son William
with this word that it might stand as a witness
to what follows. Amen, My word is finished.
I bear witness, says Father William, that the word
is correctly written.

Copy of a Communication Containing
the word and will of Our Eternal Parents.

Written by Father William, and
inclosed in a silver Pocket-Book which he
gave to the Elders of the first Order, Holy Mount,

July 1848.

Father William's Word to the Elders.

Dear beloved Elders or watchmen in the center
fold of Zion; It is you that I now address in the
most sympathetic sentiments of an overborne and
afflicted spirit, for unless in this way I can relieve
my own sorrow's, and comfort my blessed Mother,
we must remain unhappy, and where is your joy
while we find none, or where is your heaven without
our aid. But stop heaven forbid that I
should revenge in the least degree, I have no power
to add to your sufferings or afflictions, and let me
be the sufferer should I meaningly do so. O may
I would rather bow in lowest humility, and ask

favours of my God for you, and all Zion, and with
joy proclaim peace as I go, sounding aloud
far and near glad tidings of good things.

Yes beloved this I would delight to do,
and I would to my God that I could do it for
yours sakes, and for the sake of the upright souls
in Zion. But heaven forbid, and truth demands
justice alone of me, for many are the hearts in Zion
that were once penetrable, that have almost become
like adamant, because of the withholding of the
allsearching and separating word of truth, that has
been so often promised should be sounded throughout
Zion, until She or the First Orders in Her stood
in their proper Order and rectitude, as bright shining
examples to all others, by their true sincerity of soul,
by their uprightness of heart, yes by their resignation
to the revealed will of their God, and their willing
obedience to it. You many I say have
become hardened and unbelieving in the word
of their God, and in the powers of heaven, far—

reasons so painful to describe, and because the repeated warnings of the voice of truth that Zion should know and feel the severity of her God and should be purged and purified till she appeared clean and beautiful, has not been and are not fulfilled.

And shall we, the Messengers of the living God, sent forth again, and again, with His mighty power and searching word; yea and to declare His will continue to withhold it, and bear, and forbear, with the rebellious and disobedient, — untill even the righteous in Zion must suffer the justice of a displeased God with the people of His own peculiar love and care,

And shall I your well beloved Father still longer wait in silence upon the people, and suffer them still longer to remain in a measure of the displeasure of their God with them, and thus add to my cup of sorrow measures of anguish that my spirit at this time faints to describe, and measures too that Zion must —

sooner or later feel for her own purification,
O ye Elders in Zion, ye living Witnesses of truth,
shall I longer forbear and keep silent, and so-
tempt, and even dare the just God, my righteous
Father; who hath favored me with every blessing
of salvation, to suffer the curses of the people-
to rest on me, and shall I feel what is the just
portion of the wicked and ungodly, because I fail
of my duty in obeying my God, and fear man
rather than God, and shrink before mortal power
which I own is mighty, rather than execute that
my God hath bestowed upon me which is indeed
almighty.

O witness for me ye that
love God and his holy way, ye that put confidence
in His holy word, ye that are ready to surmount
all losses and crosses of nature, without murmuring
against your God, resting in a full assurance that
the God whom you so faithfully serve will fully reward
you in His own time. I ask you to witness
for me that Zion waileth in afflictions, because of

unbelief and hardness of heart, and that the inmates of the Temple, both on the Mount and in the Valley, are daily forfeiting their sacred birthright, because of their backwardness in coming up to the word of their God, and their unreconciled feelings to His just and simple requirements of them.

O then shall I longer hold my peace, and thus in reality cause the adversary of Zion to steal from her inmates the bounteous blessings their God hath secured and promised to them, if they were found ready and willing to obey His word and make whatsoever sacrifice He should require of them. Ye blessings that they might before this time be enjoying in fourfold measure, had not their repeated murmurings, and continued pleadings for a little longer, and yet a little longer time to prepare for the Lords time, caused a scanty portion to be realized and a dread or fear to prevail that the promises of their God would fail in the end, and thus hath the goodness of

a true and ever merciful God been distrusted
and His requirements pronounced hard, until
the voice of truth does declare that the present time
is the only sure and right time, and time delayed
or prolonged by foolish or selfish vain pleadings,
is time forever lost, or regained only by double diligence.

But alas, I can but exclaim,
Heaven mourns for the days that are swiftly passing
that so great a fulness of unmerited blessings will
daily flow without reserve upon the ready and
willing soul, and upon the unreconciled and
reluctant in equal portions, or in any measure upon
those who withstand the earnest desire which their God
is about to send forth. I say heaven mourns
while the Children of the Mount and Valley sleep
and awake only by the disturbance of dread
and fear that something more in the name
of the Lord would be sounded in their ears
that would deprive them of their former sweet
repose, or of some pleasure of life, (or indulgence of nature)

You may say that these are hard sayings, but so it is, and ~~you~~^{ye} know it, and the faithful in the house of the Lord know it, but the selfrighteous and falsehearted judge in Zion has declared that it is such strange and inconsistent words and requirements from the powers above (or said to be so) that cause and serve to support divers opinions, party spirits, hardness of heart and rebellion, and the like afflicting evils, that destroy the peace and end in the loss of souls. But I declare unto all Israel that it is not so, no selfsubdued, no clean and justified soul will murmur and grumble till they stumble and fall, and none (but the selfwise and independent) will judge the word sent forth, save those to whom judgment and power is given, and such as will rise in open rebellion or suffer their hearts to be opposed and obey or unite only because tis said they must, are generally found to be such as are wise in their own conceit and ready and able

to judge the whole work of God and their visible
Seed too. All this beloved, ye know, and
ye know too that Gods Way, is a just way, in the end,
and I know it will prove true to every soul,
that truly keeps in it, believing and obeying
the whole Law of God. Ye when Zion is reconciled
to Her God, and Her inheritance put their
whole trust in His power and spirit, then
their afflictions in many things will be lessened,
and their reproach will have an end.

Be assured that your God does not glory
in the destruction of His Zion, but He hath
determined to make Her lovely in His sight, and come
in His presence, and He hath also set His bounds
and provided means for the first Order's in Her to
become far more glorious, and shine with that
brilliance that others may see clearly the way
of the cross and true self-denial, for this is the
Order of His House and this will make an end

of confusion. Heaven will rejoice and we your Heavenly Parents will rejoice, and I know that you will rejoice when the end has come in many things, that your souls can enjoy the freedom you have desired, when they that seek to destroy and pull down the Lords work should be cast out, or the troublesome spirits they harbor, and daily minister, should be put to shame, and cast out of them.

Then O ye children of the Temple, ye inhabitants of the Mount and the Valley, why will ye longer delay to come boldly and freely up to the word of the Lord with perfect resignation and full purpose of heart, that ye may be what your God requires you to be, according to the place He has given you in His house on Earth. Why will ye remain as stumbling blocks for others to kick out of the way in order to travel, or be hindered by your slow pace. Ye need no longer to wait for the Lord to find out His mistake and rectify it, nor for Him to give you yet a longer time to prove the reality of His sayings. Neither

will ye rest in ease as ye have done, for my God
does declare that the day of rest of the ~~ungodly~~ is over
and my Eternal Mother hath sent me forth to
put an end to the peace, and disturb the rest of the
ungodly and slothful in the temple of her
-temple on Earth, for in wisdom she saith, judgm-
-ent shall begin at the threshold of my holy House,
for My sacred presence was first known there,
and from thence has my holy word gone forth.

And shall I obey my God and do the
will of my Holy Mother even to the pulling down
of the strong holds of publicanism, and uproot
the overgrown branches of selfordained priesthood
(or nothing better) in the House of the Lord.

Shall I declare the word of Wisdom, and the will
of the living God to be as it is, or shall I fail of
my duty again and again, and yet mourn
for the backwardness of Zion's travel, and regret
the lost days that are past. I believe ye

faithful watchmen will say O Father, blessed Father we ask of Thee thy word as it is, and we desire to know the will of our God for we delight to obey. Yea and our earnest prayer is, that Thou may be pleased and be acceptable in the sight of Thy God, and that the first Churches or Orders in Thee may be set, and henceforth stand in their proper order and rectitude, willing to make the first and greatest sacrifice, and cheerfully bear all things desired for the increase of the whole household of faith,

surely this is my prayer, and has long been the prayer of all thy Parents in Heaven, and of the Holy Anointed on Earth, and think ye not that our God would bear and grant us our fervent desire — Ah! surely it is so, for His time is certainly near at hand, and I hope the reflection of such a day when Thou or the first Order's in Thee, yea the inmates of the Mount of glory and Valley of Love, stand as open lights

and true guides to those around them.

God I say when Rulers and People unitedly believe, and support, and with their whole hearts obey the requirements of their God, solely acknowledging His justice and wisdom in the whole, then will Zion be prepared to receive souls, and the living God will be sought and found in His Temple where He will in reality dwell. But I sorrow to say, that if ye continue to parley with your God as ye have done, and trifle with His word, ye will not only have to ^{be} accountable for much loss that may come upon the house of Israel, but for many years travel of thousands of souls that are seeking the true Church of Christ and can not find it, for ye are not prepared, and they can not receive what ye can not give.

But I know that my God is about to accomplish what He hath purposed to do, and blessed are the souls that are found ready

and did come at the first call, and blessed are they that come when they are called, but less blessed are they that come in their own time to the sacrifice of the Lord, their offerings are of less value, and their reward will be accordingly,

and now as a Father and true friend I will once more solemnly warn all, that Holy Wisdom in Her long forbearance is fast ripening Her displeasure with those on the Mount and in the Valley that have not yet obeyed the word and command of their God sent forth in due season.

For I greatly fear that according to the blessing they have heretofore received from Her hand, even so will be Her heavy recompense measured by the time prolonged and the reluctance with which the word has been received, and the little regard there has been shown to it.

For upon the day that ye last ascended to the Holy Mountain to sing praises to your Eternal Parents, and bow in thanks for blessings

received at Their hands so abundantly, did She
Holy Wisdom send unto Me a Messenger of Her
word saying, William go search Zion from
border to border, from the heart of the Temple
to the furthestmost abodes in Her and outer Courts
view closely. Then return Ye to Me with
the word of truth, and be thou a true witness of
the goings of My People, for these past four Years,
and I will be judge, for this is the decisive Year
of My forbearance, for what are my words that they
are not understood by the unrites of My own House,
and what are My Laws, that even the infants
of My own nursing count them of no force as
unreasonable, and rebell against them in word & deed

I could only bow and say, the will of My
Eternal Parents be done, and thus I commenced
My march thro' Zion, Sending before Me four Holy
Angels to prepare the hearts of the people, that
if possible I might have good tidings on My return;
and so it was; you surely Zions tribulation and

sufferings has been Her gain, and many of Her inhabitants have become humble and dependant before their God, believing in His word and trusting in His power to save. But with those dwelling in the Temple or center parts of Hion Holy Wisdom was not all pleasure, and seemed ready to exclaim.

How have they forgotten their place and order in the House of Israel, and why will they sell their sacred birthright unconcious of it dangerous consequences. Did not their Holy Father, the righteous Law Giver send us to them the first word of His will, and of His design to reestablish His Law's for the beauty and order of His Hion, and of His further desire of His people for their own increase and travel, and real distinction as the peculiar ones of His choice, and did He not give them the first chance and offer to go forward and bear the first cross, justly desiring of them to abstain from things unpleasant and unwholesome in His divine presence and

even not acceptable, to Him,

You because of their standing in the house of the Lord did they receive the first notice, and they might ere this day been examples of obedience and true selfdenial, boldly boldly testifying to their brethren thro out Zion, and even to those without, that it is to do the will and pleasure of their God that they have made the sacrifice, and that they glory in the selfdenying Cross they bear.

But alas they exposed their own weakness and have brought this great shame upon themselves, It is not my hand that hath done it, and shall I bear and forbear till they quite fall in the rear, and give not another warning. When these weighty truths were uttered, I lay low in the presence of my all merciful Mother and poured forth my supplications in behalf of those who had freely made the whole sacrifice their God had ever

required of them. And I repeated each one on the Mount and in the Valley, both in the inner and outer Courts for I had watched the movements and read the hearts of each one, and I now felt confident to declare before the Throne of the living God, who it was that obeyed thro' love, who thro' fear, and who only complied for peace sake but in their hearts opposed the whole.

When I had said all that I felt freedom to, Holy Wisdom again said, arise William and write all that I shall declare unto you, for I have not sent thee forth in vain, neither will I listen to thy intreaties in vain, and words unto thee at this time shall not prove addele nor be trifled with. Nay indeed my word shall now begin and shall continue to go forth untill the selfwise cavalier and the needy judge in Zion be put to silence, and untill all my people find out that the end of these terrible sayings of the Lord has not yet come,

altho many have secured to themselves a secret assurance that it was near at hand and that peace and harmony would never be restored throout Zion untill She could return to Her former customs and habits.

But My holy record declares who among My people is for, and who is against; you both rulers and people, and of the stewards of both the inner and outer Courts the Angels of tidings often testify. Do let no one flatter themselves that they are not known, nor that they that only maintained a sort of belief in the written requirements, and have now and then felt ready to upbraid God or His Instruments of unreasonable doings will not be recompensed accordingly and in justice too.

Again saith Wisdom there is no class that I am more displeas'd with than those who have been mouths of the word of Heaven to the people that have oppos'd in their hearts,

and even testified in plain words their unbelief
 in the said laws and commands of Heaven
 that hinder a mans eating or drinking what
 he pleases and the like; I say such will find
 my promised blessing will fail to them. But
 such as have supported the whole both in public
 and in private all tho they were not the receivers
 of the word by immediate revelation. These are,
 and ever will be blessed in my sight,

Yea I declare unto my people that
 all these things are known of Me High Wisdom,
 and because of these differences among both
 rulers and people it is, that confusion and
 secretness of heart has marred the peace of the
 inmates of the temple. It is not the word of the
 Lord, nor the hand of the Lord that hath done it

But was it not said in the beginning of the
 words going forth, that it should be a sure proof
 of the travel Lion, and such as were not ready
 and willing to come up to the help of the Lord, by

making the whole sacrifice required would be left to fight against to the loss of their own souls, or at least to cause a blast upon their own travel, and be hindrance to other's.

Now O ye Elders of My people, as Stewards of the outer Courts, can ye deny the truth and justice of My word, and can ye number the warnings of all these things that ye have received from time to time, and who is willing to be accountable that they are not heeded let each heart answer according to its own justification or condemnation but beware how ye justify yourselves in that which I shall not. But unto such as would rejoice to see peace restored, by a united feeling of abstinence and reconciliation this My word will prove a blessing and they can witness for Me from the truth of their own hearts, and to their brethren and sister who are just this season called to come in to the work, and with such I am now well pleased and I would that it

was so throout the Temple. But truth and justice pronounces from this time a lasting disgrace, if, ^{not} a curse to such as are blocks in the way, you blind guides in the gates and on the walls of Zion, let their lot or station be what it may; and a heavy woe to the steward in Zion that stand yet longer against me, you to such as doubt the word of their God, and His promises to them, that were from the beginning on conditions of willing and cheerfull obedience to the whole word in His own time, not reluctant obedience in their own time,

I have only now to say; put away your doubts and fears and mark the doings of your God from this time, for He hath purposed to hasten the travel of His Zion and prepare Her if possible fit and ready for souls to gather to, and can in reality find and receive what they are looking for and desire. So beware how you attempt to study the ark, when the decisive word shall go forth thro all Zion, that none of the things—

which we the Eternal power and wisdom, have pronounced unwholesome, unclean, unfit, and unnecessary for the use of our chosen people, shall in any wise be provided for, and set before the children of darkness that chance to tarry with you as hirelings, or to visit you, save in case they should need uncommon ~~relief~~ aid for present relief then remember that Charity becomes the House of Israel. Verily I repeat again, and again, blessed is the soul that is found a supporter of the word and work of their God, whether they are of the first, second, or third order or part of Zion, or whether they stand as watchmen or stewards or not.

They are now, and ever will be the chosen vessels that ornament the Lords house on Earth, and shall number among His chosen jewels

But not so will it be with such as longer presume to judge the word and hinder the work of their God from appearing to those back of them just what it really is, and are ashamed to own

their profession before the children of men who know not God nor His way. With such I am at no peace, and let their lot or order be what it may sooner or later My hand will work against them, and they will suffer afflictions and will not know the meaning, and this season know ye, O ye Chosen of My name, will I work to mine own honor, and to the chousing of the Temple on the Mount and the Valley shall not escape my justice, for that once delightful spot is fast becoming uncongenial in my sight, and who is accountable should it become desolate, and show in reality that My hand is withdrawn.

These were the words of Holy Wisdom unto me, and these at Her bidding I write unto you O beloved ones, that ye may witness for me, and for you, when I shall return and shall visit you, and shall do that work which My God hath purposed to have done. Now again I shall journey thro and thro Zion, peradventure My

word may be peace, but, fit will have to be
truth upon truth for Holy Wisdom will accept
of nothing else respecting Zion, says Father William.

Again says your Father,

listen O ye Elders of Israel to my word for I
am again bound in obedience to My Eternal parents
to wait and seal unto you their word and will,
and as I receive it, so shall I give it, trusting in
your ever worthy regard for the sacred giftings of
your God thro what ever medium He has ever seen
fit to deliver them unto your hands, and for this
ye are blessed of Him. O then consider for a
moment and remember that Holy Wisdom hath
declared unto you, that this season or year, should
be the decisive season of Her forbearance with
Her people in many things, particularly with
those on the Mount and in the Valley, for
they had long enough wearied Her patience
and the end of Her waiting upon them had come,
Surely Her words of displeasure were like

the darts of an arrow, when I had returned
 from my second and third visit thro Zion
 and had related how many there were who had
 so long ago received and known the will of their
 God, and daringly delayed coming up to the wall
 and now stood in the way of others who have
 just learned the will of their God and will
 justly expect help and support from those
 before them. I wept aloud but could
 not deny the truth of His word, for as I passed
 the outer Courts of the Temple I had the stench
 of roasted brutes on the sabbath to mark my
 way, and I learned by the Angels of tidings
 that a full share of swines flesh and other
 condemned articles was hoarded up for the
 getting of their hirelings, and others that chanced
 to tarry with the inmates. When I had
 spoken thus of the people of the Mount, and
 had unloaded my still greater burden of the
 people of the Valley, the voice of Wisdom —

uttered truths in Her own language, and then
it was that I did receive words from my heavenly
Father which will stand as a witness for me, when
ye shall receive this, and even then it was that
I did receive the word of cleansing and purifying
 Zion or the first Churches in Her before this year
should close. So hear ye now for I have
only to bow in obedience to write or speak to
my Mother's Children what so ever is given me
for them, for time hastens me, but as a true
Father and friend ye will find I shall soon
come unto you, and they that are found worthy
shall receive peace, strength, and blessing at my
hand, but the unworthy will not escape their
just portion measured in wisdom to them.

And thus is Wisdom's word, Her desire
and unalterable decree to Her Chosen people,
forever to stand as sacred divine sayings, and
in no wise to be set at naught, lest afflictions
more sorrowfull befall Zion, and the inmates

of the Temple, be made to drink even the
 dregs of a bitter Cup for their portion, Solistens
 and understood, so with Eternal Wisdom,

I am perfect knowledge truth and light,
 I am love, meekness, mercy, Charity, and long
 forbearance, I am peace, purity, and righteousness,
 and in all respects just with man, and tho'
 I am no respecter of persons, yet I have great
 respect for the chosen few of my choice, whom I
 have called out and set a mark of distinction
 upon, and set bounds for their separation from
 all others, yea from the whole race of man,

I have plainly shown them the
 way to My Kingdom of peace, and given them
 power to enter, and I have ever promised them
 My unceasing blessing fourfold in obedience to
 what soever self-denying requirements I should
 send unto them. Yea from the beginning
 have I dealt thus with my chosen, and tho'
 they murmured against Me at times, yet did

I alter my promises, or repeal my statutes
on the account, fearing lest they would count
me hard and turn from Me? surely I did not

Nor did I suffer them to go unpunished when
they rebelled against Me and called on My name
in vain, And when I had sealed the decree
they should never enter the promised land in time,
save those who were obedient, did I alter my
purposes? And if in dark ages past when My
name as the ever living Mother was not known
in the camps of Israel, I made no reserve
for rebellion disobedience and murmurings,
how can my people in this day expect, or have
confidence to tempt my divine justice

Truth forbid, and I will no longer delay
my time, I will no longer be trifled with, with
will longer reason or parley, with the foolish,
and never satisfied soul, and the unreconciled
and rebellious I will smite with a blast that
time will not recover; you and they that

placed against Me and my word from this time,
 shall have no part with Me and the work of
 their hands. I will not prosper, And again
 if I made no reserve for the rulers and judges
 in ages past that turned with doubtings and
 hardness of heart, Me ^{against} may not even with my
 faithful servant Moses; how can I wait upon
 the rulers and stewards in my Zion now, that
 neither believe in my word nor desire the people,
 for reasons not concealed from me. Shall I longer
 do this, and thus leave the heathenwise to marvel
 at my doings. Say this I Eternal Wisdom
 will not do, but I will continue to send unto
 the anointed of my name, my word & my will and
 they may watch what follows; and it shall be
 that who soever ruleth in Zion or is placed in
 the stewardship to provide for my people and to
 deal with strangers without, that does not by
 word or work testify of my justice in what I do and
 shall require of My people, and can not turn

their hearts to believe and support it in love to
Me and their own souls, their days as rulers
in my house shall be numbered and cut short
by my hand. So thus and thus have we
the Eternal power's decrees, that from this season
or end of this year, no blessing shall follow the
hand that is moved to rear one single animal
for the use of pious children or within Her borders,
that is pronounced unclean and cursed among
the chosen people, and the ground on which
the filthy swine does tread shall be defiled while
any of their remains, is in their possessions, after
this season has closed and there has been sufficient
time to make a prudent disposal of all that
pertains to that unclean creature. And let who-
soever has, or does indulge a secret desire or belief
that this filthy animal will in some future day
be restored as a sweet morsel in to the Camps
of Israel, at once give it up, and know that it
never was pronounced clean, and never will be,

for there is no provision for its assistance among the chosen Israel in the whole Heavenly record,

So let this be my last and decisive word upon this filthy and unclean thing, and upon every indulgence which we have declared shall no longer be. Saith Holy Holy Wisdom

Now again says Father,

dearly beloved if this the word of your ever wise parent serves to bear you down, and make you heavy hearted, just remember that my spirit has felt the whole weight for a long time, but I am yet able to bear, and will help you thro; and ye may rejoice that ye are found worthy to bear, for the confidence of the whole Heavens, and almost of all quarters of Zion is placed on you, and the little flock of your particular charge, and there is no number in my Mother's house on earth that stand more acceptable than the choice few of your care and daily toil

So receive ye each one the purest love and

most holy blessing of your eternal and heavenly parents, and know ye that it was by their word that I have written these things unto you; for repeated and unnumbered have been the still heavier words than these, that have been sent to the holy anointed, and shall their wellstricken years, and hearts of trouble and care, be born to the grave with burdens that other's must bear. Nay Nay says wisdom your heavenly Mother, and we your heavenly parents do witness that they are the holy vessels of wisdoms own peculiar choice, and pleasure, yea of her tenderest care and affection.

They are her true witnesses on earth, and her holy record bears witness for them, that they have faithfully done her righteous will, yea and judged wisely of her doings from time to time and they now are blessed of their God. And it is written and sealed, that their successors in the holy Order of the anointed

on earth, are to be such as have been well tried
 and well proved souls, wholly devoted and given up
 to do the will and service of their God, and have
 made a full and final sacrifice according to
 the requirements of their God made known to
 his people, and then shall her same ready hand
 continue to rest upon that sacred order and
 their holy mantles shall clothe their successors
 in so doing. Again it is written, my hand
 of blessing saith wisdom shall withdraw from
 the ruler or steward in my Zion, that shall plead
 the necessity or the indulgence to again purchase
 or provide from the hands of the unclean, any
 of the things that my people have been desired
 to have and obtain from, with^{or} on their own account
 or that of the people; for the souls of my afflicted
 have been filled with the deepest tribulation, because
 of the repeated unreconciled pleadings of a portion
 of the people, and heaven forbids that it should
 be so, for let every soul now rest assured that when

the whole sacrifice, ^{is made} and perfect reconciliation
prevails, then the whole and full promised blessing
will flow, and be felt, and realized, and you will
own the justice of our God and rejoice in His doings.
This, says Father with what ye have already
received is the contents of My silver Pocket Book,
and the result of My seven visits thro you, since
the first of last May. And now if there is any
one on the Mount or in the Valley that does not
know what their God requires of them, I will write
again, and if the stewards of the outer courts, do
not know what to say to the children of this world
or to set before them, I will readily tell them,
and they need never to fear that their God will
deprive them of more than he will reward them
forefold in due season.

So in love farewell says Father William.

A Law and Statute, Written by Almighty God, and sent forth from his Eternal Throne to his Zion upon Earth; To be observed and kept Throughout all Succeeding Generations.

Thus saith the holy angel to the Inspired writer. Bow thy heart and incline thine ear to understand the words which I shall read unto thee, and bear tribulation and sorrow, for these shall be thy portion at this time.

Introduction by Father Joseph.

Beloved Anointed, I know full well your desires to know and do the will of God in all things, and feeling a tender Fatherly care for you, I have together with the rest of your Heavenly Parents prostrated myself, before the Throne of God, beseeching him in love and tender compassion to send forth his Eternal Law, concerning the use of swine's flesh and the fat thereof, which request has been granted, and he has condescended to send one of his holy Angels, to read

This word distinctly, to a mortal Instrument, that it may be correctly written, for the benefit of all *Zions* Children, both now and forever.

Bow down all ye swift winged Angels, saith the holy One, and hear in solemn silence the Eternal Law which I have written with my own hand, and sent forth to the Inhabitation of *Zion* upon Earth.

Therefore harken in breathless silence, while I read this Law in the presence of all the holy Angels, which surround my Eternal Throne: That ye may bear witness of this my word when it is handed down to mortals. — And this is my Law saith *Yehovah*, concerning the use of swine's flesh and the fat thereof; which Law I shall date *January the first 1848*.

I have not called you, *O my people*, from the four quarters of the Earth to live in luxury: Nay I have called you for a far different purpose, neither have I called you to lay up treasures for yourselves of this world's goods, which perish by using: But I have called you to be shining lights to the

world, to bear witness to my words, and to show by your Godly example, that you are harvested from the world, and become joint heirs with Christ, in his new and spiritual Kingdom on Earth.

Therefore I say abandon the use of swines flesh henceforth, and let the unclean beast be cast out; and never more let them have a place on the consecrated ground, for the use of any people saith the Lord. And furthermore saith the Lord, it would be far more pleasing to me, to see you multiplying to yourselves the use of Cows, which would be more benefit to any people, and prove a greater blessing to them, in every sense of the word, than ever swines flesh did or ever will; for there will be no blessing for them after the present year, for they shall be accursed in my sight, and ^{the} incense arising from it shall be a stink in my nostrils, saith the God of Heaven.

I do not require my people to abandon the use of the unclean Beast for naught; but I call for an increase in Zion, and a further advancement, towards my Eternal Kingdom of peace; therefore strap for race, and

arm yourselves with faith, and obedience; for it will be a trying day for some; but fear not beloved, for I will have a tried people in zion, those who are not distrustful of my doings with them; neither fear to do my will ~~in what~~ in whatever manner I send it forth to them.

Therefore be wise and judge not my word, for you will be accountable for the use you make of it. Have I not set you a pattern? have you not a standard to go by? Look at my holy anointed on Earth, they are the nearest to me of any that dwell in earthly tabernacles; here is the pattern and the perfect guide to go by in relation to swines flesh and the use thereof. I say unto all touch not, taste not the unclean beast, after the present year. But increase your dairy and subsist more upon the product of it and you will feel a blessing in so doing, for the time is fully come, for every thing to be cast out of zion that is unholly in my sight, that would in any way retard the progress of my people towards the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those that obey my word saith the Lord
for their names shall be enrolled on my Eternal re-
cord never to be blotted out only in dis obedience to
my holy commands.

A word from Holy Mother Wisdom.

O Holy Anointed unto you do we send this unalter-
able Law, to be tried on that altar which God has
placed in Zion, for all gifts to be tried upon, and
if it meet your approbation I want that it be circu-
lated, as far as you in your wisdom feel so to do; so fare-
well in love saith the Eternal two in one.

O ye swift winged Angels speed your way in hast and
bear witness to this my Eternal Law saith Jehovah
for my word is finished; amen even so let it be cryed
the Holy angels, with a voice like mighty thunder.

The Word of the Lord brought by Father
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I AM, the Eternal Lawgiver and Father of all,
even the Creator of Heaven and Earth, bade me,
(whom you call Father Joseph) to come again to Earth,
and read from his holy Book, the Law concerning sins
and transgressions among his chosen people; even
those who are called his peculiar people, who have
separated themselves from the children of darkness
by the daily cross: not in profession merely, like
other denominations of Christians, but in self-denial
and the ^{daily} cross, working out their salvation with
fear and trembling; such are the true Israel, and
God will own no other. And here is the word and
Law which shall be kept thro' out all generations.

No male in the camp or camps of Israel,
shall defile themselves with beasts, to lie with
them as with woman, it is an abomination;
and they shall surely be cut off from among my people.

No male within the camp, after having a priviledge of hearing my word and Laws, shall lie with a woman, indulging the propensity of lust, for it is cursed, and an abomination in my sight: they shall surely be cut off from among my people, saith the Lord.

If they must be kept and provided for, they must have a place aside from the body of the people, that innocent souls may know who they are, and not be caught and entangled in their web.

No female shall lie down to any beast, great or small, to defile themselves therewith, for I am the Lord, and fear ye my name.

No female, after having been taught how to keep herself clean, shall lie with a man in seven al coition, or shall admit his finger, or by him, any other member or instrument; for such ^{doings} ~~things~~ are cursed, and are an abomination in my sight saith the Lord. they shall surely be cut off. they had better be conveyed among the children of this world and then, if they choose to keep out of sin the remainder of their days, even so let it be.

If you hold such, ~~if you~~ and do not search them out, and cleanse your habitations, the judgments of my all-righteous hand will rest upon you.

I am He who dealeth with all souls according to their transgressions. I do not fill my ballance with favor or affection, respecting such things, but with Equity and Justice.

No female shall lie with woman as with man, it is sin; and I abhor such transgressions. There is no sacrifice that can be offered upon my altar for such things, in atonement for those who have long known my will; but their portion is without the temple of the most High.

But my Law concerning self-pollution, has it not been sent unto you, in my Book of Holy Laws? for this, there is a sacrifice, even as it is written.

No man shall lie with man as with a woman; my law does forbid it.

I say to every Elder in the house of God, go and read the laws of the ancient children of Israel,

and see if they were not strict in every point, even to the cleansing of the leprosy, and all disease.

This refers to the cleansing of the soul from the nature of sin, in this last dispensation of the purifying of the true Israel of God upon Earth.

Read and understand my word concerning sacrifices and atonements, made by my chosen people in ancient days, and put away sin from among you, that ye may be a clean people in my sight, tho' there be left but five of a house, and two of a field.

Again; I say, if any one, either male or female, residing in the Church, shall be so unwise as to sow the seed of lust, rebellion or disorder in any other family or families, after having made atonement at home, they shall go with one or more of the Elders to that family, and there come before the Elders or Eldresses of said family, according as the case may be, and make reconciliation for their transgression, and slay that beastly power which caused them to sin; and thus put away the evil from among you. For disorder and confusion in the house

of God breeds disease, and some times real pestilence and famine. But if any people will hearken to the voice of the Lord their God, they shall grow and flourish like a beautiful field, well nurtured by a careful hand, and watered from the fountains of Heaven which can never dry.

They shall become as a large City, whose walls are solid and substantial, laid and founded by Christ the Savior, and cemented and kept clean by Mother Ann, the Son and Daughter of the new Creation.

Father ceased to read from the Book of Laws, and spoke his own word as follows.

If we the first founders of the Society, should hold their own peace, and keep silent, while that which is unclean is among ^{you} generations to come would curse us for it. But nay, this we will not do; but we will turn our strength and strive with you to overcome the foe, and put it down; and if it should spring up again and again, we will contend for God, and he will help his own; and his

own he will save from all harm, and fold them
in his arm of power, and cover them with the
hollow of his hand.

Yea he will walk before them thro' all darkness,
with a light in his hand, and he will overshadow
them with hosts of bright angels by day, and they
shall be covered from their enemies. And with
the strength of armed hosts shall they stand be-
fore the nations of the Earth, bearing the Image and
likeness of him who was and is revealed, and
who shall continue to be forever.

This word is signed by the
Holy Savior
Father William
Father James
Father Joseph
Mother Ann
Mother Lucy

Father says, dearly beloved Ministry deal with this word as you see
fit, or think proper, for wisdom is yours, and shall forever be. So receive
my love, and the love of all the heavenly hosts, who are come to help the children
of Zion

